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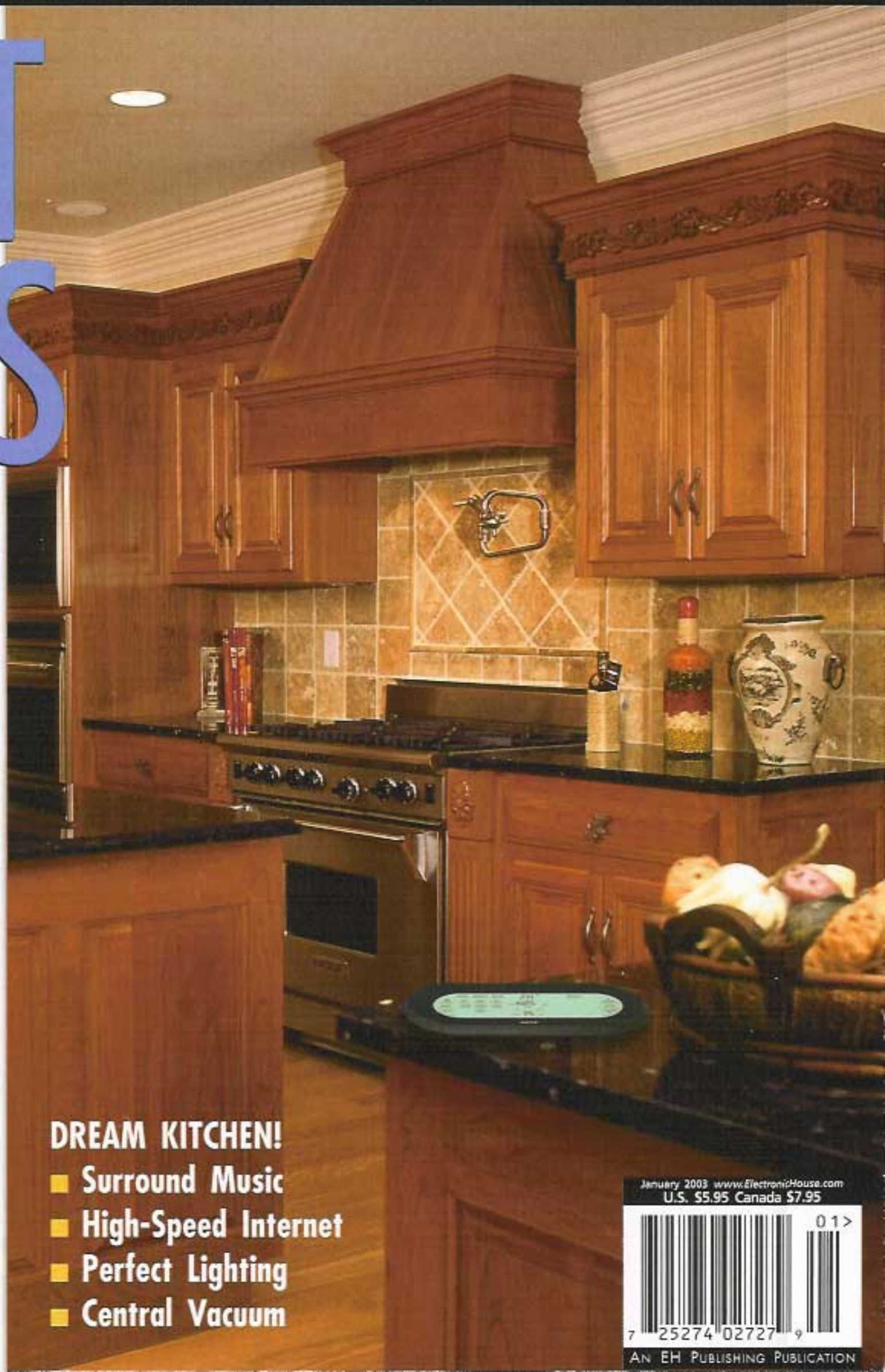
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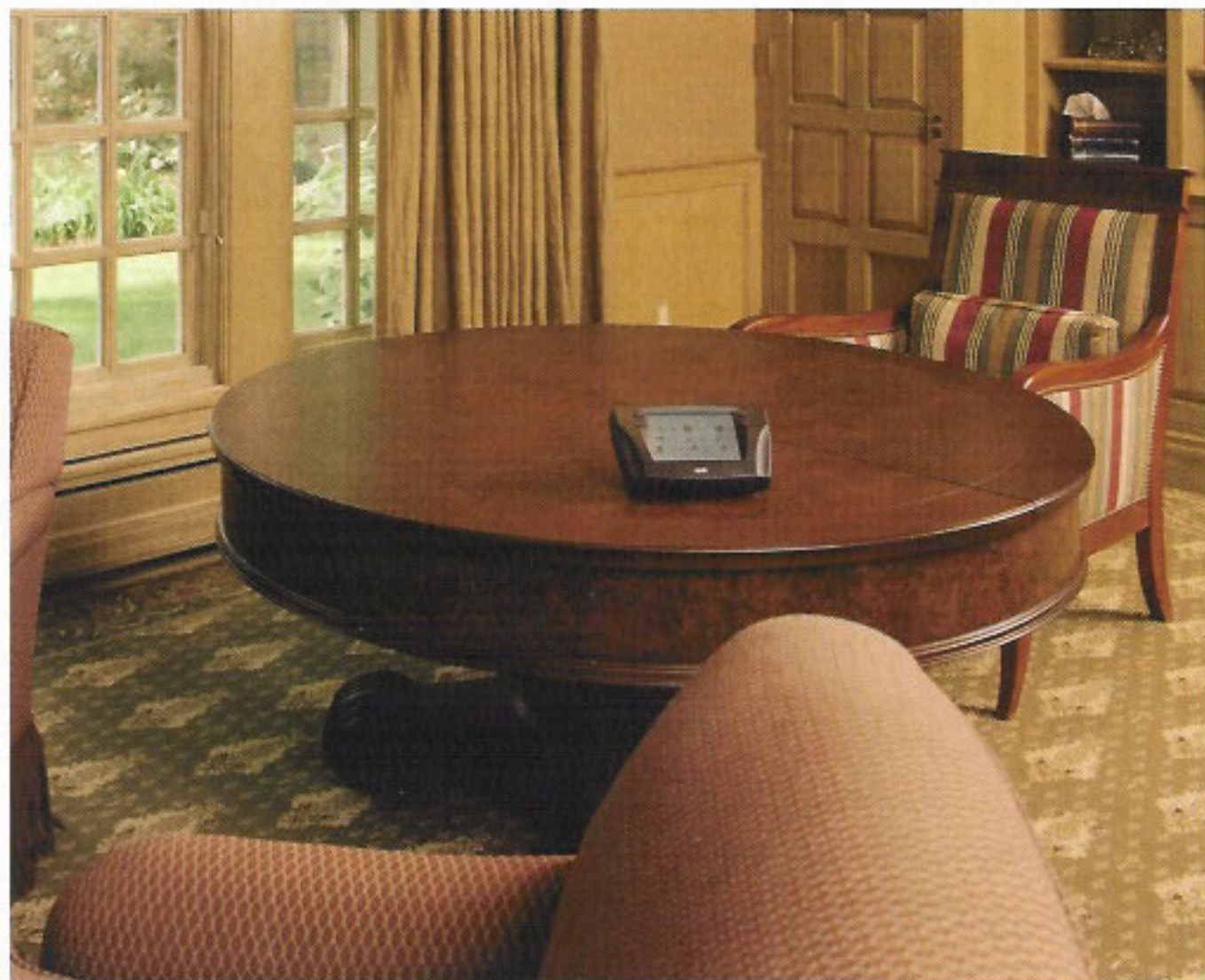
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Ultimate Multi-Tasker

