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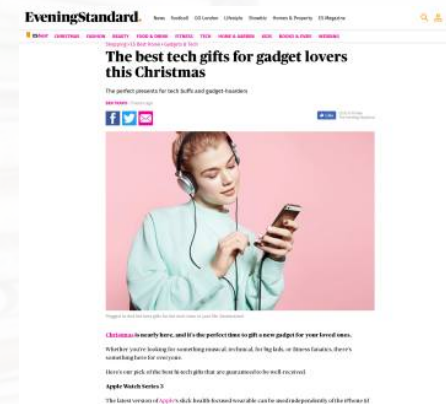
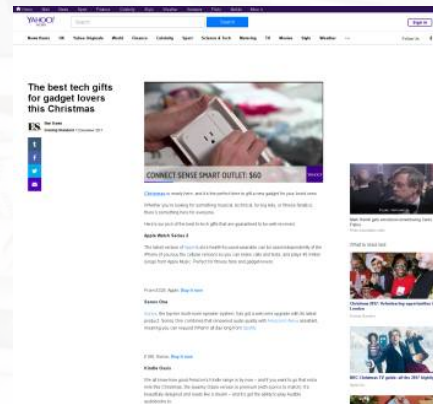
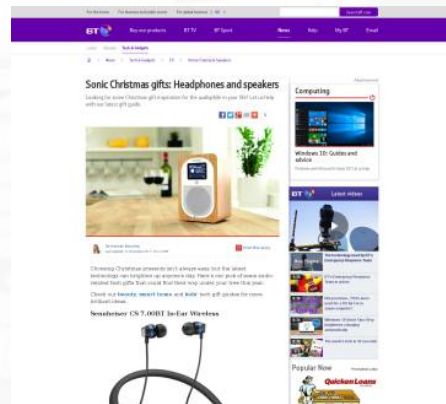
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By **Becky Roberts**
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Ever pondered the heritage of your favourite speaker brands? We've delved back in time to discover the fruits of their very first efforts..

Our first nostalgic trip down memory lane saw us reminiscing over the [first decks from 13 iconic turntable brands](#), and our second has us delving even further back into hi-fi history.

From Wharfedale's driver-only efforts in the 1930s to Q Acoustics' modern beginnings in 2006, this list details the first efforts from some of the most renowned loudspeaker brands past and present. A second part will follow, covering all the major speaker brands.

So if you're a fan of hi-fi nostalgia and you don't ride the same wavelength as Lou Reed (who once said: "I don't like nostalgia, unless it's mine"), this one's for you.

Wharfedale Bronze 2 (1932)

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REVIEW: Q ACOUSTICS 3050I FLOOR STANDING SPEAKERS



by Jay Garrett
18th August, 2018

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We were lucky enough to have had a [sneak preview of Q Acoustics' new 3000i range](#) of speakers, and they proved to be very compelling. However, we needed more time with the largest of the troupe.

Q ACOUSTICS 3050I FLOORSTANDING SPEAKERS

£650

You may recall the improvements that [Q Acoustics](#) have designed into the 3000i range but, if not, here's a quick recap. Firstly, the use of point-to-point cabinet bracing, as initially featured in the Concept 500 range. The parts that require stiffening are provided with extra support to make them quieter. Also, the baffle is thicker to support the tweeter and mid/bass driver.



Additionally, the 3050i's 20mm soft dome tweeter has been decoupled from the baffle via a suspension system to isolate it from vibrations from the two 16.5cm woofers that bookend it.

Again, something also first introduced in the company's Concept 500, the 3050i gets some Helmholtz Pressure Equalizer (HPE) technology. It's always great to see flagship solutions trickle down to the more affordable ranges. However, it does get me thinking about what new design cleverness is on the cards for upcoming top range releases.



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Our Rating

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- Subwoofer 70W
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UNDER £1000

Q Acoustics 3010i 5.1 Cinema Pack

Reviewed on **6th August 2018** at **£895**

Q Acoustics' 3010i bookshelf speakers form the basis of this excellent speaker package. It's a beautifully-balanced system with an expressive centre channel and a clear, musical presentation.

Our Rating

★★★★★

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Q-Acoustics 3050i
floor standing loudspeaker

Tuesday, August 7, 2018
Jason Kennedy

There are several ways to start a loudspeaker company, the classic approach is to 'toll away in the shed until you develop a loudspeaker that sounds great and hopefully appeals to other music lovers as well, build a few pairs and try to sell them into the trade and slowly build up a customer base. This is a time consuming and inefficient approach but one that has formed the basis of some of the more successful brands in the business. Q-Acoustics is run by professionals so they took a more business-like approach to the job which involved getting an established freelance designer to create a range of models to a specific price that are manufactured in a part of the world where such things can be done to a high standard within a tight budget. This means that Q-Acoustics were able to hit the ground running when it originally launched and has built on its success year on year. A couple of years back it got ambitious and produced the **Concept 500** which we got a fabulous result with, it really is exceptional value for money. This year they have trickled down some of what they learned with that model to the 3000i range of standmounts, floorstander and surround models. The 3050i is the daddy of the range but unlike the two standmounts, 3010i and 3020i, it hasn't got any bigger with the addition of the i suffix, it has however seen some important changes.

One of the things that made Concept 500 so successful was to reduce cabinet vibration by using FIR measurements to establish precisely where to put braces within the cabinet so as to achieve maximum control. On top of this the i series has thicker front and rear baffles that are inset into the one piece wrap that forms top, bottom and sides of the cabinet. Another weak point identified in C500 was the cable terminal fixing, usually these are in a plastic moulding that sits in the back of the box but such things are naturally a lot less stiff than the box itself and in the bigger model a much stiffer panel was used, here they have done away with the plastic and stuck the terminals straight on the back of the cabinet. Which is not entirely new but rare in speakers at this price (£649).



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Q Acoustics 3010i 5.1 Cinema Pack review

The 3010is get a partnering centre speaker and subwoofer to complete a 5.1 package. Tested at £895

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Our Verdict ★★★★★

As effective in a surround presentation as in stereo, the 3010is' form the basis of an excellent all-round speaker package

For

- Clear, musical presentation
- Well-integrated, tonally well-balanced soundfield
- Expressive, clear centre channel
- Sub provides healthy low-end rumble
- Can fill a big room

Against

- Subwoofer lacks outright impact

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Build If a 5.1 home cinema package comprises four five-star speakers, then it would appear to be well over halfway to five-star fame itself.

Sound The majority of the Q Acoustics 3010i 5.1 Cinema Pack is made up of two pairs of the company's 3010i standmounts, to which we gave five stars earlier this year. And they aren't let down by the accompanying 3090i centre speaker and 3060S subwoofer.

Verdict The 3010i 5.1 Cinema Pack offers a like-for-like replacement for the Q3000 5.1 Cinema Pack speaker package, also a five-star hit back in 2015. It is a tad pricier than its predecessor, which entered the market at £700.

Back to top However, Q Acoustics justifies that price hike with a smattering of new improvements, from honed aesthetics to new drivers and improved cabinet structure.

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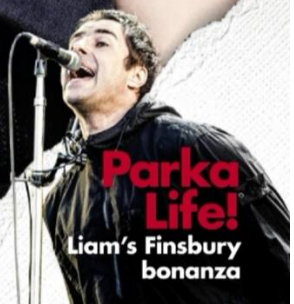
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Review: Q Acoustics 3010i bookshelf speakers



John Pickford finds out whether Q Acoustics' attractive new £199 bookshelf-format speakers punch above their weight...



Small is beautiful – so the saying goes – and it’s certainly true of Q Acoustics’ new 3010i bookshelf loudspeakers. The smallest model in the company’s revised 3000 range, this speaker is actually slightly taller and 25% deeper than its predecessor. Our review samples sport a lovely graphite grey finish (black, white and walnut finishes are also available) and the cabinets’ attractively rounded corners make a refreshing change from the multitude of four-square boxes out there. Magnet-attached grilles are provided; however, they are best removed for ultimate sound quality.

Internally braced to create a strong, acoustically inert cabinet, to improve structural integrity Q Acoustics dispenses with conventional panel cutouts for the speaker terminals. New low-profile binding posts aid close-to-wall positioning even when banana plugs, rather than spades or bare wires, are connected. Similar to many compact speakers, bass performance is improved by some reinforcement from a rear wall – though placing flush against the wall may necessitate the use of the foam bungs provided, to block the rear ring port.

A bass-reflex design, the 3010i’s port assists the 100mm (four-inch) bass unit to achieve a low-frequency response of 65Hz, while the 22mm (0.9-inch) decoupled treble unit extends upwards to 30kHz. A stereo power amplifier rated 15 to 75 watts is recommended, though I would suggest 30w of solid-state power as a better starting point for unstressed performance at higher volume settings.

Placed on concrete-filled stands sited 30cm (12 inches) from the rear wall and powered by my

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We regularly update this page with new products and categories. Recently we've added the Samsung Galaxy S9+ as our recommended smartphone and the new Jaybird RUN for runners that want headphones designed for them.

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Which stereo speakers should I buy for my old hi-fi set?

Maggie would like some affordable loudspeakers to work with her retro amp, CD player and TV



Remember, kids - speakers don't always have to be smart. Illustration: Chris Ware/Getty Images

I have a Rotel RA-810A amplifier - recently serviced and in good working order - and a Yamaha CDX-730 CD player but no speakers. They were originally linked to some Tannoys but I didn't bring them with me from South Africa.

I want to be able to play my CDs and DVDs with the speakers linked up to the TV. I'm not a purist and don't want to pay top price. If you could point me towards a few alternatives, I can then make the decision what to pay. Maggie

The Rotel RA-810A is a classic stereo amplifier from the late 1980s. I remember it as being well made and having a decent sound. However, it does have a couple of drawbacks.

First, like all amplifiers from that era, the RCA phono inputs on the back are designed to work with turntables, CD and cassette tape players. While the RA-810A has phono sockets for AV/Aux, which you can select from the knob on the front, this input has the same spec as the others. There are no digital or HDMI sockets of the sort you would find on a new AV amplifier.

Second, the Rotel RA-810A is somewhat underpowered, delivering just 20 watts per channel. This was quickly corrected in later models such as the RA-820AX and RA-930AX. However, it does mean that you will need speakers that are reasonably efficient, or at least easy to drive.

Connecting your TV and DVD

The RCA phono socket problem mentioned above means that it may be

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Q Acoustics 3010i review: Compact, good-looking, great-sounding – pick three

SPEAKERS
Sasha Muller
20 Jul 2018



Our Rating: ★★★★★ **£199.00** from [amazon.co.uk](#)

Price when reviewed: **£199**
inc VAT

Q Acoustics upgrades its excellent 3010 speakers – and the new 3010i deliver a welcome injection of power and poise

✓ Pros :

- Compact and good-looking
- Smooth, detailed sound
- Surprising amounts of bass

✗ Cons :

- Not as revealing as pricier rivals

Q Acoustics has earned quite the pedigree across its family of affordable audio gear over the years and, while its soundbars are a firm favourite in Expert Reviews' testing lab, I've only recently been introduced to its family of hi-fi speakers. Now that I've spent the last few weeks putting its compact 3010i bookshelf speakers through their paces, though, it's clear that it's not just TV audio the firm is good at.

Q Acoustics 3010i review: What you need to know

The 3010i are the new, improved version of the Q Acoustics 3010. These passive bookshelf speakers sit in the middle of Q Acoustics' range, and promise full-bodied sound from a very compact design. The driver specifications are similar to the outgoing model, partnering a 100mm mid/bass driver partnered with a 25mm ring dome tweeter, but the speaker cabinet has had some major changes.

The 3010i's are still a dainty 150mm wide but they now stand 18mm taller and are a considerable 50mm deeper. That increased cabinet size has allowed Q Acoustics to squeeze an even bigger sound from its compact speakers and, in tandem with a reworked crossover (the electronics that split the high and low frequencies between the two speaker drivers) you can expect improvements across the board.

The only thing to bear in mind is that you can't just plug these directly into your laptop. As these are passive speakers, you'll need external amplification

in the form of a Hi-Fi amp or AV receiver.

Q Acoustics 3010i review: Price and competition

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What is the Q Acoustics 3050i Cinema Pack?

The Q Acoustics 3000i Series is the company's latest entry-level speaker range, replacing the earlier [3000 Series](#). The range is comprised of the [3050i](#) floorstanding speaker, and a brace of bookshelf/standmount speakers: the [3020i](#) and the [3010i](#). There's also a new centre speaker, the [3090Ci](#), but the range retains the [3060S](#) subwoofer that was released previously.

The [3050i Cinema Pack](#) is a 5.1 speaker package composed of a pair of 3050is for front left and right, a 3090Ci for the centre, a pair of 3010is for the surrounds, and a 3060S subwoofer. The new range incorporates certain technologies first employed in Q Acoustics' award-winning [Concept 500](#) speakers, specifically the use of point-to-point bracing and Helmholtz pressure equalisation.

The new range also features improved high frequency and mid-range drivers, along with an updated cabinet that uses a more solid construction and low profile binding posts. The 3050i Cinema Pack

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Its size is a bit cumbersome, though, and means that if you have a TV that's not the same length or larger, it might look a bit comical. Wall-mounting it may be the solution to this. Talking of size, the M3's small, card reader-sized remote is pretty much destined for down the side of your sofa. Don't say you weren't warned!

But these aesthetic points don't affect the performance of the £300 soundbar, and if you're after something that seamlessly upgrades your TV's sound, and looks sleek while doing so, then look no further.

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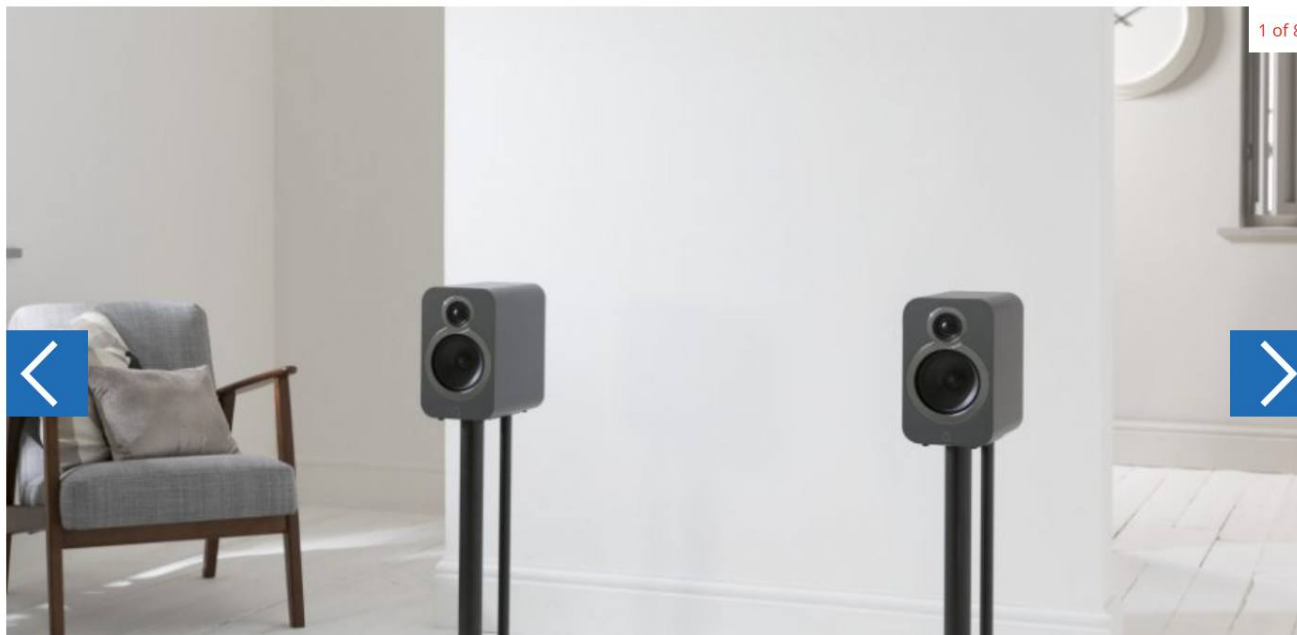
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REVIEW

Q Acoustics 3050i review

Q Acoustics reaffirms its position of pre-eminence in the midrange floorstander market. **Tested at £649**

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Our Verdict ★★★★★

The 3050is are full of energy and even better than their predecessors – Q Acoustics has come up with the goods once more

For

- Punchy, musical and subtle performers
- Large-scale presentation
- Smart finish
- Flexible about positioning

Against

- Nothing of note at this price

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Build and compatibility If your love for bass and big sound is greater than your budget for new speakers, a pair of midrange floorstanders could be just what your living room needs.

