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**Sony HT-X8500**

# Sony HT-X8500 2.1ch Dolby Atmos/DTS:X Soundbar

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Sony HT-X8500 2.1ch Dolby Atmos/DTS:X Soundbar. This soundbar is designed to elevate your home audio experience with immersive sound and powerful bass from its dual built-in subwoofers. Enjoy cinematic sound from all around you, including from above, with advanced audio technologies. The soundbar offers seven different sound modes to enhance various entertainment experiences and allows for seamless music streaming via Bluetooth.

## 2. SETUP

### 2.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Ensure all items listed in the packing list are present before proceeding.

### 2.2 Placement

Position the soundbar centrally below your television for optimal audio alignment. Ensure there are no obstructions in front of the soundbar's speakers.




Image: Sony HT-X8500 Soundbar positioned below a television for an enhanced audio experience.

### 2.3 Connecting to Your TV

For the best audio quality and control, connect the soundbar to your TV using an HDMI cable via the HDMI OUT (TV eARC/ARC) port. If your TV does not support ARC/eARC, use an optical cable to connect the TV IN (OPT) port on the soundbar to your TV's optical output.




Image: Rear view of the Sony HT-X8500 Soundbar, highlighting the HDMI and optical connection ports for TV integration.

### 2.4 Power Connection

Connect the supplied AC power cord to the DC IN 24V port on the soundbar and then plug it into a wall outlet.

### 2.5 Bluetooth Pairing

To stream music wirelessly, activate Bluetooth on your smartphone or tablet. Press the Bluetooth button on the soundbar (or remote) to enter pairing mode. Select "HT-X8500" from your device's Bluetooth list.

## 3. Operating the Soundbar

### 3.1 Basic Controls

The soundbar features intuitive controls on its top panel and via the included remote control.




Image: Top view of the Sony HT-X8500 Soundbar, displaying the power, input, Bluetooth, volume, and sound mode buttons.

- **Power Button:** Turns the soundbar on or off.
- **Input Button:** Cycles through available input sources (TV, HDMI IN, Bluetooth).
- **Bluetooth Button:** Initiates Bluetooth pairing or switches to Bluetooth input.
- **Volume Buttons (+/-):** Adjusts the master volume level.

### 3.2 Sound Modes

Enhance your audio experience with seven distinct sound modes:

- **Cinema:** Optimized for movies and cinematic content.
- **Music:** Ideal for listening to music with rich detail.
- **Game:** Provides immersive audio for gaming.
- **News:** Enhances vocal clarity for news and talk shows.
- **Sports:** Boosts stadium atmosphere for sports broadcasts.
- **Standard:** General purpose sound mode.
- **Vertical Surround Engine:** Activates Dolby Atmos/DTS:X virtual surround sound.

### 3.3 Bluetooth Streaming

Once paired, select the Bluetooth input on the soundbar. Play audio from your connected device, and the soundbar will output the sound. Use your device's volume controls or the soundbar's volume buttons to adjust playback.

## 4. Connections

The Sony HT-X8500 Soundbar offers a variety of connection options to integrate with your home entertainment system:

- **HDMI OUT (TV eARC/ARC):** Connects to your TV's HDMI ARC/eARC port for high-quality audio and simplified control.
- **HDMI IN:** Connect external devices like a Blu-ray player or game console to the soundbar, and the video signal will pass through to your TV.
- **TV IN (OPTICAL):** For TVs without HDMI ARC/eARC, use an optical cable to connect to your TV's optical digital audio output.
- **USB:** For service and firmware updates only.
- **DC IN 24V:** Power input for the soundbar.

## 5. Maintenance

### 5.1 Cleaning

Wipe the soundbar's exterior with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners, waxes, or solvents as they may damage the finish. Keep the speaker grilles free from dust using a soft brush or vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment.

### 5.2 General Care

Avoid placing the soundbar in direct sunlight, near heat sources, or in areas with excessive moisture or dust. Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit.

## 6. Troubleshooting

### 6.1 No Power

- Ensure the power cord is securely connected to both the soundbar and a working wall outlet.
- Check if the power outlet is functioning by plugging in another device.

### 6.2 No Sound or Distorted Sound

- Verify that the correct input source is selected on the soundbar.
- Check the volume levels on both the soundbar and your TV.
- Ensure all audio cables (HDMI, Optical) are securely connected and not damaged.
- If using HDMI ARC/eARC, confirm that the ARC/eARC function is enabled in your TV's settings.
- Try switching between different sound modes to see if the issue persists.

### 6.3 Bluetooth Connection Issues

- Make sure the soundbar is in Bluetooth pairing mode.
- Ensure your Bluetooth device is within range (typically 10 meters or 33 feet).
- Try unpairing and re-pairing the device.
- Clear the Bluetooth device list on both the soundbar and your device, then attempt to pair again.

## 7. Specifications

| Feature | Detail |
|---|---|
| Product Dimensions | 2.63 x 3.88 x 35.13 inches |
| Item Weight | 1 pounds |
| ASIN | B0851W7K6D |
| Batteries | 2 AAA batteries required (for remote) |
| Date First Available | February 22, 2020 |
| Manufacturer | Sony |

## 8. Warranty and Support

## 8.1 Limited Warranty

This Sony product is covered by a limited manufacturer's warranty. For detailed information regarding warranty terms, coverage, and duration, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Sony support website.

## 8.2 Customer Support

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