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**Nippura** has begun distribution of the **Nippura Blue Ocean®** rear projection screens, which are made of two optical cell cast acrylic plates, surrounding an acrylic monomer matrix plate. With this design, the screens are rigid, water resistant, and easy to clean. They are designed for rear projection, helping eliminate equipment sound and heat and light interference, and are available in sizes up to 300 inches.

acoustically transparent fabrics, the **Audio Vision**, a unity gain matte white screen, the 0.8 gain **High Contrast Audio Vision**, and the **High Contrast Cinema Perf**, with a 1.1 gain. Both High Contrast models are manufactured with a special gray tint to boost black levels and allow for a forty-five degree viewing half-angle.

A new wall-mount has been produced by **Sanus Systems**. The **VisionMount™**

**Articulating Wall Mount** is capable of holding flat panel displays from 30 to 50 inches (diagonal), weighing up to 130 pounds. It incorporates their "Virtual Axis" tilting mechanism and "Smooth Lock" tapered bearing, allowing for easy repositioning of the TV. This newest VisionMount is available now for \$549.

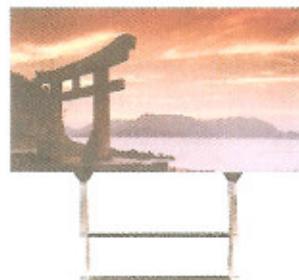
**Auralex** has introduced its new **SubDude®** isolation platform, used to float a subwoofer or speaker. Each platform is 23-inches wide, 15-inches deep, 2.75-inches high, and supports a load up to 300 pounds. Retail price for each platform is \$60.

**TERK Technologies** has released its newest outdoor HDTV antenna, specifically designed to capture reflected off-air HDTV broadcast signals. The **Terk HDTV** measures just 18-inches square, and is four-inches deep. The operating bandwidth covers both UHF and VHF frequency ranges and is available now at a price of \$150.

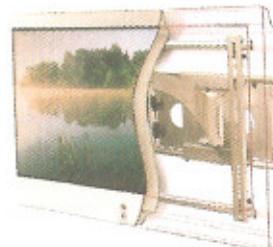
**TARA Labs** has released new shield-free **RSC Vector™** interconnects. This design allows for the cables to be more flexible and produce a "more rounded multi-dimensional sound." The cables use a helix pattern wrap-around Teflon® tube, allowing for the rejection radio frequency and electromagnetic interference.

**DVI Gear** has a new **DVI Test Pattern Generator** (\$600) on the market, providing 15 of the most desired test patterns for video reference. It allows for both PC and HDTV outputs, with resolutions ranging from VGA to 1080i.

**Sencore** has launched their new portable digital audio generator, **DAG5161**, capable of producing stereo, Dolby Digital 5.1, DTS-ES 6.1, and PCM digital audio using coaxial or TosLink outputs. It includes eight theatre calibration tests, and allows for running automated or manual tests, with a frequency reproduction range of 20 Hz to 20 kHz. ■■■



Nippura Blue Ocean



Sanus Systems VisionMount



TARA Labs RSC Vector



Sencore DAG5161

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