

Denon DHT-S218

Denon DHT-S218 Bluetooth Sound Bar User Manual

Model: DHT-S218

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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the Denon DHT-S218 Bluetooth Sound Bar with Dolby Atmos. This sound bar is designed to enhance your home entertainment experience by delivering immersive 3D audio, clear dialogue, and rich bass. This manual provides detailed instructions for setting up, operating, and maintaining your new sound bar.



Figure 1.1: Front view of the Denon DHT-S218 Sound Bar. This image shows the sleek, black design of the sound bar with the Denon logo centered on the front grille.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read these safety instructions carefully before using your sound bar. Keep this manual for future reference.

- **Power Source:** Only use the power adapter supplied with the unit. Ensure the voltage matches your local power supply.
- **Ventilation:** Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- **Water and Moisture:** Do not expose this appliance to rain or moisture. Do not place objects filled with liquids, such as vases, on the apparatus.
- **Heat:** Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including

amplifiers) that produce heat.

- **Cleaning:** Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time. Clean only with a dry cloth.
- **Servicing:** Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items listed below are included in your package:

- Denon DHT-S218 Sound Bar
- Remote Control (with batteries)
- Power Cord
- HDMI Cable
- Optical Cable
- Wall Mount Template and Hardware
- Quick Start Guide
- Amber Protection HDTV Screen Cleaner Kit (6.8oz/200ml spray liquid cleaner and microfiber cloth)



Figure 3.1: Amber Protection HDTV Screen Cleaner Kit. This image displays the included screen cleaner spray bottle and a microfiber cleaning cloth.

4. SETUP

4.1. Sound Bar Placement

Place the sound bar centrally below your TV. Ensure there are no obstructions in front of the sound bar that could block the sound. For optimal audio performance, place the sound bar on a stable, flat surface.



Figure 4.1: Example placement of the sound bar under a television. The sound bar is positioned on a media console, centered below a large flat-screen TV, demonstrating a typical home theater setup.

Alternatively, the sound bar can be wall-mounted using the provided template and hardware. Refer to the separate wall-mounting guide for detailed instructions.

4.2. Connecting to Your TV

The DHT-S218 offers multiple connection options for your TV. HDMI ARC/eARC is recommended for the best audio quality and control.



Figure 4.2: Rear panel of the sound bar displaying various input ports including HDMI ARC, Optical, and Analog.

1. HDMI ARC/eARC (Recommended):

- Connect one end of the supplied HDMI cable to the HDMI ARC/eARC port on your TV.
- Connect the other end to the HDMI OUT (ARC/eARC) port on the sound bar.
- Ensure HDMI CEC (Consumer Electronics Control) is enabled in your TV's settings for seamless control.

2. Optical Digital:

- Connect one end of the supplied optical cable to the OPTICAL OUT port on your TV.
- Connect the other end to the OPTICAL IN port on the sound bar.

3. Analog Audio:

- Connect a 3.5mm stereo audio cable (not supplied) from your TV's headphone or audio output to the AUX IN port on the sound bar.

4.3. Power Connection

After connecting the audio cables, connect the power cord.

1. Connect the power cord to the AC IN port on the sound bar.
2. Plug the other end of the power cord into a wall outlet.

5. OPERATION

5.1. Powering On/Off

Press the **Power** button on the remote control or on the top panel of the sound bar to turn the unit on or off.



Figure 5.1: Top panel of the sound bar with illuminated control buttons. This image highlights the physical buttons for power, input selection, and volume control located on the top surface of the sound bar.

5.2. Input Selection

Press the **Input** button on the remote control or on the sound bar to cycle through available inputs (HDMI, Optical, AUX, Bluetooth).

5.3. Bluetooth Pairing

To stream music wirelessly from your smart device:

1. Press the **Bluetooth** button on the remote control or on the sound bar. The Bluetooth indicator will flash.
2. On your smart device, enable Bluetooth and search for "Denon DHT-S218".
3. Select the sound bar from the list of available devices to pair. Once connected, the Bluetooth indicator will glow

solid.

The DHT-S218 supports Bluetooth Low Energy (LE) Audio for low latency and higher quality sound.

5.4. Sound Modes and Dolby Atmos

The DHT-S218 features Dolby Atmos for an immersive 3D audio experience. Use the **Sound Mode** buttons on the remote to select different audio presets (e.g., Movie, Music, Night).



