

From Emma Lowther-Wright

Award-winning Vitopod propagator now even better

The award-winning [Vitopod heated propagator](#) has been updated with a new thermostat.

The new thermostat has several features which make the Vitopod even more robust and enjoyable to use.

- Illuminated screen with larger digits – read the target and actual temperature without squinting, even in the glare of the sun or in poor light.
- Automatic screen saver - the digital display turns off after 1 minute of non-use, to reduce energy use.
- Heating indicator – see at a glance whether the Vitopod is warming up, reassures gardeners that everything is working correctly.
- Upgraded seals – dramatic temperature changes can cause thermostats to expand and allow water ingress when humidity levels are high. The new Vitopod thermostat has waterproof seals to prevent this.
- Heavy-duty temperature sensor – faster response to temperature changes, and a waterproof rating of IP68 which will withstand prolonged immersion in water.
- Robust hanging loop – for safely placing the thermostat at viewing height.

The Vitopod, which is made in Lancashire by Greenhouse Sensation, has been a best seller and award-winner since its launch in 2006. It has won fans and accolades for its even heat, accurate temperature control and stylish design. It was named Best Buy Propagator by several magazines including BBC Gardeners' World, Grow Your Own and Garden Answers.

Never ones to rest on past successes, two years ago Greenhouse Sensation's team of experienced horticulturalists decided it was time to try to improve the Vitopod by making use of customer feedback and advances in technology and manufacturing.

The key benefits of the Vitopod propagator remain the same, it still transforms into a mini greenhouse, delivers even heat, has a digital thermostat accurate to 1°C, a temperature range of 5°C to 30°C and shows the target and actual propagator temperature.

Used with the lids directly on the base the Vitopod is a highly efficient seed raising propagator, with the layer in place it gives seedlings more space and with an optional extra height extension the Vitopod is transformed into a mini greenhouse providing gentle heat while you wait for the weather to warm up enough for planting out.

The lower temperature settings and the height extensions also make the Vitopod ideal for protecting exotics such as ferns, orchids and canna from harsh winter conditions without having to heat the entire greenhouse.

The ideal conditions created by the Vitopod mean that it's trusted to protect more than seedlings. The [Greenhouse Sensation Facebook](#) page features a photo of a family of Giant African Land Snails making a home in the Vitopod, pheasant chicks enjoying the warmth and a colony of exotic mushrooms raised in the propagator, whilst the team were told by one customer that they were using the heated base to keep rescued hedgehogs warm.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

The new [Vitopod](#) was released by Greenhouse Sensation on 14th October 2013. Samples are available.

The Vitopod is available in two lengths

Small: L55cmx W56cmx H24cm

Large: L110cmx W58cmx H24cm

Height extensions of 15cm can be added.

Prices from £110.90 for a small heated Vitopod to £165.95 for a heated large Vitopod with two layers.

The new thermostat will be made available to those with a Vitopod who want to upgrade at a special offer price of £42.00

About Greenhouse Sensation

Greenhouse Sensation is staffed by people passionate about growing. The company's products make it easier for anyone to grow stronger, healthier plants. Greenhouse Sensation products are available direct from the Greenhouse Sensation website and from a range of stockists including Harrod Horticultural, worm.co.uk, Suttons and Two Wests & Elliot.

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