Sound

Verdict But not just any old pair of course. You owe it to yourself to acquire a great pair... such as these Q Acoustics 3050is, for instance.

Regular readers of *What Hi-Fi?* won't be surprised to see five stars next to Q Acoustics' name – not only have both the **3010i** and **3020i** standmounters in the brand's 3000i range already bagged maximum stars, their predecessors (**the 3050s**) are also current Award winners.

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Steve Withers
June 26, 2018 9:01
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Pros

- ✓ Fantastic sound quality
- ✓ Great tonal balance

Cons

- ✗ Slightly narrow dispersion
- ✗ Subwoofer has limited bass

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(EST.) COVERAGE VIEWS:

67.7K

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And we're not necessarily talking about little desktop speakers that sit next to your computer monitor either. While several of the smaller speakers here would be perfect for a desk, you'll get the most immersive, expansive stereo sound from speakers placed wide apart from each other, either on a bookshelf or on floor stands that enable you to move them as far apart as your living room allows.

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pairs around for under £100. Yet you can also get some pretty serious bookshelf speakers, with prices reaching well over £1,500 per pair.

What's the difference between passive and active speakers?

Traditional hi-fi speakers are sometimes known as passive or non-powered speakers as they require a separate amplifier to power them. You can use any stereo amplifier or AV receiver, and you connect the speakers to the amplifier with dedicated speaker cable. Passive speakers do not require their own power supply.

Active speakers, however, have their own integrated amplifiers so can be plugged directly into a laptop, phone or any other music source without the need for a separate amplifier. They may support wireless streaming via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi, but they're rarely physically wireless - you'll need to plug at least one speaker in to the mains to provide power for the amplifier and electronics within, and the master speaker (usually the one with all the volume controls and buttons on it) will connect to the second speaker via an audio cable.

More expensive, high-end active speakers will often have a dedicated amplifier in each of the speakers, and sometimes two in each - one for the high-frequency drive unit, the 'tweeter' and one for the low-frequency drive unit or 'woofer'. This means that you'll need a

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The Q Acoustics 3020i may look quite small but they sound as large as a floor-stander.

Back in 2015 I reviewed a pair of [Q Acoustics 3020](#) bookshelf speakers that wowed me with their solid sound and superb construction. So when I got a call asking me if I'd like to review the brand new upgraded version of the 3020 speakers, I couldn't wait.

These fabulous little speakers are part of the new [Q Acoustics 3000](#) series. They're small enough to sit on a shelf, mounted on a wall or on speaker stands, but they're big enough to work with some serious hi-fi systems. They'd make an ideal pairing with mini hi-fi systems such as the rather excellent [Onkyo CR-N775D](#) or [Denon's DM41 DAB](#). The speakers are rated for amplifiers ranging from 25w to around 75w, although they could certainly work with more powerful systems as long as care is taken to avoid clipping.

My first impressions of the old 3020 speakers were that they certainly sounded much larger than they looked but what's new about this latest version of the 3020i and how do the changes affect their performance?

Firstly, the engineers at Q Acoustics have made the new 3020i cabinets around 25% larger. That's a significant increase in the volume of the enclosure and that has had a dramatic effect on the sound by extending the bass response.

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Steve reports from the hectic Sound United dealer conference in Spain where Denon, Marantz, Polk and Definitive Technology announce their 2018 product line-ups. Phil reviews the Sony 55-inch AF8 OLED TV which will be one of our long term test TVs, while Steve looks at the new Q Acoustics 3050i speakers and Ed looks at the similar Acoustic Energy 100 5.1 speaker package.

We wrap up as normal with cinema, disc and 4K news and releases, plus we pose the question: in which other film genres would we like to see dinosaurs?

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One convenient – and relatively inexpensive – solution is to augment the, often woeful, speakers built in to your television with the addition of a soundbar – or soundbase – which you can just sit in front or underneath your display. Soundbars have come a long way, sonically, since their initial emergence to market with some even rivaling more traditional speaker solutions, especially for sport where some of the sound-modes offer some convincing stadium-like modes.

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Posted on 12th June 2018



Updating its original 3020 stand-mounted design, Paul Rigby reviews the Q Acoustics 3020i speakers

I loved the last iteration of the 3020 stand-mounted speakers from Q Acoustics. In fact, you can see the review of those very speakers [HERE](#).

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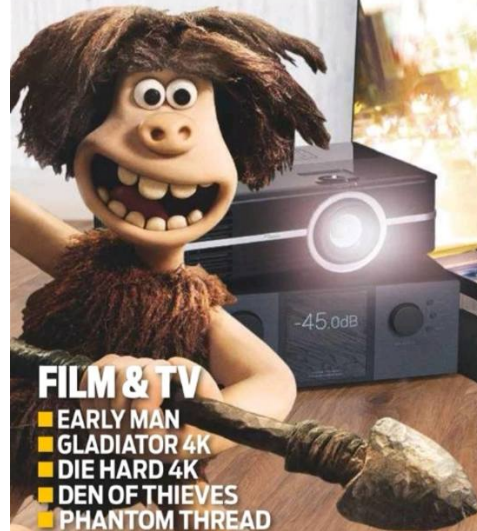
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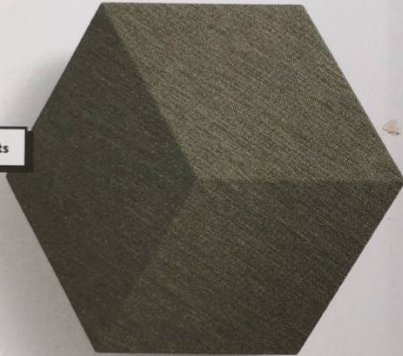
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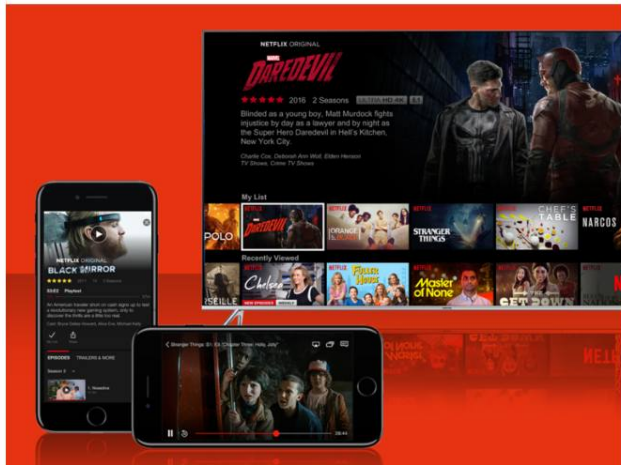
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That shortcut could be applied here, with the Q Acoustic 3020i

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BEST BUYS
Cliff Joseph
29 May 2018



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pairs around for under £100. Yet you can also get some pretty serious bookshelf speakers, with prices reaching well over £1,500 per pair.

What should I look for – and listen for – in the speakers?

You don't have to spend nearly that much, but you might want to avoid the cheapest options. The challenge for the manufacturers, of course, is to coax decent sound quality from such a small unit. This makes it crucial to look for speakers that feel well-built, with cabinets made of wood, MDF or another sturdy, inflexible material that helps reduce the vibration and distortion that can spoil your sound. If you tap the speaker cabinet and hear the rattling sound of cheap and cheerful plastic, just move on...

Many of the latest compact bookshelf speakers can provide an impressive combination of both power and clarity, but the inevitable weak spot for many compact speakers is their bass output. You're never going to get big, booming bass from a set of speakers that only stands six inches high, so if you want a more powerful low-end for dance music or Max Richter's epic electro-ambient noises, then it's worth rearranging the bookshelves to free up a bit of space for some larger speakers. Or, if you have enough room and cash, spend a bit extra on a set of floor stands.

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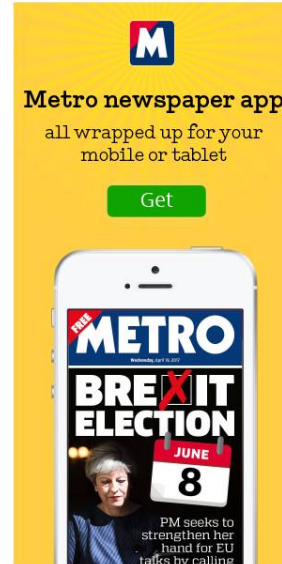


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THE mother of a nanny tortured and murdered by a couple obsessed with an ex-Boyzone star has told them: 'No god will ever forgive you.'

Catherine Devallonne wept in court as Sabrina Kouider and her partner Ouissem Medouni were found guilty of killing her daughter Sophie Lionnet, 21, and burning her body on a bonfire.

The couple had forced the au pair to confess that she drugged Medouni so Kouider's pop singer ex Mark Walton could sexually abuse him - claims that were a complete fantasy.

Ms Devallonne told the Old Bailey: 'Those monsters repeatedly beat Sophie - they starved, tortured and broke her until she could no longer fight.'

'Our Sophie will soon be laid to rest - no god will ever forgive you both'



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✓ Incredible scale and width of soundstage

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✗ Need plenty of space behind

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Q Acoustics unveils new 3000i Series loudspeakers

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New range includes two standmounts and a floorstander



Q Acoustics has launched its latest entry-level loudspeaker range – the 3000i Series. The three new models, which consist of a brace of standmounts and a floorstander, form the core of the company's hi-fi loudspeaker range. They are an evolution of the previous 3000 Series and include innovations first employed in its high-end flagship Concept 500 loudspeaker (HFC-426).

The new range uses acoustically analysed and specific points strengthened using P2P (point to point) bracing on the speaker cabinets and the structural integrity is further improved, thanks to the top and front baffles boasting double thickness and precision-cut corners. As a result, the new speakers are slightly taller and 25 percent deeper than their 3000 Series predecessors.



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Royal Wedding Party Ideas: The best tech and party favour deals fit for Harry and Meghan.

Hosting a last-minute Royal Wedding themed party this weekend and want to impress your mates? This list of the top tech and tat for Harry and Meghan's impending nuptials – as chosen by the royalists at *Trusted Reviews* – will ensure your wedding viewing party is a royal success.

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When the FIFA World Cup kicks off on June 14, many of us will be glued to our TV sets hoping England progress further than the disappointment of Brazil 2014.

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A soundbar – the wide, long speaker that sits beneath the TV that can also can be mounted on the wall, either above or below it – can massively improve your telly's audio. The same goes for the more recent development of the soundbase, which is flatter and upon which a TV stands.

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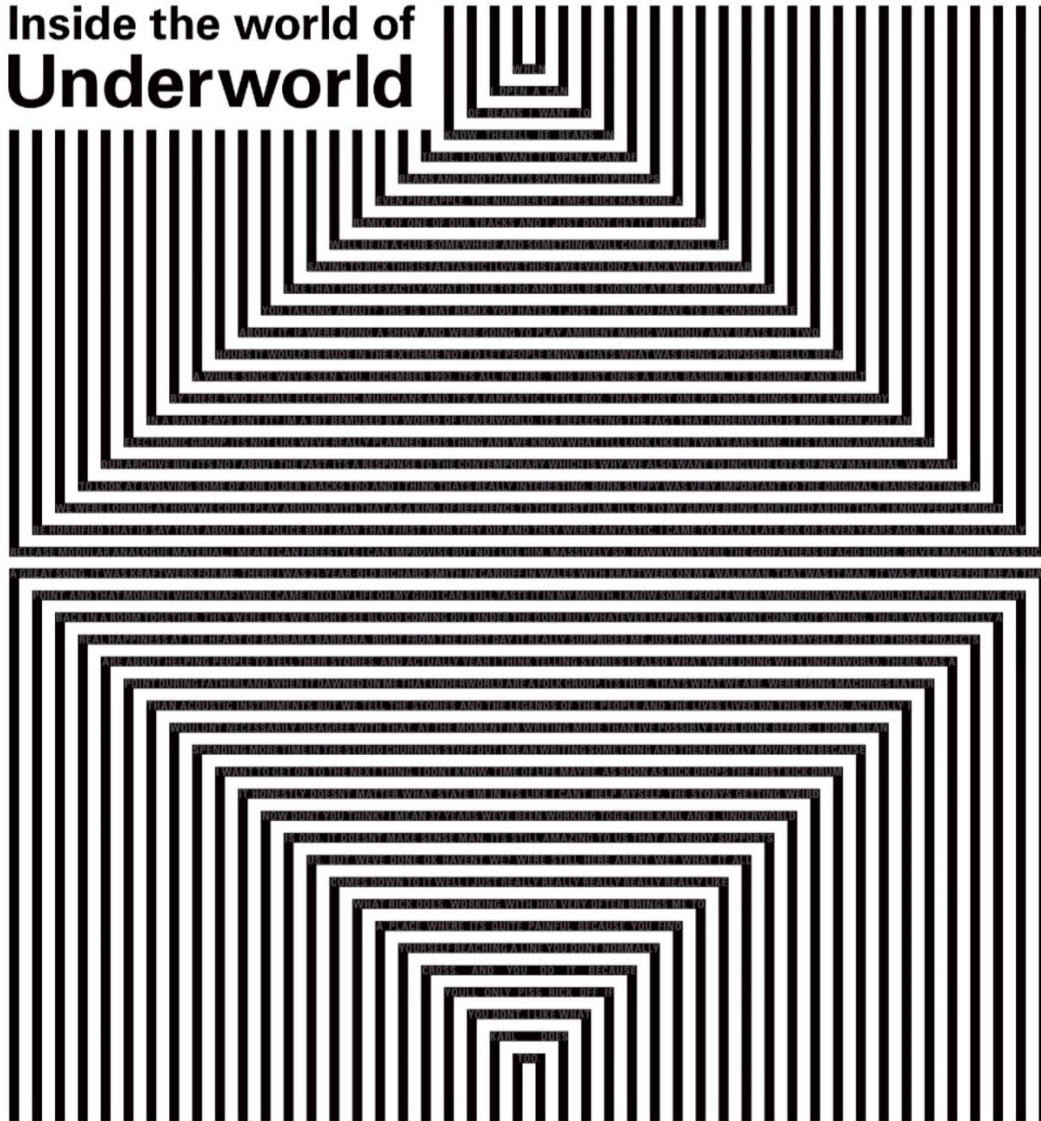
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PROS

- Compact
- Good audio
- Range of inputs
- Price
- HDMI-CEC support

CONS

- Not the widest soundstage

BUILD QUALITY	8.5 /10
DESIGN	8.5 /10
EASE OF USE	9.0 /10
SOUND QUALITY	8.5 /10
VALUE	8.5 /10

ADD BETTER SOUND TO YOUR TV WITH THE M2 SOUNDBASE



Q Acoustics has recently sent us their M2 Soundbase for review. Does this all-in-one telly audio booster cover all bases?

We are no strangers to soundbars. Since the flat screen TV revolution there has been a definite need for external speakers. Just as we are losing headphone jacks from mobile phones, as televisions get skinnier their integral speakers (if they have any) are getting smaller and pretty much pointless. The old TV sets may have been huge and heavy, but at least you could get a decent pair of speakers in.



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Being a fan of the [Q Acoustics](#) brand since buying a pair of their 1010 bookshelf speakers many years ago, I jumped at the chance to attend a secret rendezvous to meet their all-new 3000i loudspeaker series recently.

The British speaker company says that, not only does the new line-up build on the success of its original 3000 speaker series, but it also brings in innovative audio and design technologies taken from its £4,000 flagship Concept 500 speakers.

I had a chance to audition members of the new line-up in London's Fitzrovia. I can safely say that Q Acoustics has managed to do it again with a spectacular price/performance ratio.

The three models available to hear were the compact 3010i, the mid-sized 3020i bookshelf, and the floor-standing 3050i. Q Acoustics also had the 3090Ci centre channel and Q3060S subwoofer for home theatre applications on show, although the latter wasn't loaded.



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Build and compatibility

Verdict

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There has long been decent choice at this sort of price and, as the years have passed, the competition has become more intense as manufacturers manage to squeeze even better performance from their speakers.

Take the Q Acoustics 3010s, for example. This bookshelf speaker was a key part of the company's five-star 3000 AV package.

But now there's a new and improved version to replace it, the 3010i. It's the baby in Q Acoustics' [recently launched Q3000i range](#), and among the finest speakers you can buy for this money.

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Seven models launch in May with RSPs ranging from £199 to £1,345.