Systems Designer: Electronics Design Group (EDG), Piscataway, NJ
 Custom Furniture Maker: Wood Artisans, Norwood, NJ

After the professional installers at Electronics Design Group (EDG), Piscataway, NJ, had rigged up nearly every room of *Jim Ford's new home with high-end electronics gear, Jim had one more special request—a home office tailored just for him. “I wanted a space in the house that was custom designed for me,” says Ford. “I wanted a place that I could unwind in, a relaxed environment, but I really needed a place to run my business from.

“I am the ultimate multi-tasker, so I

wanted a place that allowed for a little of both.” Key to this room's success is its ability to transition from a laid-back den to a state-of-the-art office. “When you enter the room it looks like a cozy paneled library; no electronics are visible at all,” says Jim.

Hit the AMX touchpanel, the plasma TV rises up from the bar and you have a full-blown home theater and state-of-the-art office. “I can listen to music and connect to my office network; it all works seamlessly.”

**Name has been changed to protect the anonymity of the homeowner*

HOME OFFICE

FOCUS This custom-made desk has a top that folds closed to hide the day's business. Power wires are run through a steel beam hidden within the center of the desk, down into the the basement below. The table top is veneered with Carpathian elm and edged with mahogany.

THE SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

CONTROL

An AMX system controls the room's A/V system, lights and drapes.

- AMX ViewPoint Touchpanel

LIGHTING CONTROL

- Lutron GRX-MR-6 6-Zone Grafik Eye System

VIDEO IN THE CABINET

- Sony PFM-500-A2WU 42-inch Plasma Screen
- Sony DVPS-500 DVD Player
- Sony SLV-998 VHS Hi-Fi VCR

AUDIO EQUIPMENT

- Sony STRDA50 Surround-Sound Receiver
- PSB Speakers

NETWORK

- Cisco Aironet Wireless Network

PHONE

- Panasonic KXT-7880 Wireless System



