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Above: Wharfedale Vista 200 soundbar

Powerful Vista 200 soundbar keeps low profile

Wharfedale's Bluetooth-equipped TV soundbar is sleek and slender yet packs a terrific sonic punch

Cambridgeshire, England – It is well known that as TVs have grown ever thinner, sound quality from their built-in speakers has suffered as a result. The simplest and least costly remedy to the thin, harsh sound that commits such injustice to the stunning picture quality of contemporary tellies is to add a soundbar; choose a good one and you will enjoy richer, clearer, more powerful sound, greatly enhancing the viewing experience.

Wharfedale's new Vista 200 stereo soundbar is an ideal affordable solution, delivering a major sonic upgrade despite its low-profile design and thoroughly modest £150 price tag. 90cm in length and just 6.2cm high, its long and slender form sits unobtrusively beneath the screen without spoiling even the most stylish TV aesthetic. Whether placed on a TV stand or mounted on a wall using the supplied bracket, its smart, gloss-black finish always looks the part.

Nestling behind the metal speaker grille is a pair of high-quality dynamic driver assemblies, positioned at either end of the soundbar's length to ensure spacious stereo sound and augmented by two reflex ports to aid bass response. These drivers are powered by 2x30W stereo amplification, producing a sound that is crisply detailed yet tonally rich – a powerful, highly intelligible delivery that ensures voices are clear, sound effects are impactful and music is full-bodied and engaging. In addition, three

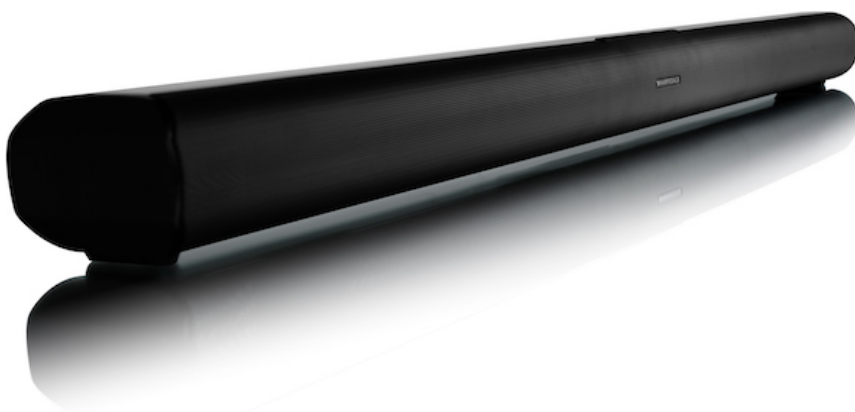
equaliser settings labelled 'Movie', 'Music' and 'News' provide a degree of sonic tailoring to suit whatever the user is watching or listening to.

Connecting the Vista 200 to a TV is simple. There are three digital inputs: HDMI (ARC), optical and coaxial. There is also a 3.5mm analogue input, which means you can connect a TV (or an audio device) via an RCA or headphone output.

The Vista 200 also has Bluetooth built in, enabling users to pair devices like smartphones, tablets and laptops and benefit from the soundbar's rich, room-filling sound when streaming music or watching video content. In addition, if your TV supports Bluetooth you can connect it to the soundbar wirelessly rather than using a cable, if you so desire.

The Vista 200 comes supplied with its own remote control, which covers all functions. For added convenience, those connecting the TV via HDMI (ARC) can use their TV's remote control to adjust volume (assuming the TV is HDMI-CEC compliant). When connected in this way, the soundbar also powers up or down automatically when the TV is switched on or off.

Whether you're watching a movie or listening to music, enjoying your favourite TV drama or playing an exhilarating video game, Wharfedale's Vista 200 Soundbar greatly enhances the experience in comparison to your TV's built-in speakers. And all for an RRP of just £149.95.



But wait, there's more! While the Vista 200 soundbar is available from mid-August, a second option – the Vista 200S – will join it this autumn.

The Vista 200S bundles the same Vista 200 soundbar with a compact, slimline active subwoofer. Measuring 40.9x12x30cm (HxWxD), it packs in a 165mm driver and 60W amplification, delivering deep, punchy bass to augment the soundbar and ensure an even more powerful, room-filling performance.

The subwoofer connects to the soundbar wirelessly, so no trailing cables to worry about, and bass levels can be adjusted via the supplied remote control.

The Wharfedale Vista 200S soundbar and subwoofer package joins the Vista 200 soundbar this autumn, at an RRP of £229.95.



Above: Wharfedale Vista 200S soundbar and wireless subwoofer – coming this autumn

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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). Now in its 87th year, Wharfedale 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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