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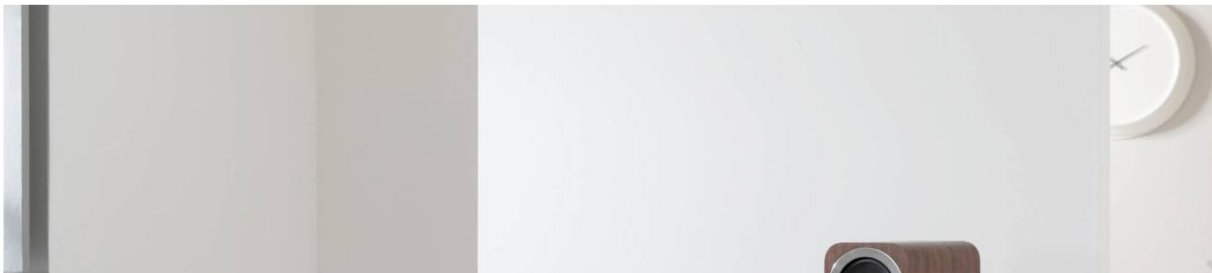
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Words: Josh Lee

Kit-out your home: QAcoustics 3000i speakers



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Q ACOUSTICS M2

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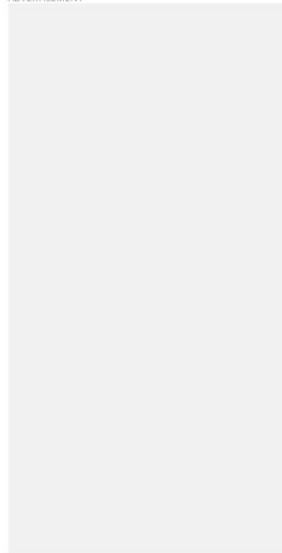
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Q Acoustics 3000i speaker range first impressions review

APRIL 23, 2018 BY JAY GARRETT

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I have been a fan of Q Acoustics since buying a pair of their 1010 bookshelf speakers many years ago. Recently, I was at a secret rendezvous to meet their all-new 3000i loudspeaker series.

The British speaker company says that, not only does the new line-up build on the success of its original 3000 speaker series, but it also brings in innovative audio and design technologies taken from its £4,000 flagship Concept 500 speakers.

I had a chance to audition members of the new line-up in London's Fitzrovia. I can safely say that Q Acoustics has managed to do it again with a spectacular price/performance ratio.

The three models available to hear were the compact 3010i, the mid-sized 3020i bookshelf, and the floor-standing 3050i.

Q Acoustics also had the 3090Ci centre channel and Q3060S subwoofer for home theatre applications on show, although the latter wasn't loaded.

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What is it?

Speak to anyone who knows their stuff about Things That Sound Good, and they'll probably talk up Q Acoustics' Q3000 loudspeaker series. It stands to reason, then, that audiophile types have high hopes for its successor, the Q3000i. The range consists of the 3050i floorstander (£649); the 3010i (£199) and 3020i (£249) bookshelf speakers ; the 3090Ci centre-channel speaker (£169) and the slender 3060Si sub-woofer (£329). You can buy either them separately, or go all in for that 5.1 holy grail with one of the two packs (£895 or £1,345). The redesigned bookshelf speakers are now taller and 25 per cent deeper than their predecessors, resulting in improved bass performance, while the floorstander 3050i has been kitted with Helmholtz Pressure

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Q Acoustics has announced its new 3000i loudspeaker series with a total of seven speakers making up the range.

The 3000i series are aimed at both hi-fi and home cinema lovers and carry Q Acoustics traditionally affordable – at least relatively – price tags. Building on the success of the original 3000 series, the new range features audio and design technology taken from the company's high-end flagship [Concept 500](#) loudspeaker to improve on an audio performance.

Whether looking for an effective stereo upgrade to a hi-fi system, compact bookshelf speakers for tight spaces, floorstanders for larger rooms or a 5.1 set-up to take TV, movies and gaming to the next level, the new range caters for all budgets and living spaces, says the manufacturer. The series consists of the 3050i large floorstander, the compact 3010i and mid-sized 3020i bookshelf speakers with a matching 3090Ci centre-channel speaker and the slimline 3060Si active subwoofer completing a 5.1 surround sound home cinema speaker set-up.

The original 3000 series – [recipient of an AVForums Best Buy Award](#) – delivered an open, realistic and powerful soundstage typical of more expensive speakers. Through significant upgrades, both sonically and aesthetically, Q Acoustics reckons it has managed to further enhance this lifelike and dynamic sound.

To deliver a larger-scale sound, the 3010i and 3020i bookshelf models have been designed slightly taller and 25% deeper than its predecessors. This increase in physical volume allows the low-end frequencies to be extended for more powerful bass sounds



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Q Acoustics 3000i: one of the best speaker series just got an upgrade

By Ced Yuen
April 20, 2018 9:03 am



Q Acoustics makes some of the best and most reasonably priced speakers around, and one of our favourite product lines just got a massive upgrade.

The Q Acoustics 3000i series loudspeakers are revamped version of the 3000 series, which we loved so much we gave them the rare Trusted Reviews 10/10 score – an award. (Read our [Q Acoustics 3000 series 5.1 cinema pack review](#).)

But accolades don't seem to stop Q Acoustics from tinkering, and they habitually refresh older products using elements of their flagship speakers. In this case, the £4000 Concept 500 speakers lend certain traits to a speaker range a fraction of the price:

- Q Acoustics 3010i (bookshelf) – £199 / \$249 / €249
- Q Acoustics 3020i (bookshelf) – £249 / \$299 / €299
- Q Acoustics 3050i (floorstander) – £649 / \$799 / €799
- Q Acoustics 3060Si (subwoofer) – £329 / \$399 / €399
- Q Acoustics 3090Ci (centre) – £169 / \$199 / €199

What's new? The bookshelf models are taller and 25% deeper – they should have a more extended and powerful bass than their predecessors.

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British loudspeaker purveyor Q Acoustics is back with its latest range – the 3000i starting at £199 for a pair.

When you consider the prices of some high-end [Bluetooth and Wi-Fi speakers](#), the value on offer here can't be understated.

After all, you can get a set of these, a [decent turntable](#) and Bluetooth AV receiver for £600 (better still for £700) which will give you a setup that's more than enough for most of us.

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The 3000i range follows on from the 3000 series, but the range has had a significant redesign which makes us think [Q Acoustics](#) should have given it a more significant name than a mere "i" on the end.

The three pairs are the £199 3010i and £249 3020i bookshelf speakers

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posted on Thursday, 19th April 2018 by [Steve May](#) | [home cinema](#) [Hi-fi](#)



Q Acoustics has launched the 3000i loudspeaker range of high performance, low-cost stereo and home cinema speakers. A significant upgrade on the brand's 3000 models, the new line-up combines stand-mount, floorstanding and centre channel models.

The range was launched by Q Acoustics at the Cornflake smart apartment in London, *Inside CI* went for an early preview and we were mightily impressed with what we heard. Improvements include trickle down technology from the brand's flagship Concept 500 loudspeaker.

The cabinet design of the new 3000i models has been significantly upgraded. The new models are taller than their predecessors, and are 25 per cent deeper. This extra volume has enhanced bass response. The tweeters have also been decoupled using a suspension system, while the mid-bass woofer sits in a newly developed rubber surround, offering better imaging and stereo presentation.

Providing an entry-point is the bookshelf 3010i. With a 22mm tweeter and 100mm mid-bass woofer, it's ideal for smaller music systems. The step-up 3020i uses a bigger 125mm woofer.



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Q-Acoustics goes super silent with 3000i

Thursday, April 19, 2018

It's been four years since Q-Acoustics launched the 3000 series, something had to change, and not just the suffix. Q3000i is a complete revision of Q-Acoustics core loudspeaker range that takes onboard tech trickled down from the mighty *Concept 500* that we enjoyed so much last year. As with that model Q-Acoustics used FIR measurements to establish the best places to put braces inside the cabinets in order to minimise vibration. The 3050i floorstander incorporates a Helmholtz pressure equaliser that's designed to even out energy within the cabinet and further reduce vibration that can muddy the sound. The tweeter is decoupled from the box with compliant mounting so that any remaining box vibration does not smear output and the bass drivers have low hysteresis surrounds for long term consistency of performance.

The 3000i cabinets retain Q-Acoustics Gelcore construction and have been beefed up with front and rear baffles inserted into the main wrap rather than stuck on top, and the thickness of these has been doubled on the front. Another interesting tweak is the removal of terminal panels, those plastic inserts that house the terminals and are found in the back of many budget speakers (and some less affordable ones too), the terminals here bolt straight onto the woodwork thus removing a weak-point in the structure that can emit noise. Pretty well all of these updates are designed to improve the signal to noise ratio, which in the case of loudspeakers amounts to reducing sound produced by anything other than the drive units.



The range starts with the Q3010i (£199) which is 25% deeper than its predecessor and has a 100mm mid/bass driver in a reflex

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



Q Acoustics has announced the launch of its new 3000i loudspeaker series. Long-time readers here will know that Q Acoustics rate really highly with audiophiles; our review of the original Q Acoustics 3020i bookshelf speakers is still one of the most popular speaker reviews posted here.

The new Q Acoustics range provides speakers from bookshelf, to hi-fi, through to powerful home cinema systems at affordable prices. Following on from the success of the original 3000 series, the new range features innovative audio and design technology taken from the company's high-end flagship Concept 500 loudspeaker series.

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The original 3000 series delivered an open, realistic and powerful soundstage typical of more expensive speakers, and won many awards and five star reviews. Following some significant redesign, both sonically and aesthetically, Q Acoustics has enhanced the sound of the 3000 series.

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Q Acoustics launches five-strong Q3000i speaker range



By **Becky Roberts**
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 19th April 2018

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It's a punctual successor to Q Acoustics' 2014-launched, Award-winning Q3000 series.

Good luck to the forthcoming Q3000i range – it sure has big shoes to fill. Within its predecessor, the 2014-launched 3000 range, are two Award winners: the **3050** floorstanders and **3020** standmounts. In fact, the entire collective (as the **3000 Series 5.1 Cinema Pack**) joins them on the five-star shelf, proving the range's whole is some way equal to the sum of its parts

It's a like-for-like replacement here, with the new five-strong 3000i range comprising the 3010i (£199) and 3020i (£249) standmounts, 3050i floorstanders (£649), 3090i centre channel, and lastly Q 3060S subwoofer - a comprehensive hi-fi and home cinema roster, then.

While in recent years considerable focus has been on the British brand's latest soundbar (the **M3**) and soundbase (the **M2**) – a market that has become the fastest growing arm of its business – Q Acoustics' big launch for 2018 (or the first half of it, anyway) is the 3000i speaker series, which sits between the 2000i and Concept ranges in the brand's traditional speaker line-up.

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The Q Acoustics M2 can be had from [John Lewis](#) for £249; it's a tad more expensive on the [manufacturer's website](#) and on [Amazon](#).

At that price it faces strong competition from Cambridge Audio's excellent [£199 TV2 V2](#) and [£249 TV5 V2](#) soundbases. Other notable alternatives include the [£283 Polk Audio Magnifi Mini](#) and the [Samsung HW-M550 soundbar](#) – which cost £379 when we reviewed it last year, but can now be had for just £220.

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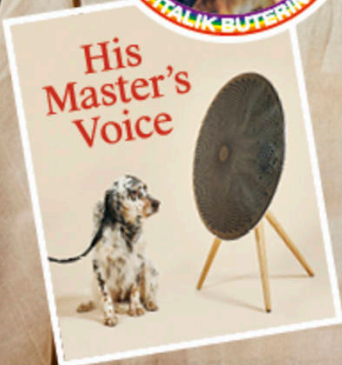




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My elder brother is a tech man to his core. Despite being, in my eyes, a bit of an idiot, he's way brighter than me and has a degree in electronics, which makes him more suited to this lark than me with my BA (Hons) Politics. Or maybe not. I went over to his recently to watch a football game. He has a good, mid-range TV. But then he turned the sound up, and – no kidding – it was like an amplified telephone. "How can you listen to that?" I asked, quite genuinely. It was hideous. He did the hurt "who-me?" face he's done for the past 50 years and opined that his TV sounded really good. "I have to sort out your TV audio," I said. "You will not know yourself."

I may well be getting him this new M2 soundbase from Q Acoustics of Bishop's Stortford. Soundbases are shorter and fatter than **soundbars** and I rather prefer them, especially as you can stand a TV on a soundbase – hence the name. The M2 is 15cm shorter than the already diminutive £299 **Orbitsound One P70** that I reviewed last July and liked

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Note: Some of the systems below require a separate amplifier before they'll output audio from your console. While it's a bit of a drag having to spend yet more money, a decent amp will tangibly improve the audio experience you get not just from games, but from music and movies, too.

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If you're in the UK, we recommend the extremely similar Pioneer VSX330 4K Home Cinema Receiver; a powerful 120 Watts amp that supports 4K video pass-through, 60p signals, and hi-res playback. Both amps have four HDMI inputs, making it a doddle to hook up multiple consoles.

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The strength of the competition at their price is fierce, but it speaks to the talents of [Q Acoustics](#)' Concept 20s talents they remain a favourite.

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BY AIMEE BRADSHAW JANUARY 17, 2018

There's no doubt that flat screen TVs have been revolutionary in the way in which we design our lounge. As the centrepiece, they determine the direction of the sofas, the position of the coffee table and even various wallhangings. However, in the advancement of screen technology, there's one element that seems to have been left behind, and that's the sound. Because thin screens lack the space to incorporate the technology required to produce high quality sound, surround sound speakers have become an imperative purchase for those who want to appreciate the full impact of their favourite film.



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BY JON PORTER 8 DAYS AGO

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In general, a dedicated set of speakers and a decent home theatre receiver are a better choice if you want to get the best audio quality possible, but these take up a lot of space and can get very expensive very quickly.



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To that end, we've put together four solutions - complete with 4K TV and 4K Blu-ray player suggestions - to show the different ways you can get better sound quality out of your TV. Each system is designed to suit different styles and budgets, and will get you even closer to enjoying an immersive, cinematic experience in your home.

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By Ced Yuen
February 2, 2018



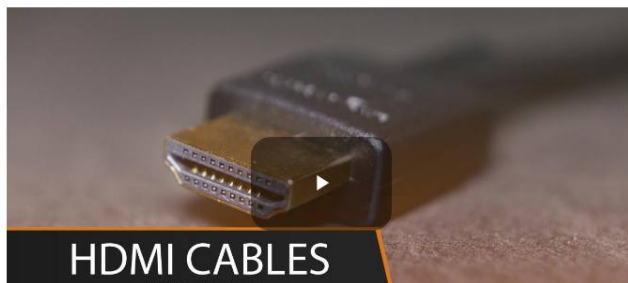
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TVs' built-in speakers generally sound terrible, as the current trend for slimmer and more beautiful designs has left manufacturers with less room for proper sound systems. Fortunately, there's an easy solution. Soundbars exist to lend your TV some much-needed sonic support. They're a neat way to improve your sound without the hassle (and cables) of a traditional surround sound system.

There are quite a few varieties, though. There are basic standalone soundbars without subwoofers, more advanced soundbars with subwoofers and the potential to add satellite speakers, or a soundbase that your TV sits on. It's worth keeping an eye out for the [Sennheiser Ambeo 3D soundbar](#), which aims to replace surround sound speakers entirely.

We've covered every type here, and explained the differences so you'll know which will suit you best. Read on for an explanation of the differences between soundbars and soundbases, or scroll past to skip to our suggestions.

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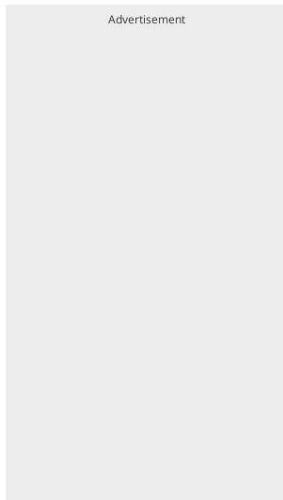
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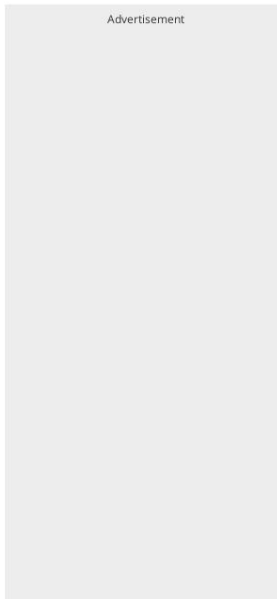
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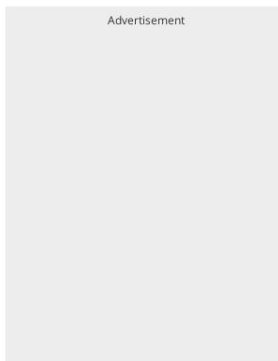
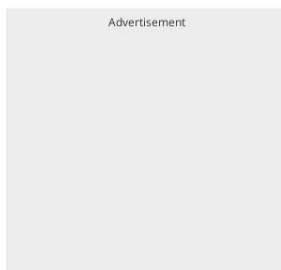


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You've got your [PlayStation 4](#), your [Xbox One](#), your [Nintendo Switch](#), your PC or whatever you're playing set up – so what are the best accessories to fill out the rest of your gaming room? You really are spoilt for choice when it comes to gaming accessories and furniture.

