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Above: Wharfedale DX-2 home cinema speaker package

## DX-2 proves good things come in small packages

**New 5.1 home cinema package from world-renowned speaker specialist is stylish, compact and delivers engrossing surround sound, yet costs just £450**

*Cambridgeshire, England* – High-quality home cinema can be costly, both financially and in terms of the amount of space it consumes in your living room. For those seeking a more discreet, stylish and affordable solution for genuine surround sound, the DX-2 speaker system from Wharfedale is ideal.

Consisting of four satellite speakers for the front and rear, plus a compact centre speaker and an active subwoofer, the DX-2 replaces the similarly diminutive DX-1 series of speaker packages. These were universally praised for their excellent 'sound-per-pound' performance, earning five-star reviews in *What Hi-Fi?* and *Home Cinema Choice* magazines, scoring 9/10 on the *Trusted Reviews* website, and winning 'Best Compact Loudspeaker System' in last year's *AVTech Media Awards*.

The DX-2 incorporates all the key ingredients that made the DX-1 HCP and DX-1SE packages so successful, re-engineered with an improved cabinet design and a smart, contemporary new look. The drive units have been fine-tuned and the active subwoofer upgraded with a more powerful and sophisticated integral amplifier, resulting in greater scale, punch and refinement.

Ideal for wall-mounting or simply placing on an AV stand or shelf, the DX-2 Satellite measures just 19x12x12cm (HxWxD). It incorporates a 19mm silk dome tweeter and 75mm mid/bass driver with a woven polypropylene cone – this material is used for its ideal combination of lightness, strength and low coloration. The enclosure is an infinite baffle (closed-box) design, which aids the speakers' ability to be sited in close proximity to a wall without adversely affecting their performance.

The DX-2 Centre incorporates the same silk dome tweeter flanked by two 75mm mid/bass drivers in a 12x31x12cm (HxWxD) cabinet. Its design includes a sophisticated aperiodic bass loading system consisting of a vent that is filled with resistive porous foam to reduce low-frequency distortion. This controls bass response and contributes to a rich and detailed centre channel performance, a critical part of the surround sound experience.

The matching WH-D8 active subwoofer combines a 200mm long-throw bass cone with a 70W (150W peak) amplifier to deliver bass that's fast, deep and well-defined from an extremely compact unit – just 29.8x26.8x30cm (HxWxD). The quality of the subwoofer's design ensures it integrates superbly with the other speakers in the package, without any hint of bass bloating or overhang. It also sports an 'auto-power' facility, switching out of standby when a signal is sensed and back again when it stops.

Available in black initially, with an alternative white finish coming soon, the DX-2 5.1 speaker package delivers smart, space-saving contemporary style and exhilarating sound for both movies and music – fast, punchy and detailed, with a sense of scale that belies the diminutive size of the speakers. It's the perfect way to enjoy authentic and engaging surround sound at a price more akin to a soundbar than a high-quality 5.1 speaker package.

"In the UK and around the world, there is strong demand for compact and affordable 5.1 speaker systems that combine crisp, modern aesthetics with high-quality sound," says Peter Comeau, Director of Acoustic Design for Wharfedale's parent company IAG. "In the DX-2 we have incorporated elements from Wharfedale's award-winning loudspeakers to deliver a high-value package that is not only a delight in the home, but also extremely enjoyable to listen to. Modern movie soundtracks are exceptionally demanding, but we've made sure that this package is tailor-made for the job."

The Wharfedale DX-2 home cinema speaker package is available from November 2017 at an RRP of £449.95. A satellite expansion pack is also available, priced at £99.95 per pair – ideal for those seeking to expand the 5.1 package to a 7.1 configuration.



Above: DX-2 satellite expansion pack  
Left: DX-2 5.1 speaker package



British loudspeakers have always enjoyed an excellent reputation around the world, and Wharfedale is perhaps the most famous brand of all. Stretching back to 1932, when Wharfedale's founder Gilbert Briggs built his first speaker in the cellar of his Yorkshire home, Wharfedale has been responsible for some of the most important loudspeakers ever produced, introducing many techniques and technologies that became commonplace such as the two-way loudspeaker (invented in 1945) and the use of ceramic magnets (pioneered in 1962). Today, as Wharfedale celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, the company continues its quest to deliver excellent sound quality and value-for-money with a wide range of class-leading speakers, both traditional and wireless, including the latest iteration of the famous Diamond line – the classic entry point to high-fidelity sound.

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