

HANDS AND EYES

Two IFA demonstrations move domestic intelligence into physical behavior. Midea is testing a robot that handles objects, while EZVIZ is widening what a battery camera can see and remember. The home is gaining reach and perception before it has settled how to explain either.



EMBODIED HOME PERCEPTION

The acting home needs limits people can understand as readily as its new abilities.

01



Midea demonstrated a domestic robot handling dishes, preparing popcorn and interacting with visitors at IFA. The company says the research platform is built on its EAGLES system architecture and four multimodal foundation models, with longer-term ambitions across laundry, cooking, cleaning, companionship and whole-home control. Midea presented those functions beside SMART MASTER, an appliance ecosystem organized around separate comfort, health, efficiency and service agents. The public evidence is a booth demonstration and company description: Midea disclosed no launch date, price, household trial data or measures of manipulation reliability.

A QUESTION FOR DESIGN

THE ROBOT REACHES FOR THE DISH

Could a home robot begin with a narrow set of reversible chores—and show what it is about to do—before asking residents to trust a general-purpose body in shared space? ^{*1}

02



EZVIZ introduced battery-powered security cameras that use two or three lenses to combine wider context with closer views. The CB30 Dual is a magnetic, weather-resistant 3K camera that the company says can cover 180 degrees without drilling; the pan-capable CB60 Dual adds Wi-Fi and 4G connectivity and up to 8× zoom. The higher-end HB90f Triple combines three lenses and motors with battery power, solar charging, 4G and Wi-Fi, and on-device familiar-face recognition. Availability, endurance under continuous recording and recognition performance were not disclosed in the release.

A QUESTION FOR DESIGN

THE CAMERA ADDS ANOTHER VIEW

Can wider, longer-running perception reduce installation and monitoring work while giving every household member a simple physical way to see, pause or narrow what the camera observes? ^{*2}

AUXETIC LENS

EXPAND WITHOUT ADDING WEIGHT.

The useful future is not the one with the most technology. It is the one that adapts without transferring its complexity to the person.

01

What physical cues could make an autonomous machine's next action legible before motion begins?

02

How should one home distinguish useful perception from surveillance without turning privacy into a settings project?

03

Which household actions are safe enough to delegate when sensing is incomplete, and what should a product do when confidence falls?

04

Could shared controls span cameras, robots and appliances without becoming another universal dashboard?

READ THE RECORD.

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EZVIZ REVEALS THE NEXT DIRECTION TOWARDS BOUNDLESS, ULTRA-FLEXIBLE SMART HOME SECURITY WITH ITS DUAL- AND TRIPLE-LENS BATTERY CAMERAS AND AI INNOVATIONS AT IFA 2026

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