To help you navigate your way through the gear on offer, we're going to list some essential bits of equipment to pick up, if your budget allows. If you want to be beating your high scores or your online



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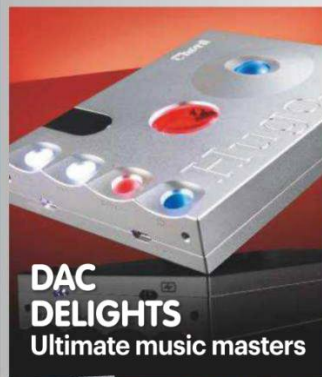
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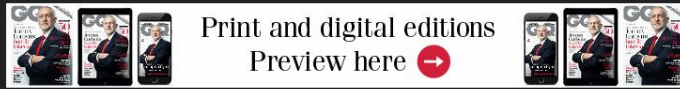
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The best Bluetooth speakers for your home or office

The right desktop Bluetooth speakers can blow away bigger hi-fi siblings, so we asked a professional DJ to test four sets aiming to be greater than the sum of their parts



By **JAMES DAY**

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Bluetooth desktop speakers are small but mighty active monitors with uses beyond beefing up your PC's stereo sound. Besides improving audio performance in your home office, a decent pair should also be able to handle everything from a solo Spotify listening session to providing the soundtrack for a full-blown party.

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This is where the [soundbar and soundbase](#) comes into its own. These outboard audio solutions give your TV a much needed boost to it's often lacklustre onboard speakers. The soundbar is the most familiar of the two, usually a wide speaker with a low height designed to sit in front of or just below the TV, often with a separate subwoofer to beef up the bass capabilities. Then there's the soundbase, which is normally a much larger box that is designed to have the TV sit on top of it with several models capable of taking a large TV and quite a hefty weight.

Q Acoustics is an acclaimed speaker company with multi award winning speaker expertise and pedigree, that offers both soundbars and soundbases. The M2 is the latter and retails for just £299, featuring 180-degree sound speaker technology, a built in subwoofer, 80W of integrated

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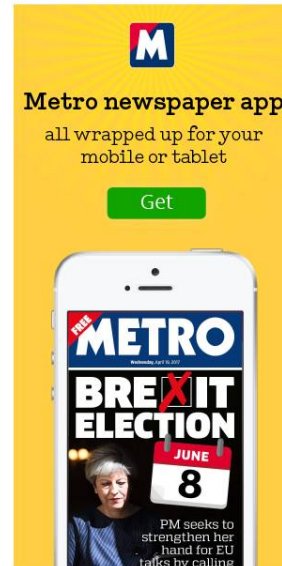
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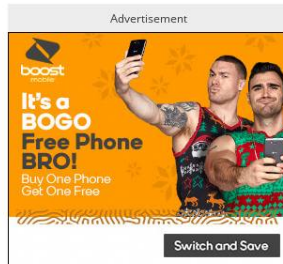
Best Christmas gifts for music lovers and audiophiles

By Andrew Williams 3 hours ago Audio

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Audio fans are tricky customers when it comes to shopping for presents. The further they are down the audiophile rabbit hole, the more likely they are to turn their noses up at certain brands and gifts. The ungrateful sods.



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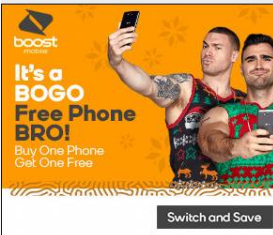
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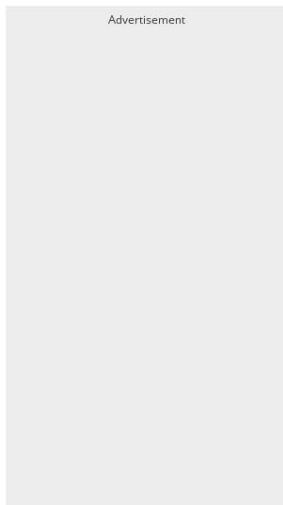
The best gifts for movie lovers this Christmas

By Becca Caddy 8 days ago World of tech

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If you need to buy a present for a friend, family member or partner this year and they just love binging on movies, then you're in luck. You've got a huge range of options, from splashing out on a fancy piece of tech if you've got an eye-wateringly big budget or checking out which of their favourite films have just made it to Blu-ray if you're counting your pennies.



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Looking for some Christmas gift inspiration for the audiophile in your life? Let us help with our latest gift guide.



By Hannah Bouckley
Last updated: 11 December 2017, 15:21 GMT

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Choosing Christmas presents isn't always easy, but the latest technology can brighten up anyone's day. Here's our pick of some audio-related tech gifts that could find their way under your tree this year.

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The best tech gifts for gadget lovers this Christmas

ES Ben Travis Evening Standard 12 December 2017



Christmas is nearly here, and it's the perfect time to gift a new gadget for your loved ones.

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Sonos One

Sonos, the top-tier multi-room speaker system, has got a welcome upgrade with its latest product. Sonos One combines that renowned audio quality with Amazon's Alexa assistant, meaning you can request Wham! all day long from Spotify.

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Kindle Oasis

We all know how good Amazon's Kindle range is by now – and if you want to go that extra mile this Christmas, the swanky Oasis version is premium (with a price to match). It's beautifully designed and reads like a dream – and it's got the ability to play Audible audiobooks to.

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Samsung 55" 4K HDR TV

If your TV is due an upgrade, you could chalk the cash splurge up as a Christmas present – get a 4K and HDR set to make sure you're future-proofed, and you can stream a specially enhanced version of Blue Planet II on iPlayer over the festive period. This Samsung unit boasts amazing picture quality on an epic 55" display.



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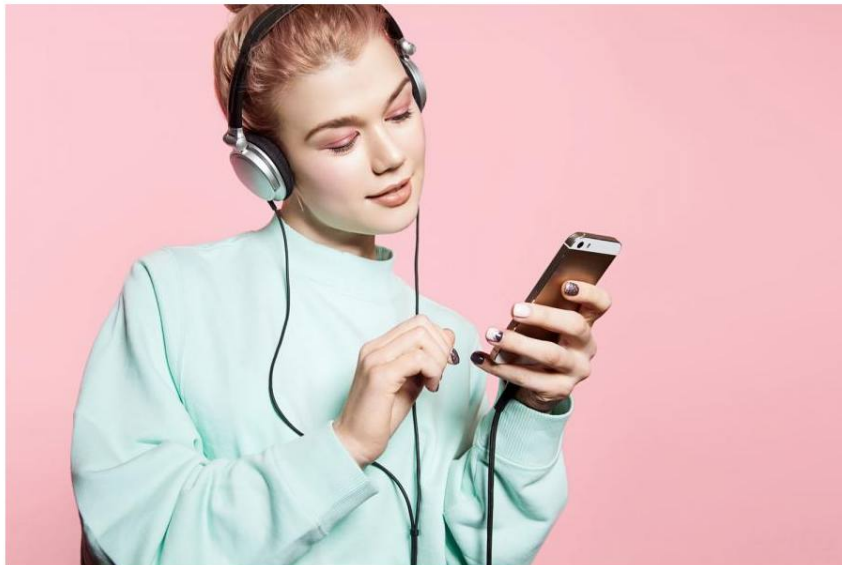
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Q ACOUSTICS M2 SOUNDBASE

Ideal for movie fans and audio buffs who want to power up the sound, this affordable little kit sits discretely under your TV.

The result is awesome audio, no matter where you're sitting in the room, while the powerful subwoofer and MovieEQ function give movie soundtracks and video games an extra boost. What's more, it can handle music streamed wirelessly from smartphones, tablets and laptops.

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Mark Sparrow, CONTRIBUTOR
Technology journalist specialising in audio and photography [FULL BIO](#) ✓
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Over the past year I've reviewed quite a few products that may be a bit too pricey to buy just for one person but as a treat for the whole family to enjoy, they are perfect. So let's take a look at a few big presents for the home the Christmas.

Q Acoustics M2



Q Acoustics
The Q Acoustics M2 Soundbase can sit neatly underneath TVs weighing up to 25kg.

A TV in the kitchen or den can sound a bit thin and weedy without your usual surround sound setup. However, the **Q Acoustics M2** is a really neat soundbase that can sit under a TV or in a cabinet and will beef up the sound of any flat-screen TV. It has inputs for HDMI, optical, 3.5mm analogue an apt-X Bluetooth, so you can use it as a radio, music streamer or even hook up a CD player or a vinyl turntable if you're feeling really retro.

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By ROB WAUGH

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Nintendo Switch

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After a few wilderness years, Nintendo has bounced back with this fantastic hybrid console, which plugs into your TV but also works as a Game Boy-style portable. There are lots of great family-friendly games, including the astonishing *Zelda: Breath Of The Wild*.



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Sonos one

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There are now zillions of voice-controlled 'smart speakers' out there, but the Sonos effort stands out. It's got Amazon's Alexa built in, so you can use it to control a whole multi-room system simply by saying 'Alexa, play my Christmas playlist' and basking in the festive vibes.



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Best soundbar deal UK: Top 12 soundbars deals on Black Friday 2017

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Looking for a good soundbar? Here are the best deals you can find this month

Every television comes with built-in speakers, but no matter how much you spend on a new TV, the sound will always be second-best. Soundbars offer a drastic improvement over TV speakers, and better still, they're easy to set up, don't require complicated cabling around the living room and can often slot under your TV, on top of your fireplace or even wall-mounted.

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Black Friday is here, and below we've rounded up some of the very best deals and savings on soundbars - be sure to check back regularly, as we'll be adding new soundbar deals to this article when we spot them.

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Soundbar deal of the week

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If you're looking for Black Friday US deals, we have you covered, hit our main [US Black Friday deals page](#) for more details.

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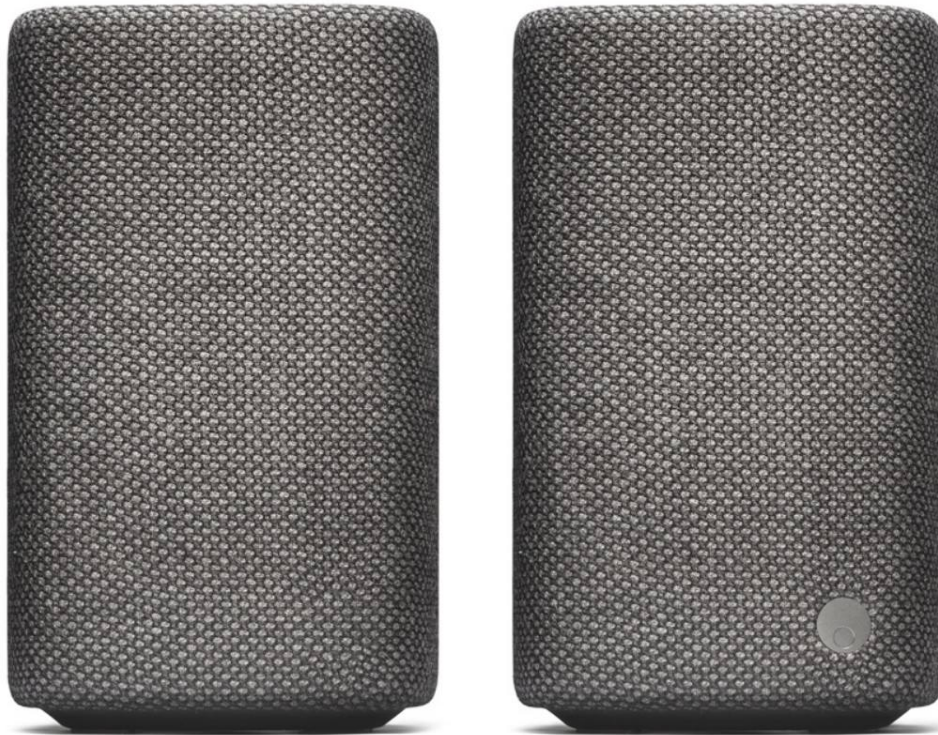


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T3 Award winning Q Acoustics M3 soundbar and Cambridge Audio YoYo M prices chopped from today, Naim Mu-so Qb coming down under £500 Friday

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BY DUNCAN BELL
24 MINUTES AGO

Black Friday tends to see older stock being bundled out the back door with a blanket over its head, to make way for newer, shiner things. However in the world of audio, older gear is often a match for brand new gizmos, meaning genuine DEALS are to be had.

Case in point: actual, T3 Award winning works of wireless genius are being discounted.

[Q Acoustics M3 soundbar | £229 at John Lewis | Was £299](#)

The best 'bar in its price range, the M3 is unusually easy to set up, sounds great with both music and

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Amazon is offering new Black Friday deals every day



Welcome to day six of Amazon's ten-day Black Friday deals season. It's now just a couple of days before Amazon Black Friday deals go into overdrive, but before then every day will see new 24-hour deals of the day, some of which will expire at midnight.

We are rounding up the best deals on Amazon.co.uk every day so you can keep in touch with what's going on - and we've marked when the deals expire so you know how much time you've got before you need to really decide.

- [The best Black Friday deals 2017](#)

We're pretty confident that as this week proceeds we're going to see some progressively more exciting deals on a lot of popular products. So stick with us and we'll keep this page up to date with best Amazon Black Friday deals so far.

If you're worried that something you see will get cheaper later in the month, Amazon is promising that won't happen. It's price promise says the Black Friday deals of the day won't be repeated and won't be further reduced.

And we've even been so kind to sort these deals into categories to make browsing through that much easier. Don't say we aren't kind to you...

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By David Nield 20 hours ago Digital home

Hit the highstreet stalwart to shop as the prices drop



John Lewis [Black Friday](#) deals are always among the most attractive of the money saving pre-Christmas shopping season, and the early indications suggest that the 2017 installment is going to be no different. The highstreet stalwart is offering up some deep discounts ahead of the November 24 Black Friday kick off – and TechRadar is picking out the best of the bunch. Bookmark this page and read on for how to find the best John Lewis deals.

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From speakers to TVs, John Lewis goes all-in for Black Friday each year, and thanks to its great warranty offers, it makes it one of the top retailers to keep an eye on when the deals start to trickle in.

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One of the advantages of stopping by at John Lewis during Black Friday 2017 is that there's such a variety in terms of the bargains to be had. While we'll be focussing on their gadgets and electricals, it's a good stop for homeware, clothing, furniture and design items, too.

Read on to explore the John Lewis Black Friday 2017 bonanza, and have fun shopping!

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By

Richard Easton

November 22, 2017



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If you're tired of not being able to hear the dialogue from your flatscreen telly's tinny speakers, you want a soundbar. One of these Q Acoustic options will fix you right up – and they're discounted for Black Friday.

There's nothing worse than missing an all-important piece of dialogue or not feeling the impact of impressive explosions in your favourite films. More often than not it's because of the speakers on your flatscreen TV.

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The Concept 500s prove Q Acoustics can compete at all levels. They're superb speakers for the money

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The Q Acoustics brand has been a major success story. The company is barely a decade old, but in that time it has delivered a series of class-leading and affordable products that have garnered plenty of [What Hi-Fi? Awards](#)

But it seems that is no longer sufficient - the brand is targeting an expansion into the high-end market. The Concept 500 floorstanders are its initial weapon of choice.

This isn't the first time the company has ventured to premium price levels – it introduced the £1000 [Concept 40](#) floorstanders a few years ago – but these Concept 500s are the most ambitious attempt yet to move upmarket.

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Sometimes, though, just watching isn't enough. Inspired by Iron Man? Jealous of Bond's cocktails? Desperate for Star Wars dress-up? Spin-off gear doesn't come much better than this list of Christmas kit for the kitsch-mad movie-lover.

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As a solution to improve the sound quality of a TV sound system, the M2 sound base from Q Acoustics delivers a 180-degree sound stage and hosts a powerful built-in subwoofer to handle the bass.

