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Ferrari-Inspired Home Theater

Custom theater gets turbo charged with top-line audio and video equipment.

The inspiration for an extreme home theater design can come from just about anywhere, so it seems appropriate that the concept for this luxury room would come from the homeowner's other favorite luxury item—his collection of Ferraris.

This homeowner wasn't new to the extreme home theater concept when he started working with Murray Kenis of Future Home in Los Angeles, Calif. Kenis had worked with the owner previously on another house, so when the owner was planning to build a new 25,000-square-foot home, the first thing on his wish list was a dedicated theater. In fact, the owner brought in Kenis even before the home was designed, and he then essentially had the architect design the rest of the home around the theater room.

"We had a great space, and we were working with a client for whom performance was critical," says Kenis. The approximately 600-square-foot area called for some serious gear. The 16-foot screen from Stewart Filmscreen dominates the front of the room with a THX-spec'd 40-degree field of view from the sweet spot. Thanks to the tiered seating, with enough room for 16 guests, even people seated in the back row are assured of a great view of the picture.

To fill up the huge screen, Kenis recommended a Christie 2K commercial digital cinema projector—the same kind