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## Harman Kardon SB26

# Harman Kardon SB26 Advanced Soundbar with Bluetooth and Powered Wireless Subwoofer

MODEL: SB26

Brand: Harman Kardon

## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides detailed instructions for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Harman Kardon SB26 Advanced Soundbar and Wireless Subwoofer. The SB26 system is designed to enhance your home audio experience, offering advanced surround sound technology and wireless connectivity.

The system includes a soundbar with four woofers and two tweeters, paired with a powerful 100W wireless subwoofer. It features Harman Display Virtual Surround Sound for an immersive audio experience and offers versatile connectivity options including HDMI and Bluetooth.

## WHAT'S IN THE BOX

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Carefully unpack all components and ensure the following items are present:

- Harman Kardon SB26 Soundbar
- Harman Kardon 100W Wireless Subwoofer
- AC Power Adapter (for Soundbar)
- 3.5mm Audio Connector Cable
- Optical Audio Cable
- HDMI Cable
- IR Repeater Cable
- Remote Control
- Wall Mount Brackets
- Quick-Start Guide (separate document)



Image: The Harman Kardon SB26 Soundbar and its accompanying wireless subwoofer, both in black, positioned together. This illustrates the complete audio system.

## SETUP

### 1. Placement

Position the soundbar centrally below your television. The wireless subwoofer can be placed anywhere in the room, ideally within 10 meters (33 feet) of the soundbar for optimal wireless connection and bass distribution.

### 2. Connecting the Soundbar to your TV

The SB26 offers multiple connection options:

- **HDMI ARC (Recommended):** Connect one end of the supplied HDMI cable to the HDMI ARC port on your TV and the other end to the HDMI OUT (ARC) port on the soundbar. This allows audio to be sent from the TV to the soundbar and enables control of the soundbar volume using your TV remote.
- **Optical:** Connect the supplied optical cable from your TV's optical digital audio output to the OPTICAL input on the soundbar.
- **3.5mm Analog:** Connect the supplied 3.5mm audio cable from your TV's headphone or audio output to the AUX IN port on the soundbar.

Ensure all cables are securely connected.

### 3. Power Connection

Connect the AC power adapter to the soundbar and then to a wall outlet. Connect the subwoofer to a power outlet. The subwoofer will automatically pair with the soundbar once both are powered on.



Image: Front view of the Harman Kardon SB26 Soundbar, showcasing its sleek black design and the Harman Kardon logo centered on the grille.



Image: Front view of the Harman Kardon SB26 Wireless Subwoofer, a compact black cube with the Harman Kardon logo on top, designed to deliver powerful bass.

#### **4. Wall Mounting (Optional)**

Use the provided wall mount brackets to securely attach the soundbar to a wall. Refer to the quick-start guide for detailed wall mounting instructions and safety precautions.

## **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

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## 1. Power On/Off

Press the **Power** button on the soundbar's top panel or the remote control to turn the system on or off.



Image: Close-up view of the top panel of the Harman Kardon SB26 Soundbar, showing the touch-sensitive control buttons including power, volume, input selection, and Bluetooth pairing.

## 2. Input Selection

Press the **Input** button on the soundbar or the corresponding input buttons (HDMI 1, HDMI 2, Optical, AUX IN, HDMI TV) on the remote control to select your desired audio source.

## 3. Volume Control

Use the **Volume +** and **Volume -** buttons on the soundbar or remote to adjust the master volume. The **Mute** button on the remote will silence the audio.

## 4. Bass Control

Use the **Bass +** and **Bass -** buttons on the remote control to adjust the subwoofer's output level.

## 5. Bluetooth Pairing

To connect a Bluetooth device:

1. Press the **Bluetooth** button on the soundbar or remote control. The Bluetooth indicator will flash.
2. Enable Bluetooth on your mobile device (smartphone, tablet, laptop) and search for available devices.
3. Select "Harman Kardon SB26" from the list. Once paired, the Bluetooth indicator will glow solid.
4. You can now stream audio from your device to the soundbar.