Q Acoustics says the M2 can blend seamlessly into any living space, with its compact design making it versatile even when space is at a premium. The M2 features a three-mode equaliser switch at the back, which adapts the bass level to suit the room and helps to deliver optimum sound quality.

This model also features Balance Mode Radiator speaker technology to deliver a 180-degree spread of sound.

The M2 can also be used as a music system, as the built-in Bluetooth aptX makes it easy to wirelessly connect a user's device. The M2 is priced at £299.

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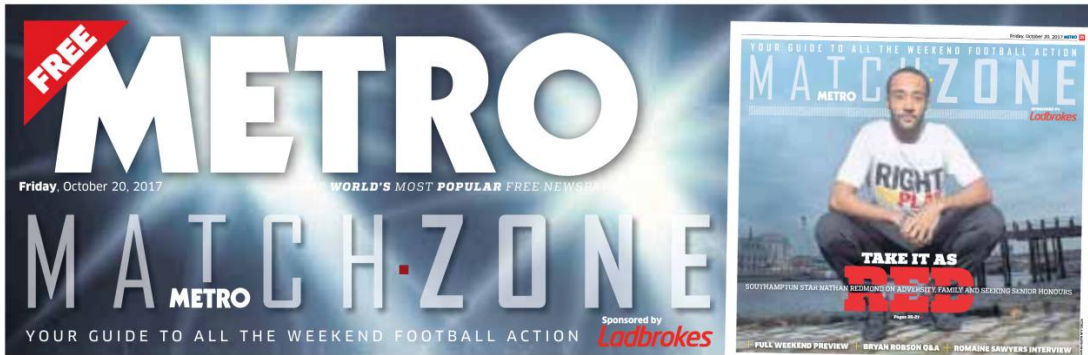
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A SURGE in violence and sex attacks has pushed the number of recorded crimes past the 5million mark for the first time in a decade.

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The number of crimes of 'violence

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Sexual offences were up by a fifth to 129,000, while knife crimes were up 26 per cent and firearms offences by 27 per cent, the Office for National Statistics

revealed. Rises in reported crime have often been put down to better recording but the ONS said the latest figures reflected a 'genuine increase'.

Calum Macleod, vice-chair of the Police Federation of England and Wales, said funding cuts had contributed to the

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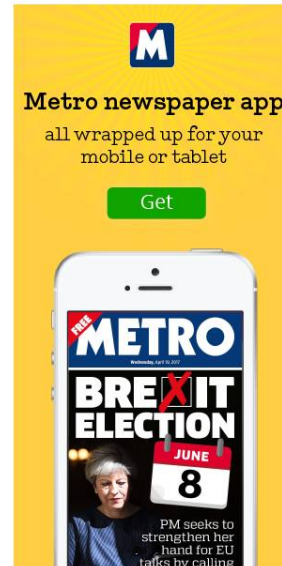
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Q Acoustics M2 review: Super bass from this super base

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With movie and TV streaming services on the rise, more of us are turning to the living room or bedroom to binge on the latest content. While TV picture quality constantly improves in the latest tellys, it's rare that audio direct from such screens is at its most capable - unless you're forking out thousands of pounds.

If you want to boost TV sound at a more reasonable price point, you need to look at something like a soundbar or soundbase, the latter being a neat under-the-TV option.

British company Q Acoustics already has some successful soundbars on the market, so its first foray into the soundbase market, with the M2, brings with it bags of experience and plenty of bassy wallop, too.

Q Acoustics M2 review: Design

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Q Acoustics M2 soundbase review: Boost your TV without breaking the bank

★★★★★ Q Acoustics M2 soundbase

Q ACOUSTICS has just revealed its new M2 soundbase which brings superior audio to your TV for under £300.

By DAVID SNELLING
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Q Acoustics M2 sounder review

4K and HD TVs continue to plummet in price meaning you can now pick up a very decent set for under £500.

For that money you'll get a very good picture with most TVs of this price even featuring the ability to play content in Ultra HD 4K quality.

However, although the movie you're watching may look as sharp as a newly made pin, its sound is likely to leave a lot to be desired.

Most cheap TVs feature very average speakers which will be embedded in the rear casing of the television - not ideal for a cinema-style experience.

This is when many TV addicts opt for an audio-boosting soundbar.

One of the best soundbars of the year came from Q Acoustics who recently picked up the top prize at the [yearly T3 awards](#).

Now the audio firm is back with a new speaker called the M2.



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How to choose the right soundbar for your TV

How soundbars work, where to place them and the best options for all budgets.

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Looking to improve the quality of sound from your TV set? Earlier this year a number of complaints about poor TV audio from the likes of SS-GB, Happy Valley and Taboo emerged. A soundbar may be the most convenient solution, particularly if space is limited.

For general advice on TV speakers check out our article Which speakers are best to improve your TV sound?

What are soundbars?

Designed to accompany modern flatscreen TVs, soundbars are elongated, slim speaker units with several speakers built in. They can replace your TV's integrated speakers - which are often underpowered and deliver a somewhat flat and lifeless sound - with something much more dynamic and powerful, and to do so in a simple way that doesn't require yards of cabling or multiple separate speakers to be positioned around your room.

How do soundbars work?

Not all soundbars work in the same way. Some work much like conventional speakers, pumping out sound directly from under your TV, while others use directional speakers or "virtual surround sound" technology to place situational effects in different parts of your living room.

Some are also paired with separate rear speakers and/or a subwoofer to work more like traditional multi-speaker home cinema sound systems - which obviously means saying goodbye to that largely cable-free setup.

In terms of connectivity, different soundbars hook up to your audio source in different ways: standard analogue cables, HDMI cables, optical digital cables. Many also feature Bluetooth, allowing them to act as wireless speakers with your phone, tablet or laptop.

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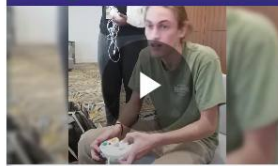
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 **Mark Sparrow**, CONTRIBUTOR
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Q Acoustics
The Q Acoustics M2 Soundbase can sit neatly underneath TVs weighing up to 25Kg.

My life changed the day I bought a soundbar for my TV. When I switched over to a flatscreen TV I began to lose interest in watching movies and shows because the sound was so awful. I didn't want to put speakers all around my living room with trailing wires and a big subwoofer so I ended up choosing a soundbar, and from that moment on I began enjoying TV again. Who knew that pictures relied so much on sound?

The one drawback with using a soundbar on your main TV is that it makes all the other TVs in the house sound dreadful. For example, the TV in my bedroom is a 32-inch model but the sound is weak and shrill. Fortunately I think I may have found a solution in the form of a soundbar small enough to fit under the TV and yet strong enough to take the weight of the TV: it's the Q Acoustics M2 Soundbase and I got to review it recently.

This compact little soundbase could be the only audio system you'll ever need. As well as incorporating all the inputs you could ever want, this little wonder has a great Bluetooth connection so you can play music from your smartphone, tablet or PC.

The M2 uses balance-mode radiator speaker technology that



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(EST.) COVERAGE VIEWS: **71.9K**

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Q Acoustics M2 review

Can Q Acoustics' first soundbase match the success of its soundbars? Tested at £300

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Our Verdict

★★★★★

Q Acoustics can now add 'soundbase' to its list of successes. The M2 is fantastic value for money.

For

- Crisp, punchy, detailed listen
- Expressive
- Easy to use
- Rugged, fuss-free design

Against

- Remote could be nicer

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- Sound Q Acoustics seems to be in for a penny, in for a pound when it comes to boosting TV sound.
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- Following the success of its Award-winning [Media 4](#) soundbar, and to a lesser extent the [M3](#) follow-up, the British brand is making its soundbase debut with the M2. And, perhaps unsurprisingly, it follows in its siblings' footsteps.

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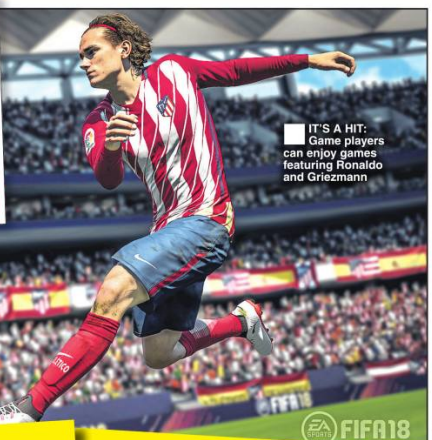
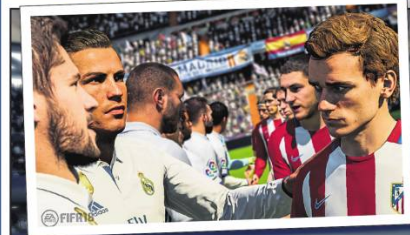
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THE Top Trumps card game is bringing back some of its biggest classics. The Retro Top Trumps range is priced £4.99 and includes cars, football and fantasy.



IT'S A HIT: Game players can enjoy games featuring Ronaldo and Griezmann

Premier class

IT'S that time of the year again folks!

FIFA is back for another super-go at football simulation. Their latest offering FIFA 18 is an excellent game that offers up everything from years of evolution plus a few new tricks, too. The players and matches look more authentic than ever with famous stadiums recreated in immaculate detail. Added touches like cameramen on the sidelines following the action and the referees spraying

FIFA 18
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white lines on the ground for free kicks really show off the maker's ambitions for a living and breathing footballing world on screen featuring the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo and Antoine Griezmann. Players' faces are detailed with the likes of cover boy Cristiano Ronaldo, Mesut Ozil and Wayne Rooney clearly recognisable. And the crowds have shown the

most improvement this year, with a far more fluid and natural look to the mass of supporters than previous efforts. It all adds to the realism. Although the graphics look great the gameplay itself is much the same as before.

Tactics

It won't take you long before you're ping the ball round like a pro. Initial thoughts are the game is slightly slower to play this year. The matches feel more plodding and tactical than last year's effort

and it is noticeably slower than the PES rival game demo we tried last week. Although this might not be to everyone's taste, it does give you slightly more time as a player to build up a strategy in an attempt to break down defences and get that vital shot on goal.

One small moan, the computer-controlled goalies still make odd decisions at points.

Also, we need to do a shout-out for the addition of quick subbing. You can now substitute a player with a quick tap of two buttons.

All the normal modes are in there including the return of The Journey. The single-player story mode got its first outing last year and follows the rise and rise of made-up footballer Alex Hunter.

This year's sequel sees Alex as an established Premier League star in his own right, now looking for international glory. Electronic Arts have created yet another fantastic football game here.

It's packed with addictive game-play, single and multiplayer action and story mode that's well worth playing through.

It's a quality game throughout and one of the best sports titles ever. Simple as that.

SNES Classic Mini, from £69

NINTENDO had a monster hit on its hands when it launched the NES Classic Mini last year.

Now the gaming giant is back with some more retro action in the shape of the SNES Classic Mini. This micro games machine is packed with over 20 top titles and plenty of Nineties nostalgia.

You'll find games such as Street Fighter 2, Mario Kart, Donkey Kong Country and The Legend of Zelda.

There's even the exclusive, and never before released, version of

Star Fox 2 which can be unlocked by playing the original Star Fox.

Even the controllers are mini versions of the original Nintendo console which first landed in living rooms back in 1990.

The SNES Classic Mini is, however, a brilliant box of fun that's guaranteed to give fans of the original console and new younger gamers plenty of joy. No doubt it will be the hit of this Christmas.

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Macs are hitting an all-time High

IF you own an Apple iMac or MacBook laptop you need to hit the update button right now.

Apple has just released its latest High Sierra software upgrade which brings new features and improvements to its range of computers.

As well as making tasks much quicker,

the High Sierra upgrade also brings improved photo editing with more features and effects.

Web browsing in Safari is now much more fluid with Apple boasting its internet software is around twice as fast as the competition.

Updates to Notes, Mail and Spotlight also bring

plenty of extra features, including the ability to find the latest flight information straight from the desktop, and Siri can become your own DJ with simple voice commands to find the latest Apple Music tunes.

Apple's macOS High Sierra is out now and can be downloaded for free.



BOOM TIME: The M2 delivers a powerful boost

Sound investment

YOU may not have heard of Q Acoustics but this audio company is making plenty of noise.

The firm recently won the T3 award for best TV Audio Product of 2017 with its M3 Soundbar and now it's launching its next telly booster.

Called the M2 soundbase, Q Acoustics says this is its easiest and most

affordable way to elevate the sound on your TV.

The M2 delivers a 180-degree wide audio with a powerful sub-woofer bringing deep low-end sounds.

A MovieEQ function can be activated to enhance movie soundtracks and video games. The M2 soundbase is out now and costs £299.

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The T3 Awards has revealed its annual list of the greatest gizmos in the magazine's glitzy award ceremony tonight (September 20).

The awards, which is now in its eleventh year, brought together the likes of Gary Numan and Zoe Ball's dad, TV presenter Johnny Ball, along with numerous tech experts to celebrate the best in the industry today.



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T3 Awards 2017 Winners: And the best smartphone of 2017 is ...

THE T3 Awards are back for another year, handing out gongs to the brightest and best tech of the last twelve months. Here are the gadget magazine's winners for 2017.

By AARON BROWN
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The T3 Awards are now in their eleventh year – and have named the best smartphone of 2017

Yes, it's that time of year again – the T3 Awards are here.

The annual award ceremony has revealed its picks of the last year's smartphones, tablets, PCs, smart home devices, and speakers.

Dubbed the "Oscars of Tech", the T3 Awards are now in its eleventh year and boasts more than 38 categories.

The biggest winner was Amazon who picked up a total of four awards.

Their Amazon Echo claimed Gadget of the Year, Innovation of the Year and Smart Home Product of the Year, while they also claimed Retailer of the Year.

Only two other brands walked away with more than one gong.

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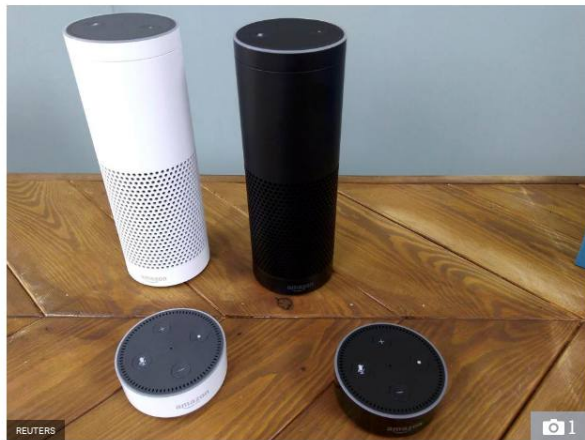
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AMAZON'S Echo smart speaker was the big winner at the tech Oscars last night - picking up three gongs including top award gadget of the year.

The voice-controlled device - a virtual butler that users can shout commands at it to, say, control heating or order takeaways or provide a weather update - has been a hit, selling millions in the UK.



The Amazon Echo and Amazon Echo Dot are voice activated computers

The Echo made news yesterday when The Sun revealed that Buddy the talking parrot mimicked his owner to order shopping via the gadget.

Amazon's device was also named innovation and smart home product of the year at the T3 Awards, which was counted The Sun's consumer editor Daniel Jones as one of its judges.

Samsung's Galaxy S8 smartphone was named phone of the year, holding off competition from rivals such as Apple and HTC, and Sony picked up three awards in the TV, Bluetooth headphones and camera categories.

The awards, hosted in London and now in their 11th year, also saw former children's TV star Johnny Ball - best known for shows such as Johnny Ball Reveals All - named tech personality of the year.

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Google launched its Home speaker earlier this year and Apple is due to release its own

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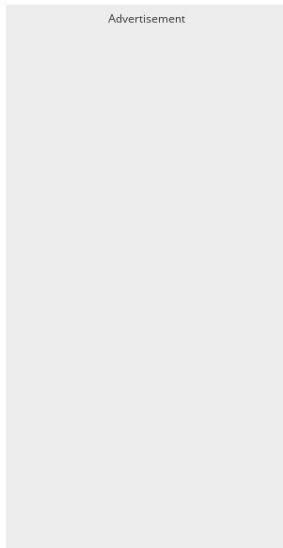
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Amazon wins big



The T3 awards have now come to an end, and we've got the full list of all the tech that left with an award under its little digital arm. The big winners of the night were Amazon and Sony, with four and three awards respectively.



