

Yamaha Claims First Soundbar With DTS Virtual:X

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Yamaha claims the YAS-207 is the first soundbar to feature DTS Virtual:X, the technology designed to provide an immersive sound experience without need for rear surround and height speakers.



DTS Virtual:X supports any input source from stereo to 7.1.4 (11 channels) and is optimised to work with all DTS codecs, including DTS:X.

A successor to the YAS-203 soundbar, the YAS-207 features a new design with a thinner profile, making it ideal for placing in front of TVs without blocking the screen image. It can also be wall-mounted through built-in keyholes, while the companion wireless subwoofer is a compact number with a vertical rectangular shape allowing for flexible placement options.

Connectivity comes through HDMI input and an HDMI output with 4K HDR video passthrough and ARC (audio return channel) to receive stereo and multichannel audio from over-the-air TV broadcasts and smart TV video streaming apps. A Clear Voice function raises dialogue levels in news, sports and other TV programs, while Bluetooth allows playback from any mobile device.

"For over a decade Yamaha has led innovation in sound bars by finding new ways to make things easier for our customers while also providing a better listening experience," the company says. "We're excited to add this new technology from DTS to our YAS-207 sound bar as it helps us deliver on both of these goals. It's a technological innovation that people are really going to love."

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The YAS-207 ships from July 2017.

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