



## LAViD Designs Tech Update

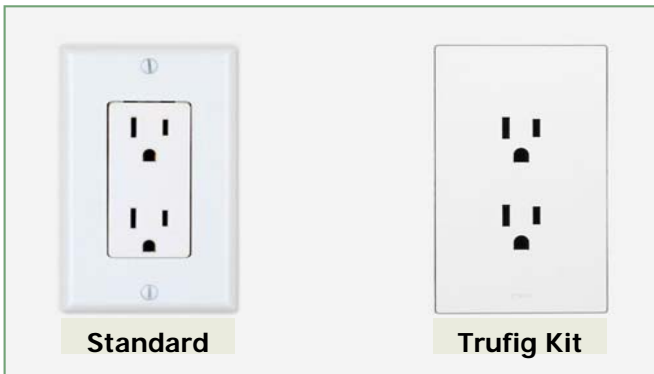
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### Dustin McMullen of LAViD Designs Receives 40 Under 40 Award

The North Bay Business Journal selected Dustin McMullen of LAViD Designs as a recipient of the 40 Under 40 Award. This recognition is given to forty select young professionals in the North Bay business community.



### From the Road: Tech Road Trip Update

On a recent trip to Orange County, LAViD Designs was able to preview exciting new technology and design elements for Residential applications. Lutron is working on a more compact lighting control system which will debut mid 2011. This will allow for more control of non lighting devices such as motorized shades in a smaller footprint. Cree Lighting continues to refine the LED lighting fixtures by adding a 4" model to their product lineup. Invisible speakers were shown by Sonance and a

the listening demo resulted in excellent sound reproduction. Perhaps the most impressive was a visit to Trufig, a company that can hide electrical outlets, phone jacks, and switches completely flush with walls. Perfect for high visibility areas such as Kitchens and Living Rooms.

### iPad and Home Automation

With the recent introduction of the iPad, Home Automation Systems will see a change. The iPad will likely replace current touch screens for control of audio/video, lighting, and other home systems such as HVAC. However, purchasing a iPad is not the complete solution. The background hardware for Home Automation will still be required. iPad is simply a interface to the hardware. Another consideration that must be taken is for normal TV viewing and "channel surfing". Although the iPad has beautiful graphics, changing the channel from a large tablet will be cumbersome. This will likely result in homes having iPads in selected locations, along with good old standard remote controls for normal TV viewing.