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BY ANDY BOXALL

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Soundbars may be designed for minimal interference with your living room décor, but many of them still take up plenty of space on your TV stand. That's where a soundbase can come in handy, offering a speaker system that's compact enough for your television to sit on, while still delivering improved sound quality. As we discover in our [M2 Soundbase hands-on review](#), Q

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Q ACOUSTICS M2 SOUNDBASE IS A SOUNDBAR BEATER

posted on Wednesday, 20th September 2017 by [Steve May](#) | [home cinema](#) | [Hi-fi](#) | [Soundbar](#) | [Soundbase](#)



Q Acoustics has launched its first soundbase. The M2 is a low-profile audio system for TVs, which combines two 58mm Balance Mode Radiator drivers with an integrated subwoofer, for full-range sonics.

The soundbase market was floundering until the recent launch of the Sonos Playbase, which thrust it back into the limelight.

The M2 is intended for both TV movie viewing and music listening, and offers individual modes to that effect. A MovieEQ function can be activated to emphasise the bass further and enhance movie soundtracks and video game action. *Inside CI* had a preview of the new speaker and was impressed with its power and stereo spread.



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Q Acoustics has already had great success in the **soundbar** market thanks to its **M3** and **Media 4** models. Now the company has branched out even further with its first-ever **soundbase**

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At 55cm wide and 34cm deep, Q Acoustics claims the M2 can cater for flatscreens weighing up to 25kg. That should be more than enough to cope with your average

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Sure, your ultra-skinny TV might all but disappear when you look at it from the side, like some kind of size 0 supermodel, but that doesn't leave a lot of room for speakers, does it? Stick a Q Acoustics M2 soundbase underneath it and suddenly movies, music and games will actually sound like they're supposed to. The £299 base finds room inside for a dedicated subwoofer, to really rattle your furniture, and HDMI ARC passthrough should make setup a breeze, even if you're rocking a set-top box, Blu-ray player or games console. It also uses clever EQ tech to make sure all that audio isn't just piped to a single sweet spot - it'll fill the whole room, so everyone can listen in. You'll be able to snap one up later this month.

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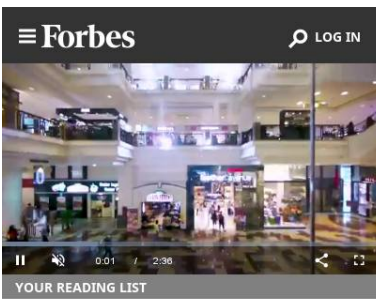
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Q Acoustics' M3 is T3's favourite soundbar, no less. Now it's just dropped the M2, a Sonos Playbase-style 'sound base' as a further audio option for your burgeoning suite of lounge-based tech.

T3 has had a listen and it is well up to the standard set by the M3 (and its uglier, yet more 'audiophile' predecessor, the M4).

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The Q Acoustics M2 soundbar can carry loads of up to 25kg.

Anyone who's only recently switched to a large flat screen TV will love the big super-sharp picture but won't they probably won't appreciate the rather thin and tinny sound that most flat-screen TV sets kick out.

It's a matter of physics... you simply can't accommodate speakers large enough to give a full sound and keep that lovely slim screen profile. The answer is to use a soundbar with a top-notch sound quality. I looked at the excellent [Q Acoustics M3](#) last year and now I bring you the M2.

Combining stunning sound with a discreet lifestyle-friendly design, the new M2 soundbase from Q Acoustics is an easy and affordable way to upgrade the sound of any TV – without trailing wires all over your living room or screwing speakers to the wall.

Delivering 180-degree room-filling sonics and a built-in subwoofer for those deep and growly bass sounds, the M2's brings a new dimension to watching movies and listening to music at home. Because it's compact and versatile, the M2 soundbase can sit neatly under your TV. It's small enough not to overwhelm smaller rooms and can cope with loads of up to 25kg. Alternatively, you can stow it away in a cabinet and, thanks to a three-mode equalizer, it's easy to adapt bass levels to suit the M2's surroundings and produce the most effective

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British audio company QAcoustics has announced its latest home entertainment product, the M2 soundbase, which is designed to deliver a big sound at a small price.

Getting decent sound in your living room or bedroom when watching movies or listening to music can be cumbersome. You either need to invest in a full surround sound package, which takes up space and can be expensive, or you get a soundbar. But for some, even a soundbar can be tricky to accommodate.

That's where a soundbase comes in. It's physically smaller than a soundbar, and can support the weight of a TV. QAcoustics has listened to customer feedback and developed its own in the M2, and we've had the chance to have an ears-on with one at an exclusive preview.

The M2 is a fairly unassuming box with a matte black finish, but inside Q Acoustics has implemented its extensive knowledge of speaker technology. Total output power of the unit is rated at 80 Watts, comprising 2 x 20 Watt speaker drivers and a 40 Watt downward firing subwoofer.

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By
Ced Yuen
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Q Acoustics' latest audio product wants to be the only sound system in your house.

The Q Acoustics M2 is a compact soundbase. It aims to boost your TV's sound, just like a soundbar, but with a more space-saving form factor. Measuring 550 x 93 x 338mm (WxHxD), it's supposed to sit under your TV, either between the legs or directly under a central pedestal. It supports TVs as heavy as 25kg.

It's also small enough to hide in your AV cabinet alongside your Blu-ray player or games console. There is a clever switch on the back of the M2, which adapts the EQ for better sound on furniture out in the open, in a tight space, or in a large cabinet.

Q Acoustics has created a dedicated movie mode, which improves the bass at lower volumes. The idea is that you can feel the punch of large-scale action even if you don't want to wake the neighbours. The M2 uses HDMI-ARC, which means you'll be able to

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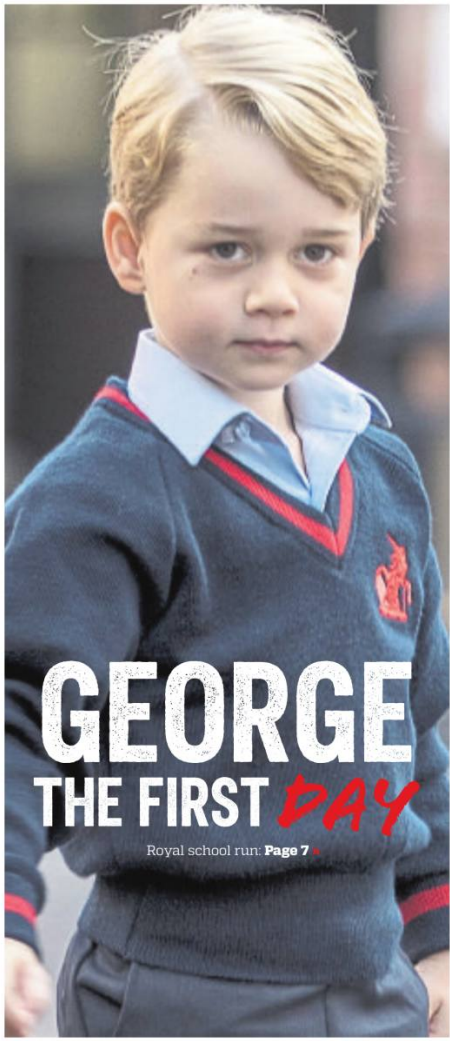


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by **NICOLE LE MARIE**
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The best gear for house parties: turntables, speakers, streaming DACs and more

By Luke Edwards 2 days ago

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This week we're rounding up the important kit you'll need to throw the best music-filled house party possible.

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Best bookshelf speakers 2017: including ultra cheap bargains from Q Acoustics and Wharfedale, plus a high-end stunner from KEF

By Steve May an hour ago

T3's roundup of the best bookshelf speakers available today



Whatever the musical source, what you hear at home will be largely dictated by the quality of loudspeakers you use. Skimping is not recommended.

If you don't have room for monolithic floorstanders (and frankly who does?), you'll want to consider bookshelf, or standmount, designs. These are generally large enough to incorporate drivers able to move air and excite with clarity and slam, yet small enough to park between your Alan Moore graphic novels and unread George RR Martin tomes. Alternatively they can be positioned on dedicated speaker stands (the performance of any bookshelf speaker will improve when located atop a dedicated stand) or wall mounted using bespoke brackets.

Bookshelf standmount loudspeakers are ideally suited for smaller living rooms, bedrooms and dens, and can deliver a big sound from a relatively small cabinet. Unlike all-in-one multiroom speakers, like connected Sonos or Heos models, they also offer pronounced stereo imaging.

The UK Hi-Fi industry has a long history of producing excellent small speakers, so there's no shortage of models to choose from. Read on for our guide to the five best bookshelf speakers you can buy today.

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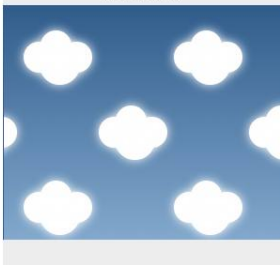
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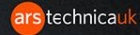


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Briton, 23, 'built malware to drain bank accounts'

Bug-buster: Mr Hutchins was praised for beating WannaCry but now faces charges
 PICTURE: AP

by **AIDAN RADNEDGE**

A YOUNG British IT expert hailed a hero for stopping a cyber-attack that crippled the NHS has been arrested by the FBI.

Marcus Hutchins was detained in Las Vegas after attending a conference on hacking.

The 23-year-old is accused of creating and selling Kronos malware that can be used by thieves to access internet banking passwords, allowing them to steal money.

His mother Janet said she was trying to find out where he was being held, adding: 'I think I'm going to be rather busy tonight.'

IT blogger Mr Hutchins—who uses the online name MalwareTech—is charged with a second unnamed defendant of spreading and maintaining the "Trojan horse" banking malware from

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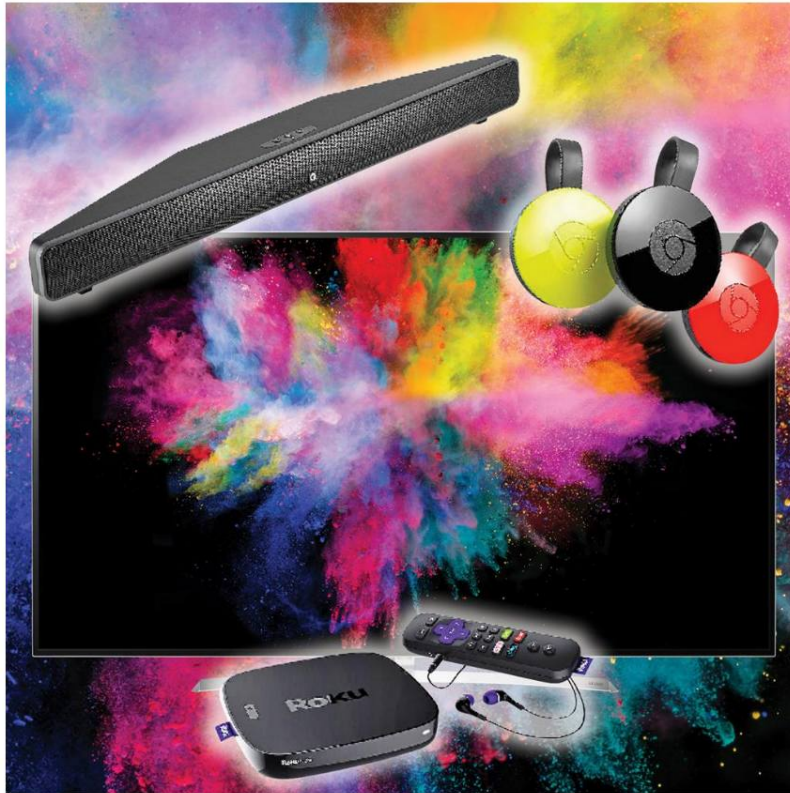
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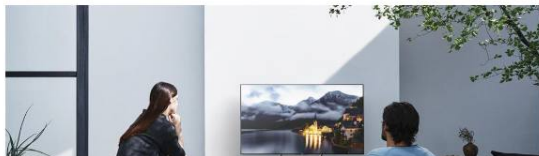
by Lucy Hedges And Verity Burns

Published August 3, 2017



THE nation may be mourning the loss of Love Island but with the Premier League season about to kick off, Usain Bolt going supersonic for the last time and Conor McGregor predicting a brutal knockout win over Floyd Mayweather, the sporting season promises to keep us glued to our goggleboxes.

Chuck in the long-anticipated return of Game Of Thrones and other must-see telly, and this summer's TV offerings are as varied as they are addictive.



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QUADROSTICS SPEAKERS
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ROMAN JEROME WATCH
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SALVATORE FERRAGAMO SHOES
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BY MATT JONES

Q Acoustics M3 soundbar



If you want to add a bit of aural punch to your Loewe, we suggest this equally beautiful sound bar. It delivers sound across 180 degrees and has a built-in subwoofer for those deep lows. There's also Bluetooth connectivity as well as an HDMI hook-up, so you can also connect your phone or tablet. But the most surprising thing about it is the price - what's possibly the best looking soundbar on the market costs half as much as a [Sonos](#) Playbar.

• £299. qacoustics.co.uk

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Q ACOUSTICS MEDIA 4 (£349.99) - WINNER UNDER £350



What's the story?

The Q Acoustics Media 4 is a simple soundbar. It has a couple of analogue inputs, an optical input for your TV, and aptX Bluetooth. That's it. No HDMI, no extra sound modes, no wireless subwoofer.






The bar's wonky trapezoid design has been crafted to accommodate a large, elliptical driver that acts as an internal subwoofer. It's one tidy, if oddly-shaped, package.


Sure, it doesn't look like much. And yet, this £330 soundbar has won a *What Hi Fi?* Product of the Year Award three years in a row. Not bad going at all.

Any good?

It's clear why it's been so successful the second we start listening: the Media 4 is ridiculously good. The sheer musicality of its performance is incredible, combining subtle detail, powerful dynamics and precise surround effects with confidence and ease.

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- 2  Q Acoustics Media 4 ★★★★★
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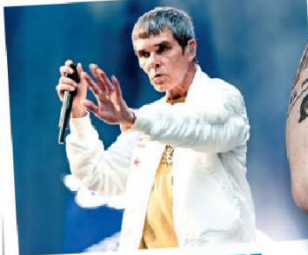


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Q Acoustics M3 Soundbar Review


Does what it says on the box...

by Phil Hinton Jun 30, 2017 at 7:33 AM @philhinton

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Q ACOUSTICS M3 SOUNDBAR SRP: £299.99

What is the Q Acoustics M3?

Q Acoustics have built themselves a strong reputation for producing high quality, good sounding speakers that offer exceptional value for money. The M3 is just such a product and one that doesn't try to make outlandish claims about immersive audio or surround sound from your TV. Instead the M3 [soundbar](#) offers a very straightforward and easy to set up solution to replace the speakers on your flat panel TV. It doesn't claim to be able to replace your 5.1 sound system or rival a full home cinema system, it doesn't even offer any surround sound, instead it aims to deliver high quality audio that is better than that provided by your existing TV. It is aimed at consumers who don't want clutter or cables running around their room and who are not interested in a separate AV receiver and speaker solution.

Q Acoustics are certainly on a roll at the moment with the last few products reviewed by AVForums picking up well-deserved praise and awards, and while the M3 is a far cry from the recent [Concept 500 speakers](#) that Ed covered, the aim to produce the best sound for the money is still the main objective here. So with all that in mind lets see what the M3 can do.

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Paul Rigby

(The Audiophile Man)

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Q ACOUSTICS CONCEPT 40: SHINY HAPPY SPEAKERS HOLDING HANDS

Posted on 28th June 2017



Floorstanders...do you need to spend big bucks to get the best from the design or can a sub-1k model actually do more than add a bit of bass onto a good pair of bookshelf speakers? Paul Rigby finds out when he reviews the Q Acoustics Concept 40

Q Acoustics has a well deserved reputation of producing value for money speakers. It has found a research, design and business model that seeks out the very last drop of performance for each and every penny spent. I've already reviewed a couple of their stand-mounted speakers, the [Concept 20](#) and [3020](#) but I have always pondered its floor standing designs and thought that the Concept 40s (related to the smaller Concept 20s) might be worth a little listen).



Looking at the compact design, the 40s are definitely considered and well thought out. The heavy Gelcore cabinet features two layers of MDF. Stuffed in the middle of these layers is a bespoke,

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by Ty Pendlebury, Steve Guttenberg / Reviewed: June 19, 2017



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The Good / The Q Acoustics Media 4 sound bar offers sophisticated home theater sound in a single speaker, without a subwoofer. It's easy to set up and use, and sounds decent with both movies and music. It's more dynamic sounding than our favorite one-box sound bar, the Zvox SB500.

The Bad / It can't match the dynamics of sound bars with dedicated subs. The Zvox has better bass and more natural dialogue.

The Bottom Line / The Q Acoustics Media 4's minimalist features set, built-in subwoofer, and fuss-free sound make for an attractive alternative to bulkier sound bar systems.



