

PRODUCT TEST

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uandksound i3 cinema

"With this set of five satellite speakers and a subwoofer, we can set up a very discreet 7.1.2 system - completely wireless!"

We have previously tested almost the entire catalog of speaker systems from uandksound, a company with an established presence in Spain. They now surprise us with this set that deviates from "conventional" speakers—although they already had active and wireless speakers—by offering nothing less than a complete system with five satellite speakers and a wireless subwoofer capable of reproducing a 7.1.2 system, with a simple and very discreet installation. This is the i3 Cinema.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
TYPE	5.1 system with five two-way satellite speakers and a wireless subwoofer, plus a control and connection hub with remote control, capable of simulating a 7.1.2 system
SATELLITES	1-inch tweeter and 3.5-inch midrange driver in coaxial configuration. Built-in amplification: 15W and 60W respectively
FREQUENCY RESPONSE	80Hz-20kHz (satellites)
SUBWOOFER	10-inch driver with a maximum 600-watt amplifier
FREQUENCY RESPONSE	20Hz-110Hz (subwoofer)
CONNECTIONS	2 HDMI inputs, 1 HDMI output (ARC), optical digital input, Bluetooth, AUX (3.5 mm stereo jack)
DEALER	www.sg-avtechnology.com

Description

Inside the (heavy) system box, we find everything needed: the five "satellite" speakers, their power supplies, the subwoofer, and the central device responsible for physical connections and for sending each speaker its corresponding signal via its own WiFi signal.

Starting with this small box (a discreet and elegant cube just over 10 centimeters per side), it features a digital display on the front that is easy to read from a distance and control buttons, although it's better to use the included remote control. On the back are the connections: two HDMI inputs, one HDMI output (with ARC), one optical digital input, and one analog auxiliary input (headphone-style stereo jack).

A USB port and an RS232 connection allow integration with home automation systems. It's worth mentioning that it also has Bluetooth for easily streaming music from a mobile device, but it's a shame they didn't include Ethernet (or another WiFi channel) to enable full and independent connectivity with streaming services.

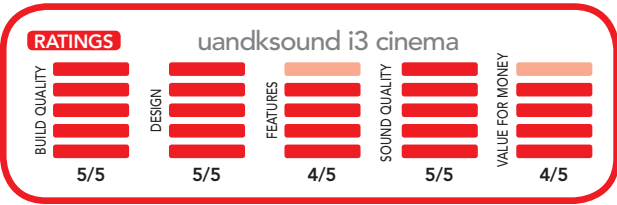
Each satellite speaker is a compact active two-way model: a one-inch dome tweeter is coaxially mounted with a 3.5-inch speaker, each powered by



its own amplifier (15 and 60 watts respectively). It's a cylinder about 10 centimeters in diameter and height, easily installable in a false ceiling: it only needs power from its external source (transformer), as the audio signals are transmitted via WiFi.

How does each satellite know which channel it belongs to? On the back, there are mini-switches to configure it as the front left, right, center, or rear left or right speaker. They come pre-configured, so you just need to identify them during installation.

Last but not least is the subwoofer: also wireless (aside from power), it's a heavy cube about 40 centimeters per side housing a 10-inch speaker. It can even serve as a table thanks to its solid finish and



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- ✓ Complete set to build a powerful "5.1" system with great sound.
- ✓ Wireless system with easy (and discreet) installation.
- ✓ Sufficient connectivity for most living rooms.
- ✗ We miss having Ethernet or WiFi connectivity on the control unit.

A 5.1 system that can be installed very discreetly and allows you to enjoy cinematic sound without cables

sturdy top. It has a three-position gain adjustment depending on room placement and size.

Testing

We tested this system without being able to install the satellites in the ceiling (I don't have a false ceiling), but we conducted several equivalent tests, placing them at ear level (like regular speakers) or higher up (where the system can simulate a 7.1.2 setup with ceiling channels). The proprietary WiFi system works flawlessly, and the speakers quickly connect to the "brain," which has several menus worth exploring, especially to adjust each channel's levels—something I did using a sound level meter and which could perhaps be automated in the future.

Keep in mind these are active speakers, and the combined power reaches nearly a thousand watts, which is a remarkable power reserve (!)... Once the levels are adjusted (especially moderating the powerful subwoofer to ensure proper integration), it's surprising that such an "invisible" system (very small and wireless speakers) can deliver such impressive sound. Ideal as an "all-in-one" solution for this type of setup. ■

Above we see the connections of the central box, only for sources (the speakers are Wi-Fi), and below its control screen and remote control