

## The Marshall Take on Smart Speakers

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Zound Industries announces a Marshall-branded take on the smart speaker-- the Uxbridge Voice, a compact number feature the same design as speakers from the iconic company together with Amazon Alexa capabilities.



The Uxbridge voice measures 13 x 17 x 12cm and weighs 1.4kg. The design features the iconic Marshall logo over a tweed grill, while brass rocker switches in the style of guitar frets control volume, trebel and bass. Also included is a mute switch for the built-in far-field microphone array. Inside is a 30W Class D amplifier capable of pushing up to 96dB of sound pressure at 1m, together with a frequency of 54Hz to 20kHz.

While diminutive, the speaker does not run on batteries, and needs to be plugged in to an AC outlet at all time. On launch it supports Amazon Alexa, but an upcoming firmware update will add Google Assistant capability. In addition, it also supports Apple AirPlay 2 for connectivity with iDevices, as well as Bluetooth and Spotify Connect.

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The Uxbridge Voice ships from May 2020.

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