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Riva Audio announces the release of WAND (Wireless Audio Network Design), a wireless speaker series the company says allows customers to play audio inside or outside the house wirelessly, from either a network or online source.



First announced back at CEDIA 2016, WAND speakers come in either compact Arena or full-range Festival flavours. All feature the company's Trillium technology, using DSP to take an incoming stereo signal and output it in 3 channels to an array of drivers on the front and side, creating a wide stereo image from a single box. The speakers can handle high-resolution audio, and can stream content from Spotify Connect, built-in Chromecast and Google Home.

Inside the Arena are 3 full-range custom ADX drivers with 3 passive radiators to produce up to 101dB. Meanwhile the Festival speaker incorporates an interior MDF cabinet to reduce vibrations and colorations. Inside are 6 custom ADX woofers and tweeters paired with 4 passive radiators for up to 106dB of output without dynamic range compression. Bass plays down to 38Hz.

Wireless connectivity comes through dual-band wifi (on 2.4 and 5GHz networks), Bluetooth, AirPlay and DLNA. The company claims the system simultaneously streams to "up to 30 devices without acoustic latency," while the Google Home app allows one to create and stream music to different zones around the house.

Further features include an "Away Mode" (when no wifi is available), splash resistance and an optional battery pack. A companion Riva WAND app provides custom listening mode and playback from local sources such as USB, AUX and optical inputs.

The WAND speakers are available in black with a titanium grill or white with a silver grill. The Arena battery pack is available in black or white.

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