Figure 5.2: Promotional image emphasizing the Full-Range Dolby Atmos capabilities and integrated down-firing subwoofers of the Denon DHT-S218.

5.5. Denon Dialogue Enhancer

To improve dialogue clarity, especially during movies and TV shows, press the **Dialogue Enhancer** button on the remote control. There are three modes to choose from, allowing you to adjust the level of dialogue enhancement.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1. Cleaning the Sound Bar

To maintain the appearance of your sound bar, wipe the exterior surfaces with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners, waxes, or solvents as they may damage the finish.

6.2. Cleaning Your TV Screen (Amber Protection Kit)

The included Amber Protection HDTV Screen Cleaner Kit is designed for safe and effective cleaning of your TV screen and other electronic displays.

1. Ensure your TV is turned off and cool.
2. Lightly spray the Amber Protection cleaning solution onto the provided microfiber cloth (do not spray directly onto the screen).
3. Gently wipe the screen in a circular motion until clean and streak-free.
4. The non-ammonia and alcohol-free formula prevents damage and leaves no film or residue.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your sound bar, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
No sound from the sound bar.	• Ensure the sound bar is powered on and the correct input is selected. • Check all cable connections (HDMI, Optical, AUX) are secure. • Verify your TV's audio output settings are configured to send audio to the sound bar (e.g., external speakers, PCM format). • Increase the volume on both the sound bar and your TV.
Bluetooth device cannot pair.	• Ensure the sound bar is in Bluetooth pairing mode (indicator flashing). • Make sure your smart device's Bluetooth is enabled and it's within range. • Try forgetting the device on your smart device and re-pairing.
Remote control not working.	• Check if the batteries are correctly inserted and not depleted. • Ensure there are no obstructions between the remote and the sound bar's sensor.
Sound is distorted or unclear.	• Check audio source quality. • Adjust volume levels. • Try different sound modes or adjust the Dialogue Enhancer setting.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	DHT-S218
Speaker Type	Soundbar
Surround Sound Channel Configuration	2.1
Audio Output Mode	Surround
Connectivity Technology	HDMI (ARC/eARC), Optical, Analog, Bluetooth
Wireless Communication Technology	Bluetooth (including Bluetooth Low Energy Audio)
Special Feature	Dolby Atmos, Denon Dialogue Enhancer, Integrated Down-firing Subwoofers
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	4.7"D x 35"W x 2.6"H
Item Weight	11 pounds
Color	Black

Feature	Detail
Power Source	AC
Control Method	Remote
Manufacturer	Denon

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

9.1. Manufacturer's Warranty

The Denon DHT-S218 Sound Bar comes with a full 2-year manufacturer warranty. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For detailed warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the documentation provided with your product or visit the official Denon website.

9.2. Extended Amber Protection

This bundle includes an additional 1-year Amber Protection plan, extending your coverage beyond the manufacturer's warranty. This protection plan is intended for residential use only.

Extended Protection Features & Benefits

- Mechanical & Electrical Failures
- Power Surge Protection
- Nationwide Network of Service Providers
- 24/7/365 Customer Support, and more.

When does the plan begin?

All plans begin from date of purchase and are inclusive of the manufacturer's limited coverage. Benefits such as Power Surge Protection and Mechanical & Electrical Failures (if purchased) begin on Day 1.

What items are eligible for extended protection?

Electronics with at least a 90 day manufacturer limited coverage in the United States.

Covered Products

- Televisions
- Laptops
- Tablets
- Home Theater
- Headphones
- And More

Figure 9.1: Overview of Extended Protection Features & Benefits. This image lists benefits such as mechanical & electrical failures, power surge protection, nationwide network of service providers, and 24/7/365 customer support. It also clarifies that plans begin from the date of purchase and cover various electronics.

Key features of the Amber Protection plan typically include:

- Mechanical & Electrical Failures
- Power Surge Protection
- Nationwide Network of Service Providers
- 24/7/365 Customer Support

For specific details regarding your Amber Protection plan, please refer to the documentation provided with the protection plan.

9.3. Customer Support

For technical assistance, product inquiries, or warranty support, please contact Denon customer service. Contact information can typically be found on the Denon website or in the quick start guide.

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Example: How do I reset this device or fix this error?

Details

Model number, symptoms, what you tried, or the section of the manual you are using.

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