

Dolby Atmos Sound from JBL Bar 9.1

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JBL announces the Bar 9.1 at CES 2020-- a first Dolby Atmos-compatible soundbar from the company featuring four upfiring Dolby Atmos drivers and a pair of detachable wireless speakers.



The detachable speaker design should be familiar for JBL customers, since it was first used in the 5.1 Bar. The company says the detachable speakers are battery-powered, and can be undocked from the soundbar for placement elsewhere in the room. Battery life clocks at around 10 hours per charge. Recharging takes place by reattaching the speakers back on the soundbar.

The upfiring drivers in the soundbar can bounce audio around the room, and provide a total of 820W of power. The package includes a 10-inch powered subwoofer, as well as 4K Dolby Vision video input for the direct connection of a streaming device or Blu-ray player, built-in Chromecast and AirPlay 2 streaming support. Further wireless connectivity comes via Bluetooth.

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The Bar 9.1 is set to ship on Q2 2019.

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