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Sound bars without separate subwoofers are one of the hottest trends in home cinema right now. In the past six months alone, we have seen units from Samsung, Bluesound

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Designed in the UK for consumers frustrated by the thin audio performance of flatscreen televisions' built-in speakers, the M3's streamlined cabinet has been engineered for muscular, engaging performance whether you're watching TV, streaming music from your smartphone or tablet or playing a videogame.

For a chance to win this, a smart TV and £500 in cash listen in to Christian O'Connell's breakfast show each morning this week from 6am or watch the trailer and answer the question below for the chance to win an iPad!



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The best soundbars and soundbases 2017

By Duncan Bell, Jamie Carter 2 days ago

Don't settle for weak, tinny TV sound. Our best soundbar wonders sit by your TV to deliver big stereo and surround sound



One unfortunate side effect of TVs now being about the thickness of a pencil is that they can often feel a bit short of volume, with dialogue being hard to pick out, and music tinny and, as musicologists would put it, 'shite'.

You could, of course, get an AV receiver and surround sound speakers, but will your other half really like that? Is your front room even suitable? The answers to those questions may well be, 'no way, Jose!'

Enter the soundbar and, more recently and expensively, the sound base.

What is the best soundbar or soundbase?

We have selected seven bars 'n' bases that all sound great, but cover different listeners for different needs.

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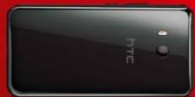


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Having gathered the best budget and mid-range speakers on the market, our next hi-fi guide digs out the best top quality cans if money were no object.






Speakers are critical in delivering all of that good work you've done in building up a top quality hi-fi further upstream with your turntable, amplifier and the like. Get it wrong here and the detail and the insight and the clarity and the dynamics will crumple up and fall flat on their respective faces.

If you've done the right thing and invested wisely on the rest of your hi-fi, then there will be magical sonic things just waiting to appear in your listening room. High-end speakers are better capable of delivering this musical wonderment because there is more freedom within their inherent design and because the component quality is often higher (whether that includes the selection of esoteric parts such as ribbon tweeters or electrostatic parts or advanced cross-over circuits or fancy cabinet bracing) and can be more elaborate.

Traditionally, more than any other piece of hi-fi equipment, the speaker has always allied itself to their owner's own personal preferences and bias in terms of sound type. Lower cost speakers are often described as being bass heavy or they might focus on the midrange or some such. The better the speakers, though, the less this bias matters because compromise is not part of their remit. That is, the better the speakers the more you get: more detail, more bass, more emotion and more realism.

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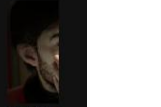
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When you look at speakers that emerge from the mid-range then things get a little tricky. Mainly because the mid-range price point is the place that, as it where, budget speakers are 'done right'.

Budget speakers are not just 'budget' in terms of the price that you pay, they are 'budget' in the reservoir of cash available for their design. This means that the word 'compromise' is the principle topic of conversation. What the midrange speaker design gives you is, in some ways, a no-holds barred, luxury, top of the range, 'budget speaker'.

Mid-range speakers should sound a lot better than a budget offering. Mid-range speakers should provide an immediate response of, "Yes, they sound good" or "Nah, hate them." No pussy-footing around.

You won't get the real 'wow' factor with mid-range speakers. Not the jaw-dropping thing. Not really. That sort of thing is reserved for your higher-end stuff. I'm not saying that mid-range designs are boring, though. Far from it. Mid-range speakers should offer solid performance but they should also excite, engage and involve you.

Look at the following list as a rough guide. I'm very aware that there are other offerings out there that also require your attention but I need your help in this bit. I'm reduced - by space - to just eight models here. Please add your missing favourites below for other readers to see and

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Q Acoustics M3 Soundbar: Our First Take

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A pretty face hides the right connections, but the M3 lacks the bass grunt we want from a standalone soundbar

It's always heartening to see a revised product come along that addresses some of the issues we had with a previous model. That's certainly the way we felt when first hearing about the Q Acoustics M3 soundbar. It's not exactly a successor, but it's definitely closely related to Q Acoustics' M4 soundbar, which really impressed when we listened to it last year.

The M4 wasn't without its problems, though. The remote isn't very good, the audio profile can't be adjusted, there's no HDMI connection, and it's enormous. Q Acoustics has paid attention, and addressed several of these issues in the M3, but while it delivers in some areas, it takes away in others, robbing us of the perfect product. We've taken an extended first listen, and here's how it measured up.

The design

The M3 curves and flows in design where the M4 preferred sharp corners and straight lines. The M3 is still a large soundbar though, stretching more than the entire width of our 40-inch television. The front is covered in a curved mesh grill, hiding a pair of Balanced Mode Radiator drivers, which are designed to give a super-wide 180-degree stereo soundstage, avoiding the need for everyone to sit in the audio sweet spot to get the best sound. The 2.3-inch BMR drivers, which are slightly smaller than the M4's drivers, are joined by a dedicated 4-inch x 6-inch downward-firing driver in the built-in "subwoofer."

One of the main missing features on the M4 soundbar is an HDMI connection, but Q Acoustics has added it to the M3, and it makes a huge difference. The HDMI connection supports the Audio Return Channel, or ARC, feature. This means, provided you have an ARC-compatible HDMI connection on your TV, you can use the TV's remote to adjust the soundbar's volume. Sounds like a small thing, right?

Not for the M3, because the supplied remote is equally as horrid as the M4's. It's a credit card-size piece of plastic that's fiddly and cheap-looking. It's wonderful not to have to use it. The HDMI also represents the best connection point when it comes to fidelity, though we wish the M3 included HDMI inputs to connect components directly.

The remote isn't totally useless, as it does have an extra button on it labeled MovEQ. This activates an enhanced audio setting, almost like a "loudness" mode, that emphasizes the bass and widens the soundstage further. It's joined by a switch on the rear of the soundbar that adjusts the sound produced depending on how the bar is mounted — either on the wall, in a cabinet, or freely on top of a stand.

We found that regardless of the speaker's placement, it was worth messing around with the switch, as the sound could be tailored to our liking. It ended up sounding best (to our ears) on

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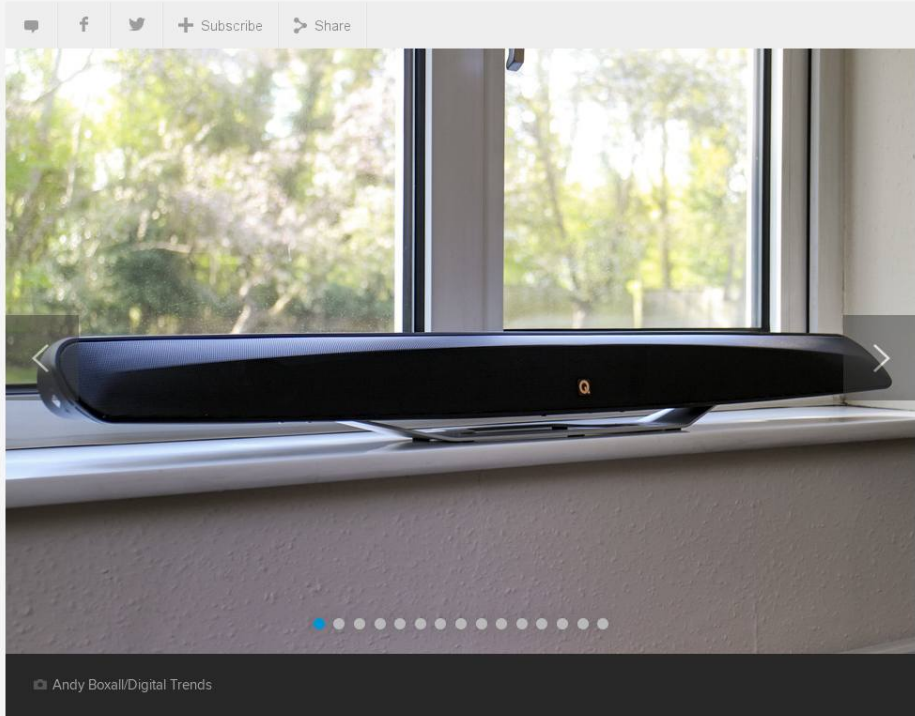


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Soundbars give your TV audio quality that matches the picture. These long units are designed to sit below, in front or above your TV, whether it's mounted on the wall or on a stand. They contain two or more speakers, and may have a separate subwoofer that produces the lower frequency sounds. Others use clever ways to produce bass all in the one cabinet.

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Your buying guide to the best soundbars in 2017

Many people are unhappy with the sound quality delivered by their flatscreen TV, but fears of a difficult setup routine and a mess of unsightly wires mean they are unwilling to install a surround-sound system. Perhaps they simply don't have a big enough room.

Not all soundbars replicate surround, by they do offer a convenient, relatively compact solution for getting better quality audio in your living room.

What features should I look for?

Consider how the soundbar will connect to your TV. The most common method is to use an optical cable, also known as Toslink. Most modern TVs support this, but be sure to check before choosing your soundbar.

Some soundbars have HDMI inputs, which can be convenient, but do the same job as Toslink.

You should also check that this output will route all incoming audio from connected devices such as Blu-ray players and games consoles, as well as the internal TV tuner. This way, to hear audio from all your devices you need to have only one cable going to your soundbar.

Most soundbars have other inputs, including a 3.5mm minijack and/or stereo phono jacks. These take analogue feeds and allow you to play audio from just about any device, including

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Despite that promised simplicity, the M3 boasts plenty of features and a variety of available connections (including Bluetooth), EQ presets to make the most of the sound wherever you place it in relation to your TV, and a sleek design that stands out from its boxy competition.

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While every other sound bar I've tested has included multiple speakers to recreate a multi-piece sound system in a scaled-down form, Q Acoustic's M3 sound bar takes a different approach.



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It's a single 2.1 sound bar, with a subwoofer built into the bar. It's compact, but delivers well-balanced sound regardless of how loud you have the volume.

I experienced a couple of hiccups, but overall my experience of using the one they sent me to test has been positive.

Q Acoustic knows that everyone's media setup is going to be different, so the M3's manual includes instructions for wall mounting the bar — although you'll have to buy the screws and wall fixtures yourself.

Setting up the M3 should be easy, and in your case it may be, but I ran into some trouble. You can connect the sound bar to your TV three ways: via an HDMI cable, an optical cable, or RCA cables. Q Acoustics only includes an HDMI cable with the M3, which leads me to believe it's the preferred option.

Unfortunately, that didn't work well. You need to plug the sound bar into a specific HDMI port on your TV designed for audio peripherals, but even so audio and video would cut out constantly.

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Q Acoustics M3 Soundbar Review: An Easy and Affordable Home Theater Speaker

April 25th, 2017 by [Paul Strauss](#)

So you bought yourself a fancy flatscreen TV so you can enjoy movies, sports and games on the big screen. But you plug it in and are quickly disappointed that the tiny little speakers they crammed in there do nothing to complement the awesome picture. What you want is a home theater sound system. While you could buy a big multispeaker setup, that means wires everywhere, multiple boxes, and generally something that's not particularly living room-friendly. You need a soundbar.

One of the newer entries into the soundbar market here in the US is Q Acoustics. This popular UK hi-fi brand has recently started to sell their gear here in the states. They sent me over one of their [M3 Soundbars](#) for testing, and overall, I think it's a very solid entry into the space, with an exceptionally good price for its quality.



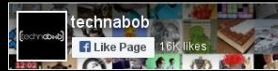
Priced at \$349(USD), the M3 is designed to be the only piece of audio equipment you need in your living room. It sits underneath your TV, inside a cabinet, or on your wall, and features a clean, modern, and minimal design. One thing that's really nice about it is that if you do chose to mount it on the wall, its base transforms into a wall mount, and they include a template in the box for drilling your wall anchors. A wall mount is often an extra cost with other soundbars.

The speaker measures 39.37" wide x 5" deep x 3.54" high, making it the perfect height to sit in front of almost any display 45" diagonal or larger. It will stick out just an inch or so on each side with a 40" display.

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OUR VERDICT

The Q Acoustics M3 is a good-performing soundbar for the price but don't expect any bells and whistles. While it produces some solid sound, the M3 would benefit from a subwoofer to tame its bass and to increase impact from watching movies.

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- Clear sound

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You may not have heard of Q Acoustics before but the British audio brand has been around since 2006. The company produced some great-sounding speakers throughout the years but, like every other speaker maker, Q Acoustics began making soundbars because of consumer demand.

The company's first soundbar, the [Q Acoustics M4](#), wowed us with its sound, value and ease of use. While it wasn't much to look at, the M4 topped of our list of [best soundbars](#) for its exceptional performance-to-price ratio. That means

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An awesome soundbar that looks elegant and sounds great, even without the aid of a subwoofer

FOR GOOD BASS output, standalone soundbars can't usually compete with soundbar/subwoofer combos, but the Q Acoustics M3 is an exception to that rule. This elegantly proportioned soundbar can kick out bass lines and explosions with the best of them, and there's no need to find room for a bulky subwoofer.

It's the follow-up to the excellent Q Acoustics Media 4, the key difference – besides a slightly sleeker, more rounded look – being that the newer M3 is actually about £30 cheaper, at £299. At that price, it's also brought into direct competition with the Yamaha MusicCast YAS-306 (*Shopper* 350), another standalone home cinema companion.

STYLED AT HEART

The first thing you notice is how much more attractive than the average soundbar the Q Acoustics M3 is. Perched atop its wing-like aluminium stand, the M3 seems to float in front of your TV rather than simply sit there, and its sculpted shape is a welcome break from the angular black bars we're used to.

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It's certainly better looking than the Media 4, and a touch more practical. The Media 4's deep, trapezoidal shape makes it tricky to position on narrow TV stands. While the Q Acoustics M3 is still quite chunky at 125mm deep and 70mm high, it's easier to accommodate than the Media 4.

Build quality is just as sturdy, too, and despite the slimmer profile, a similar selection of drivers is in evidence. Notably, Q Acoustics has squeezed in a similarly powerful 100W amplifier, as well as the same 100x150mm elliptical bass driver, although the balanced mode radiator (BMR) drivers handling the left and right channels are a touch smaller at 58x58mm, compared with the 65x65mm drivers in the Media 4.

You also get a better selection of ports on the M3 than the Media 4. There's now an HDMI input with audio return channel (ARC) support in addition to the more traditional stereo phono and 3.5mm analogue jacks, plus an optical input that supports up to 24-bit/96kHz files.

That HDMI port means you can pipe sound to the M3 directly from your TV, and control power and volume from one remote; alas, you can't throw away the cheap, credit card-sized remote that comes in the box, because that's needed for switching sources and flicking between the soundbar's movie EQ (which has a bit more bass) and standard EQ presets.

APT-X COMPARISON

As for wireless connectivity, that's covered by Bluetooth, with aptX and NFC support for touch-pairing. There's no Wi-Fi connectivity here, which means no support for Spotify Connect, Google Cast or Apple AirPlay. It also means no kind of multiroom speaker support.

In this respect, the Yamaha MusicCast YAS-306 stretches out a lead over the Q

Acoustics M3, as it includes not only Wi-Fi and multiroom support but also additional features such as Bluetooth transmission and infrared passthrough.

The lack of Wi-Fi is disappointing, but for a simple, non-surround soundbar, it's easy to cope with the omission. After all, the main aim of speakers such as this is simply to provide better audio quality than the sub-par speakers that feature on the majority of today's modern LCD TVs. The M3 certainly does that, delivering a weighty, well-balanced sound that's as at home with explosive special effects as it is with classical music or jazz.

It's the amount of bass – and the quality and control over it – that's most impressive, though, and it goes well beyond

what you'd expect given the size of the M3. It's powerful and tight, lending body and force to all types of audio content, and those front-facing BMR drivers spread the sound broadly, too. Given there's only two of them, you shouldn't expect much of a positional effect, though.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

What you do get, however, is strong and clear dialogue that isn't swamped by sound effects or background noises, and that's critical for any TV speaker. This is one soundbar you won't find yourself constantly turning up in order to hear what characters are saying on the screen.

The only weakness, perhaps, is that the overall character of the sound, whatever EQ preset you use, is on the warm side. Its delivery simply isn't as crisp or articulate in the mids and highs as, for instance, the far cheaper Cambridge Audio TV2 or even the Q Acoustics M3's big brother, the more expensive Media 4.

Even so, the Q Acoustics M3 is a soundbar that's well worth the asking price. It looks great and sounds amazing, considering there's no separate subwoofer.