## 6. Harman Display Virtual Surround Sound

Press the **Surr. Mode** button on the remote control to activate or deactivate the virtual surround sound feature. This mode enhances the soundstage for a more immersive listening experience.

## 7. Harman Volume

Press the **Harman Volume** button on the remote control to enable or disable the Harman Volume feature. This feature helps maintain consistent volume levels across different content, preventing sudden loud or quiet passages.



Image: Bottom view of the Harman Kardon SB26 Wireless Subwoofer, showing the downward-firing speaker cone and the four support feet.

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Video: An overview of the Harman Kardon SB26 Soundbar and Wireless Subwoofer, highlighting its design, features like virtual surround sound, Bluetooth connectivity, and simple HDMI setup. This video demonstrates the product's key functionalities and aesthetic.

## MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Harman Kardon SB26 system, follow these maintenance

guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the surfaces of the soundbar and subwoofer. Avoid using liquid cleaners, aerosols, or abrasive materials, as these can damage the finish or internal components.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate ventilation around both the soundbar and subwoofer. Do not block any ventilation openings.
- **Environment:** Keep the system away from direct sunlight, heat sources, excessive dust, moisture, and extreme temperatures.
- **Power:** Disconnect the power cables from the wall outlet if the system will be unused for an extended period.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your SB26 system, refer to the following common solutions:

- **No Power:** Ensure both the soundbar and subwoofer are securely plugged into working power outlets. Check the power adapter connections.
- **No Sound:**
  - Verify the correct input source is selected on the soundbar.
  - Check that the volume is not muted and is turned up sufficiently.
  - Ensure audio cables (HDMI, Optical, AUX) are properly connected to both the TV and soundbar.
  - If using HDMI ARC, confirm that ARC is enabled in your TV's audio settings.
- **Subwoofer Not Connecting:** The subwoofer should automatically pair. If not, ensure both units are powered on and within range. If issues persist, consult the quick-start guide for manual pairing instructions.
- **Bluetooth Connectivity Issues:**
  - Ensure the soundbar is in Bluetooth pairing mode (flashing indicator).
  - Delete "Harman Kardon SB26" from your device's Bluetooth list and attempt to re-pair.
  - Move your Bluetooth device closer to the soundbar.
- **Remote Control Not Working:**
  - Check and replace the batteries in the remote control.
  - Ensure there are no obstructions between the remote and the soundbar's IR receiver.
  - Point the remote directly at the soundbar.
- **Poor Sound Quality:**
  - Adjust bass levels using the remote.
  - Ensure the soundbar is placed on a stable surface and not vibrating excessively.
  - Check audio source quality.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Name	SB26
Speaker Type	Soundbar, Wireless Subwoofer
Connectivity Technology	Wired, Bluetooth (Wireless)

Feature	Specification
Wireless Communication Technology	Bluetooth
Bluetooth Range	10 Meters (33 feet)
Speaker Maximum Output Power	120 Watts
Frequency Response	38 Hz - 22 kHz
Soundbar Speaker Size	35 Inches (Length)
Soundbar Woofer Diameter	3 Inches (x4)
Soundbar Tweeter Diameter	1 Inches (x2)
Subwoofer Diameter	10 Inches
Surround Sound Channel Configuration	2.0 (Virtual Surround)
Inputs	2 HDMI, 1 Coaxial, 1 Optical, 1 AUX (3.5mm)
Output	1 HDMI (ARC)
Power Source	AC
Item Weight	39.7 Pounds (Total System)
Product Dimensions	49.3 x 18.2 x 13 inches
Color	Black
Compatible Devices	Laptop, Smartphone, Television

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Harman Kardon SB26 system comes with a Limited Warranty. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Harman Kardon support website. For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or service inquiries, please contact Harman Kardon customer support through their official channels. Keep your purchase receipt and product serial number handy when contacting support.