PTC IoT Vignette

The 'roost' Smart Battery



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Enhancing the protection of your home against fire and water damage

- Fit the 'roost' smart battery to your existing smoke and water leak detectors and
 - Get notified when an alarm is triggered when you are away from the house
 - Get notified when the batteries need replacing
 - Ask your insurance company for a better rate now you've improved your fire and water leak detection



Components of the roosta. Smart Battery?

- **≻**Physical
 - >A smart replacement for a standard 9V battery
 - > A plug & replace retrofit for existing alarms
- **>** Sensors
 - ➤ Detect battery low voltage
 - > Detect Alarm activation
- **≻**Connectivity
 - > WiFi
 - Access 'roost' over the Internet with an accompanying smartphone app
 - > download the app for free on iOS or Android



Capabilities of the roosta Smart Battery

✓ Monitoring

- √ 'roost' detects activation of the alarm it is fitted to and sends
 notification via the cloud to the accompanying smartphone app
- √ 'roost' monitors itself and sends notification to the smartphone app when its charge is running low

✓ Control

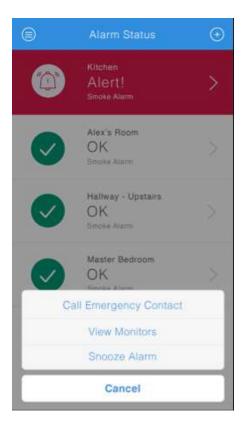
✓ False alarms such as smoke from cooking can be silenced from the app — no need to get a step ladder or stand on a chair to reach the alarm cancel button

✓ Optimise

✓ Solution could be expanded to include other sensors – eg. carbon monoxide detectors

✓ Automate

✓ The emergency alert can also be sent to trusted 3 parties such as friends or family for peace of mind when you are away from home



Why roosta makes sense

- In 2008, battery-powered smoke alarms failed to operate in 36% of UK fires where a smoke alarm was present, mainly because of missing or flat batteries. Ref > BRE DG525
- In the third quarter of 2013 alone, over £270 million of damage to domestic property in the UK was caused by fire. Ref > AXA
- Some fire protection services offer a battery replacement notification service simply enter you
 mobile phone number or email address and the date the alarm battery was installed on a form on
 their website they will send you a reminder to replace it.