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Above: Canton Smart Soundbar 9 in black finish

## Smart Soundbar 9: the smart way to boost TV sound

**New-generation Canton soundbar is a wireless multi-room marvel as well as a superior sonic star**

*Harlow, England* – Distributed in the UK by Exertis Unlimited, Canton has long been a leader in premium-quality soundbars and soundbases. Models such as the DM55, DM9 and DM90.3 have won numerous accolades in the AV press, putting the German manufacturer at the front of the pack for those seeking a huge boost to their TV's sound via a high-quality all-in-one speaker solution.

Now, Canton is ready to unleash its next generation of top-notch soundbars, equipped with a slew of sonic smarts including Wi-Fi streaming. First from the blocks is the **Smart Soundbar 9** – a slender yet feature-packed design that not only delivers a massive improvement to the sound of any TV but can also form the basis of a brilliant multi-room audio system.

## Wireless wonder

The Smart Soundbar 9 has Chromecast built in, enabling connection to a home Wi-Fi network. Audio can be 'cast' to the soundbar from any device on the network – such as a smartphone, tablet, PC or Mac – including music from popular streaming apps such as Spotify, Tidal, Google Play Music, Deezer and TuneIn. Native support for Spotify Connect also allows direct streaming from Spotify.

The soundbar can be connected to other speakers via Wi-Fi to create a wireless multi-channel home cinema system, or even a whole-house multi-room set-up. For example, add a Canton Smart SUB 8 subwoofer to make a powerful 3.1 system; then add a pair Smart Soundbox 3 speakers behind the viewing position for full 5.1 surround sound – all without signal cables.

These different Smart Series models can be combined in any configuration, in full synchronisation, in any room in the house. This also provides an upgrade path – start by boosting your TV's sound with the Smart Soundbar 9, then build your Canton Smart Series system over time, however you desire.

Chromecast is easy to set up and manage using the Google Home app for iOS and Android devices. Once connected to Wi-Fi, any available firmware updates are automatically installed to ensure the soundbar's specification is always up to date.

2.4GHz and 5GHz WLAN connections are supported, while the addition of aptX Bluetooth enables users to stream directly from Bluetooth-equipped devices without connecting to the Wi-Fi network.



Left: Canton's Smart Soundbar 9 can connect with other Smart Series speakers via Wi-Fi, including the Smart SUB 8

## Superior sonics

Despite its sleek exterior, the Smart Soundbar 9 packs in a host of high-quality audio tech. 300 watts of amplification powers an array of eight drive units, comprising four bass drivers and two midrange drivers – all with 50mm aluminium cones – plus two 19mm fabric-dome tweeters. A pair of passive drivers with 147x57mm diaphragms further augment the bass to deliver impressive depth and punch.

These drivers work in tandem with DTS TruSurround to deliver a spacious and immersive performance, filling the room with dynamic and richly detailed sound. Decoding for Dolby Digital and DTS Digital Surround formats ensures soundtracks from movies, games and more are delivered in full effect; or you can simply listen in two-channel stereo if you prefer. Hi-res audio is supported, up to 24-bit/96kHz.

Bass, midrange and treble controls enable the user to tailor the sound according to taste, while three equaliser presets facilitate sonic adjustment to suit the soundbar's location. When watching video content, Lipsync technology precisely synchronises speech with the image on screen.



Left: With its sleek, glass-topped exterior, the Smart Soundbar 9 is ideal for on-wall siting

### Let's connect

Four HDMI ports – three inputs and one output – provide ample connectivity, all HDCP 2.2-compliant to enable transfer of 4K Ultra HD video. The HDMI output supports ARC, allowing those with a compatible TV to control the soundbar with its remote. The Smart Soundbar 9 also comes with its own handset.

Two digital audio inputs – one optical and one coaxial – provide further connectivity, together with a stereo RCA analogue input. A dedicated subwoofer output is also provided.

The Smart Soundbar 9 is designed to be simple to set up and use, with a host of convenience features including IR-learning to control the soundbar with another remote, automatic on/off switching in line with the TV, simple pairing with source devices and an optional power-saving Eco Mode. All settings are accessed with ease via a menu display on the connected TV screen.

### German engineering

The Smart Soundbar 9 exudes high-quality engineering and attention to detail, ensuring it doesn't just sound like a superior soundbar, it looks and feels like one too. Measuring 89x7x10cm (WxHxD), its slender form is ideal for TVs with a screen size of 40in or greater and can be wall-mounted with ease, or simply placed on a support shelf.

Unlike many soundbars, this one is built to the standard of a high-performance hi-fi loudspeaker. Its main cabinet is fashioned from reinforced MDF, embellished with premium touches such as a top surface made from heat-treated glass and a sleekly integrated metal grille, behind which lies a cool blue LED display. Its design will integrate well in any room and with any decor – unobtrusive, yet a product of unmistakable quality.

Discreet and desirable on the outside with a host of cutting-edge technology within, the Canton Smart Soundbar 9 is the perfect premium-quality solution to superb TV sound with the added versatility of Wi-Fi streaming – available now in a choice of black or silver at an RRP of £749.



Based in Weilrod, near Frankfurt, Canton is one of Germany's foremost manufacturers of high-performance loudspeakers. The company was formed in 1972 by four hi-fi enthusiasts, one of whom – Günther Seitz – is the company's CEO, 47 years on. Canton has been responsible for several milestones throughout its history, including the world's first sub/sat speaker system in 1979 and pioneering work in the field of digital loudspeakers in the 1990s. This century, the company has developed a number of advanced materials for drive unit diaphragms, including a ceramic-tungsten and titanium hybrid. Though well-known for its high-end stereo loudspeakers, a significant portion of Canton's turnover during the last 20 years has been generated by home cinema speaker solutions, including its highly respected, multi-award-winning soundbars and soundbases.

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