There are other products out there that are better in some ways: if you want the very best sound quality from a standalone soundbar, pay £30 more and get yourself a Q Acoustics Media 4 (although bear in mind that it lacks HDMI input). The Yamaha MusicCast YAS-306 also has the M3 beat when it comes to connectivity, helping to make up for its even higher price of £349.

However, if you want an elegantly designed standalone soundbar that delivers the sonic goods and absolutely must have HDMI input, the Q Acoustics M3 won't disappoint.

Jonathan Bray

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So how can budget speakers even be 'vinyl friendly'? By not fighting against it, for one thing and also by allowing as much detail through the hi-fi chain as possible. Otherwise, you waste money, resources and time.

Because vinyl is such a high resolution source, though, you want as much information to hit your ears as possible. You don't want detail lost as the sounds travels down from the deck to the amp to the speakers. Ideally, you need speakers which are more on the neutral side, offering clarity and transparency.

Next, you want great value for money. Got a £150 to spend? You want to buy a pair of speakers that sound like £300 models. Why? Because the better they sound, the more information that exudes from them. As I say, vinyl is a superb high resolution source. Give it as much space and capacity as possible.

Finally, avoid technology clutter. Keep it simple, if you can by avoiding powered speakers and the like. Great value they might be but low cost powered speakers feature a relative cheap amplifier and the limited build budget means that overall component quality is compromised.

This is a budget article so I've plumped for speakers priced at up to £400. If I miss your

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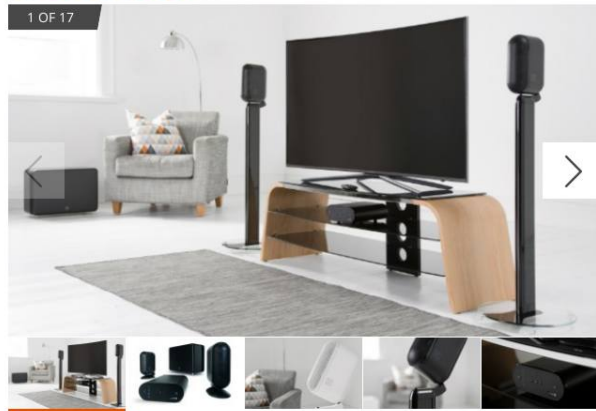
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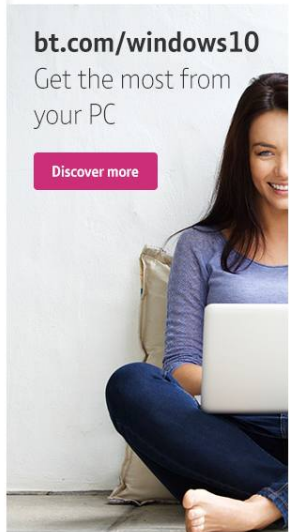
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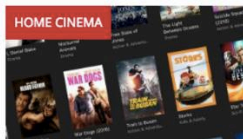


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An awesome soundbar that looks and sounds great. If you're after an elegant, fuss-free great-sounding TV audio, look no further

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- Simple to setup
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- Elegant design

✗ Cons :

- Only one HDMI input
- No Wi-Fi or multiroom features

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It's the follow-up to the well-regarded Q Acoustics Media M4, a soundbar that has taken pride of place in our Best Soundbars list ever since we first reviewed it at the beginning of 2016.

Q Acoustics M3 review: Price and competition

The key difference between the M3 and its older sibling is that it's £30 at £299, a price that brings it into direct competition with the Yamaha YAS-306 I reviewed recently.

Before you spend this much, though, you might also want to consider the Cambridge Audio TV2 sound base – a different sort of product, but one that also comes highly recommended and costs £100 less.

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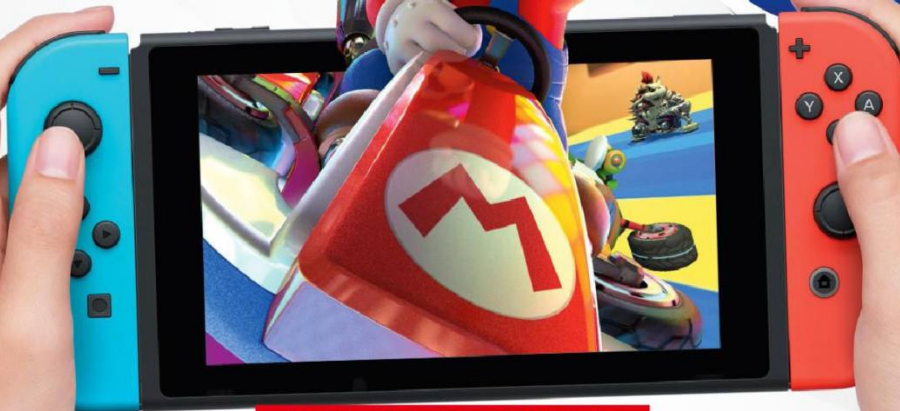


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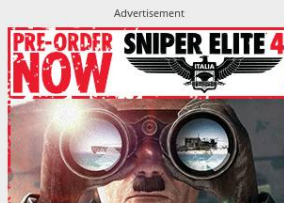
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Flatscreens still sound terrible, even the posh ones. Television speaker bars like Q Acoustics' new M3 have become one of those upgrades that are barely even optional – like ditching the horrid little earbuds you get free with iPhones.

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✓ Slimmer, sexier design than M4	✗ Built-in sub might not satisfy bass junkies
✓ Terrific build quality	✗ Slightly resonant midrange at high volume
✓ Clear, transparent sound	✗ Rubbish remote
✓ Punchy, well-integrated bass	

KEY FEATURES

- 2.1 soundbar with integrated subwoofer
- Balanced Mode Radiator drivers
- Bluetooth with NFC pairing and Qualcomm aptX
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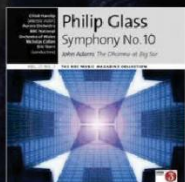
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The M4 isn't glamorous to look at, stubbornly only supports 2.1 channels of sound, and has never heard of Wi-Fi. But if there's a better sounding soundbar on the market for less than £400/\$400, we haven't heard it.

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- 1 His singles include Love Bath and Virgin Man (6,8)
- 9 This Dylan song first appeared on The Band's *Music From Big Pink* (1,5,2,8)
- 10 Shane, co-provider of that New York fairytale (8)
- 12 Journey's wireless upbringing (6,2,5)
- 15 Shaped like the Larry who Zoomed up the charts (3)
- 16 Tex-Mex rockers fronted by the one and only Joey Burns (8)
- 17 Band that shares its name with a Laurel and Hardy film classic (10)
- 21 Like Scott Walker's Murphy, Paul Simon's Robinson or Herman's Brown (3)
- 23 Ben comes around to provide a Marilyn Manson hit (8)
- 24 See photo clue A (4,7)
- 25 Jesus Blood Never Failed Me --- (Gavin Bryars) (3)
- 27 Assuring Gene Loves Jezebel LP (7)
- 30 "I was half in mind I was half in need," (Style Council) (5,2,3,3)
- 32 They are rock's celebrated bank-note burners (1,1,1,1)
- 33 1998 single by Tiffany (3,4,4)
- 35 Earth ---- (The Penguins) (5)
- 37 Band formed by Macca in 1971 (5)
- 38 It got around for the Stereophonics in 2008 (4)
- 39 The Zombies' keyboardist and founder member (3,6)
- 40 Guitar hero Steve is hidden within Ricky Gervais (3)
- 41 Buddy Holly's hopeful hit (7)
- 43 He's lead singer with The Cult (3,7)
- 47 Canadian a cappella group, obviously not short of material (6)
- 49 One hit wonder Mary who was Torn Between Two Lovers (9)
- 52 Hayes, or maybe Guillory (5)
- 54 See photo clue B (3,4)
- 55 Dutch city celebrated by both Coldplay and Jacques Brel (9)
- 57 Just now and then for an Erasure release (9)
- 58 Morning Dance jazzers (5,4)

DOWN

- 1 His acting credits include Dune and Quadrophenia (5)
- 2 Macy Gray's debut album (2,3,4,2)
- 3 See photo clue C (5,5)
- 4 Crawley's foremost rocker? (6,5)
- 5 Both a band and a Lou Reed album (6)
- 6 Did this Billy Idol single sell fast? (5)
- 7 This rapper was born Nasir bin Olu Dara Jones (3)
- 8 American folk-rockers whose The Courage Of Others was once MOJO's album of the month (7)
- 11 He's the lead vocalist with Kings Of Leon (5,9)
- 13 Jazz's finest Duke (9)
- 14 Ian Hunter hit that was nothing but the tooth? (4,6,5,3)
- 16/36 The Wedding Present's hit offer (4,4,4,2)
- 18 Can man Czukay (6)
- 19 Mike Oldfield calls it his "angry, protest" album (6)
- 20 Singer lost amid The Crusaders (4)
- 22 The Isleys did it before Lulu (5)
- 26 The Residents' nut album (6)
- 28 Roy Orbison's cry of pain (2,6)
- 29 It was simple for Groove Armada (4)
- 31 ---- Baby (Muse) (4,2)
- 34 That little Loco-motion warbler (3)
- 35 Don't Look Back In ---- advised David Bowie (5)
- 36 See 16
- 39 Do this and The Four Tops will be there (5,3)
- 40 Morrison or Dyke Parks maybe? (3)
- 42 Paul, American blues singer and acoustic guitarist (7)
- 44 The first albums to be released on this label were by Judee Sill and Jackson Browne (6)
- 45 Peter, Paul & Mary, for instance (4)
- 46 Macy initially provides a Village People hit (1,1,1,1)
- 48 *Dig Out Your Soul*, they said in 2008 (5)
- 50 Jesse, kilted singer best known for The Thistle album (3)
- 51 1981 Rip Rig + Panic LP (3)
- 53 Cornflake Girl Tori (4)
- 56 Enigmatic Chameleons cover artist (3)



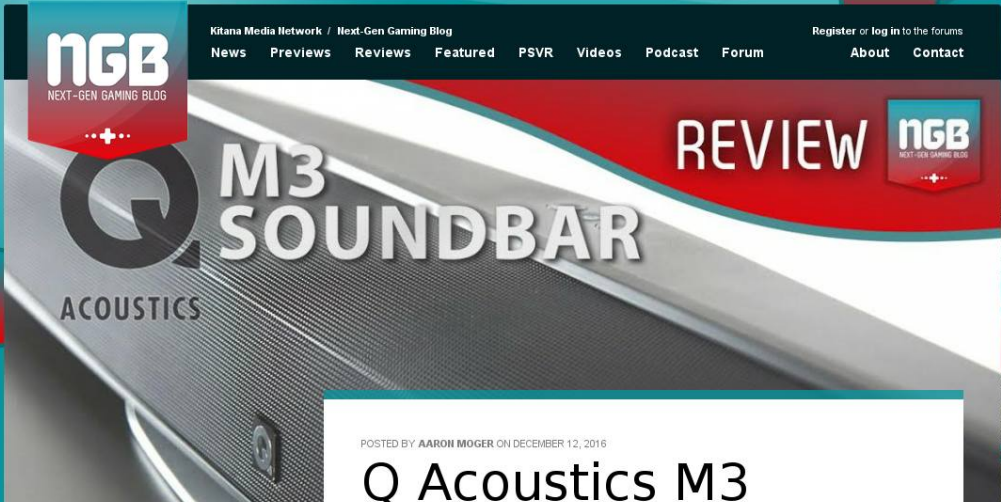
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On first inspection of the M3 Soundbar I was greeted with a long speaker with a stand already in place with a very modern looking design. Its sleek black colour matches great with most electricals fit for a king such as TV's, PS4's and most glass stand cabinets; you will hardly notice it is there that is of course you put it directly in front of your TV depending on the size as the soundbar boasts a hefty size itself however that brings me onto another point but I will explain about that after my experience with setting it up.

The first problem I ran into when setting up the soundbar was that the HDMI cable supplied had snapped after I had plugged it into the port underneath; the reason for this is the design. Everything is required to be plugged into the underside at the back of the soundbar; for the supplied mains adapter this was not a problem as the plug that goes into the soundbar is small and the wire comes from the side of the plug but the HDMI cable was a different story as the wire needs to be bent which when trying to set up the first time and after having put the soundbar back down I had snapped the HDMI connection off almost completely; for this reason I highly recommend wall mounting it or having the soundbar in a position that it is over the edge of a table or stand so the wire can hang without any accidents.

My second issue was that I couldn't get any sound from connecting through the HDMI; I tested it with a second cable but to no avail no sound came through on my TV. I blame this due to my TV though; there are other connections available however so be aware this is something to watch out for as it seems not all TV's support this feature. The soundbar comes with a HDMI cable only so if your TV is incompatible then you may have to shell out on some different cables.



I did just this and bought an optical cable which works amazing. Setting the soundbar to work with the type of connection you are using is fine for example if you connect a device through bluetooth it will find the soundbar which will flash blue and then ask permission and then stay on a solid blue colour to know that you are connected by bluetooth. A solid white colour shows that the soundbar is currently connected by optical; my only gripe here is that it would be nice if the button colour code was

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The Elac Debut B6 was one of the biggest surprises of the year. After opening the carton I found some ordinary looking loudspeakers in a grey finish, they won't wind any beauty contests. But after I hooked them up in my system something remarkable happened, Pandora's box opened up and musical detail filled the room. The Debut B6 proved to be a hell of a performer for the price with all kinds of music from female vocals to Bach. Their sense of immediacy makes them suitable for contemporary mainstream music and they sound amazing with a costly source and amplifier, but they don't need an expensive front-end to perform well. The physical size of the B6 limits the low end, but the bass you get is tight, fast and articulate. Designed by Andrew Jones (KEF, TAD) for Elac, using dedicated drivers, crossovers and cabinets the Debut makes it very easy to enjoy music indeed.
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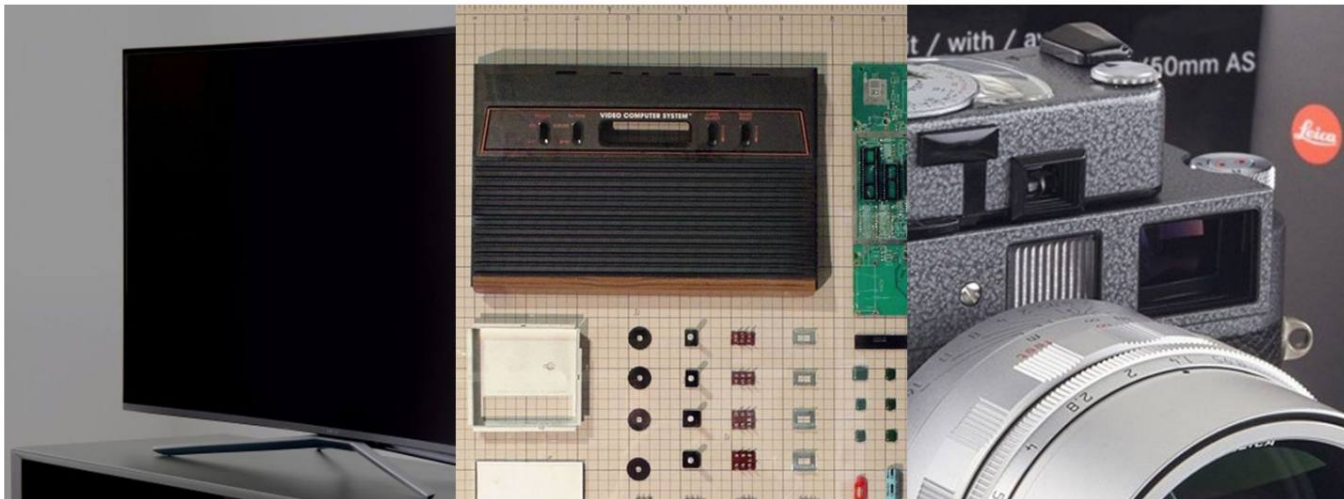


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Sound system steal: get £1,199 for an amazing Naim Mu-So Qb



By Ced Yuen
November 22, 2017

Black Friday isn't here yet, but already there have been some amazing discounts. If you're in the market for a new sound system, here's a deal worth making some noise over.

John Lewis is temporarily slashing the price of the excellent Naim Mu-So Qb from £649 to £499. That's £150 (or 23%) off one of the best small sound systems currently available.

Buy now: [Naim Mu-So Qb for £499 at John Lewis](#)

We gave the it a glowing review: "For those wanting a mid-sized wireless speaker, the [Naim Mu-so Qb](#) is one of the best around."

We praised its premium design, which we said wouldn't look out of place in an Apple Store. We loved its extensive features list, which includes Bluetooth and wireless

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