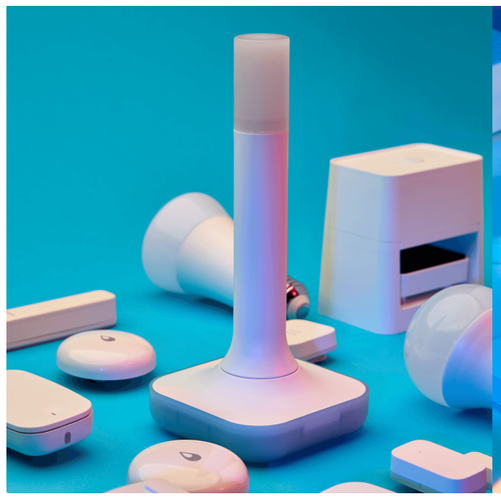
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This is the hardware line for Home Assistant, a home automation platform built by thousands of open-source contributors and used by millions of people.

Consumer electronics is normally designed in private and revealed finished; this is different: Product roadmap proposals were revealed and discussed in public, prototypes were sent out to the community for testing, and the people who would live with the result had a say in what it became. The democratic design of the hardware reflects the collaborative creation of the software. What is radical here is not the form, it is the collaborative design process in the open.

The objects are softly geometric and semi-transparent, made to sit on a shelf and glow rather than hide behind a cabinet, because it is something that its own community of users and tinkerers is proud to display.

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