

Denon Debuts Voice-Enabled S-Series AVRs

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Denon announces three additions to the S-Series AV receivers-- the AVR-S950H, AVR-S750H and AVR-S650H, all featuring Dolby Atmos Height Virtualisation technology and built-in HEOS wireless multi-room streaming.



The three AVRs also feature multi-assistant voice control, support for eARC (Enhanced Audio Return Channel), ALLM ((Auto Low Latency Mode for gaming) and all other HDMI 2.1 specification features, and what Denon calls a better setup experience.

The AVR-S950H is a 7.2-channel home theatre receiver with discrete high-current power amplifiers on all 7 channels. It offers 185W peak per channel (6 Ohm, 1kHz, 1ch driven, 10 percent THD), with low impedance driver capability providing operational stability with a wide range of speakers. Designed to accept most sources, the AVR-S950H has an MM phono stage for compatibility with higher-end turntables, as well as built-in HEOS and Bluetooth for stream music service access. It supports the playback of most file formats, including MP3, AAC, WAV, FLAC, ALAC and DSD (2.8/5.8MHz) via front panel USB and networked NAS, Macs and PCs.

For home theatre users, the AVR-S950H is enabled with Dolby Atmos, DTS:X decoder, along with Dolby Surround and DTS Neural:X upmixer technologies for channel-based content. Dolby Atmos Height Virtualisation joins DTS VirtualX to add height and surround virtualisation to traditional ear-level-only speaker configurations such as 2.1 and 5.1. The AVR also features Dolby Vision, HDR10, HLG, eARC and 4K video upscaling, and offers x8 HDMI inputs and x2 outputs with full HDCP 2.3 support on all ports.

Built-in HEOS allows wireless music streaming across compatible compatible from a variety of services, including Spotify, Pandora, Amazon Music, TuneIn, iHeart Radio, Sound Cloud, SiriusXM and Tidal. Customers can use Amazon Alexa for a variety of commands, including switching inputs for different media players, while Google Assistant and Apple Siri allow the

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adjustment of volume, track skipping and more.

As for the AVR-S750H and AVR-S650, the two models are identical to the AVR-S950H, other than the AVR-S650H having 5.2 audio and x5 inputs and the AVR-S750H adding 7.2 audio with 165W power and x6 inputs. All are available now.

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