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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Jamo S 526 HCS 5.0 Home Cinema System. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your new speaker system. Please read these instructions carefully before installation and retain them for future reference.

The Jamo S 526 HCS system is designed to deliver an immersive audio experience for your home theater. It consists of two S 526 floorstanding speakers, one S 52 CEN center channel speaker, and two S 522 surround speakers, providing a complete 5.0 channel audio configuration.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Please verify that all components are present in your package:

- 2 x Jamo S 526 Floorstanding Speakers
- 1 x Jamo S 52 CEN Center Channel Speaker
- 2 x Jamo S 522 Surround Speakers
- Speaker grilles (pre-installed or separate)
- User Manual (this document)



Image: The Jamo S 526 HCS 5.0 Home Cinema System components, including two tall floorstanding speakers, a horizontal center speaker, and two compact surround speakers, all with their protective grilles installed.

SETUP

Speaker Placement

Optimal speaker placement is crucial for achieving the best sound quality from your Jamo S 526 HCS system. Consider the following guidelines:

- **Front Speakers (S 526):** Place the two S 526 floorstanding speakers equidistant from your primary listening position and on either side of your television or projection screen. They should form an equilateral triangle with the main listening spot. Ensure they are at least 20 cm (8 inches) from side walls to prevent excessive bass resonance.
- **Center Speaker (S 52 CEN):** Position the S 52 CEN center channel speaker directly above or below the center of your television/screen. It should be aligned with the front speakers to ensure clear dialogue and a cohesive front soundstage.
- **Surround Speakers (S 522):** The two S 522 surround speakers should be placed to the sides or slightly behind the

main listening position, ideally at ear level or slightly above. They should be angled towards the listening area to create an enveloping surround sound field.



Image: The Jamo S 526 HCS 5.0 Home Cinema System components with their protective grilles removed, revealing the speaker drivers. This includes two floorstanding speakers, a center speaker, and two surround speakers.

Connections

Before making any connections, ensure your amplifier/receiver is turned off and unplugged from the power outlet. Use high-quality speaker cables for optimal performance.

1. **Identify Terminals:** Each Jamo speaker has clearly marked positive (+) and negative (-) terminals. Your amplifier/receiver will also have corresponding terminals.
2. **Connect Front Speakers:** Connect the positive (+) terminal of each S 526 speaker to the positive (+) front left/right output terminal on your amplifier. Connect the negative (-) terminal of each S 526 speaker to the negative (-) front left/right output terminal on your amplifier.
3. **Connect Center Speaker:** Connect the positive (+) terminal of the S 52 CEN speaker to the positive (+) center output terminal on your amplifier. Connect the negative (-) terminal to the negative (-) center output terminal.

- 4. **Connect Surround Speakers:** Connect the positive (+) terminal of each S 522 speaker to the positive (+) surround left/right output terminal on your amplifier. Connect the negative (-) terminal of each S 522 speaker to the negative (-) surround left/right output terminal.
- 5. **Ensure Correct Polarity:** It is critical to maintain correct polarity (positive to positive, negative to negative) for all speaker connections. Incorrect polarity can result in poor sound quality and a lack of bass.
- 6. **Connectivity Type:** The system utilizes XLR connectivity for robust and reliable signal transmission. Ensure your amplifier or receiver supports XLR outputs or use appropriate adapters if necessary.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once all speakers are correctly connected to your amplifier/receiver, you can begin using your Jamo S 526 HCS system. This system is recommended for home theater use.

- **Initial Power-Up:** After connecting all speakers, plug in and power on your amplifier/receiver.
- **Receiver Setup:** Access your amplifier's setup menu to configure the speaker settings. Select a 5.0 channel configuration.
- **Speaker Size:** Set the S 526 front speakers to 'Large' (Full-Band) and the S 52 CEN and S 522 speakers to 'Small'.
- **Crossover Frequency:** For the S 52 CEN and S 522 speakers, set the crossover frequency on your receiver, typically between 80 Hz and 100 Hz. This directs lower frequencies to your front speakers or a subwoofer (if used).
- **Level Calibration:** Use your receiver's built-in auto-calibration feature (if available) or manually adjust the individual speaker levels to ensure balanced sound from all channels at your listening position.
- **Listening Volume:** Always start with a low volume level and gradually increase it to a comfortable listening level. Avoid excessively high volumes to prevent speaker damage.

MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Jamo S 526 HCS system, follow these simple maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Gently wipe the speaker cabinets with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth. Avoid using abrasive cleaners, solvents, or chemical sprays, as these can damage the finish.
- **Grilles:** The speaker grilles can be carefully removed for cleaning. Use a soft brush or a vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment to remove dust.
- **Placement Environment:** Avoid placing speakers in direct sunlight, near heat sources, or in areas with high humidity. Extreme temperatures or moisture can affect speaker components.
- **Protection:** Keep speakers away from strong magnetic fields and ensure they are placed on stable surfaces to prevent accidental falls.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Jamo S 526 HCS system, refer to the following common troubleshooting steps:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound from one or more speakers	Loose or incorrect speaker wire connection; amplifier channel issue; speaker damaged.	Check all speaker wire connections at both the speaker and amplifier ends, ensuring correct polarity. Test with another speaker or amplifier channel if possible.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Distorted or unclear sound	Incorrect amplifier settings; damaged speaker; poor source quality; incorrect polarity.	Verify amplifier settings (speaker size, crossover). Check speaker wire polarity. Test with a different audio source. Inspect speaker cones for visible damage.
Lack of bass	Incorrect speaker size setting; phase issue; room acoustics.	Ensure front speakers are set to 'Large' if not using a subwoofer. Check speaker wire polarity. Adjust speaker placement. Consider adding a subwoofer for enhanced bass.
Unbalanced sound levels	Uneven speaker level settings on amplifier.	Run your amplifier's auto-calibration or manually adjust individual speaker levels using a sound level meter.

SPECIFICATIONS

Below are the technical specifications for the Jamo S 526 HCS 5.0 Home Cinema System:

Component	Specification
System Configuration	5.0 Channels
Recommended Use	Home Theatre
Front Speakers (S 526)	2-way, 130 W RMS, Frequency Range: 45 – 20,000 Hz
Center Speaker (S 52 CEN)	2-way, 100 W RMS, Frequency Range: 75 – 20,000 Hz
Surround Speakers (S 522)	2-way, 80 W RMS, Frequency Range: 80 – 20,000 Hz
Connectivity Technology	XLR
Color	Black
Mounting Type	Table Mount (for S 522 and S 52 CEN)
Total System Weight	Approximately 33.51 lbs (15.2 kg)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Your Jamo S 526 HCS 5.0 Home Cinema System is covered by a**24-month Italian Warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and ensures that your product meets the highest quality standards.

For warranty claims, technical support, or any questions regarding your product, please contact your authorized Jamo dealer or the customer service department of your retailer. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty validation.

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