

Arcam Updates AVRs With Auro-3D

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Arcam brings the Auro-3D audio format to the HDA range of home cinema receivers/processors-- specifically the AVR10, AVR20 and AVR30 AVRs and the AV40 processor-- via free firmware update.



The format, developed by the Galaxy Studios Group, adds a height layer to an existing speaker flatbed, including 9.1 and 13.1 configurations. However it does not require in-ceiling or reflective upfiring speakers. Instead, it uses height models directly above traditional speaker positions, and as such installers simply need to mount speakers above the existing surround layer to enable the required vertical stereo field.

Admittedly Blu-rays with native Auro-3D soundtracks are limited in number compared to Dolby Atmos and DTS:X, but Auro-3D also offers Auro-Matic upmixing technology to scale soundtracks into the format, be it mono, stereo or surround.

"Auro-3D brings to customers the truest to real-life immersive experiences for the home," Auro Technologies says. "This announcement signifies a milestone for the expansion of Auro-3D into

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more devices and Arcam's commitment to expand the availability of Auro-3D."

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