TCL

Alto 8211 Series

2.1 Dolby Atmos Sound Bar with Built-in Subwoofers

Quick Start Guide

1 Register Your Product

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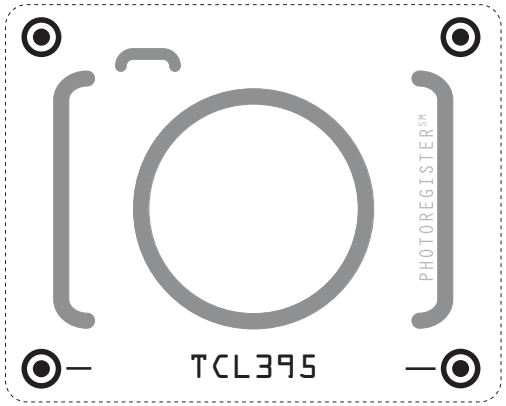

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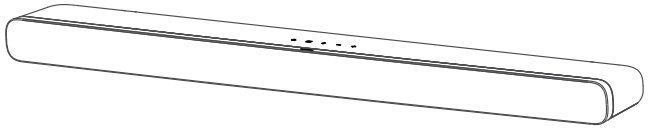
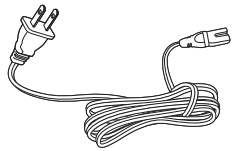
2 What's in the box

Make sure you read all the safety information before you use this product.

* Power cord plug type vary region.



Sound Bar main unit



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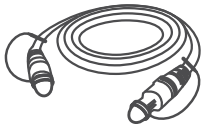

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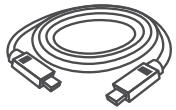

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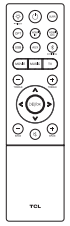
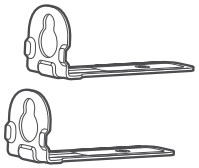
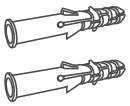


Remote control

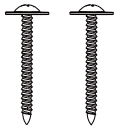
AAA battery x 2



Wall mount bracket x 2



Wall anchor x 2



Wall mounting screw x 2

Sleeve x 2

Safety leaflet

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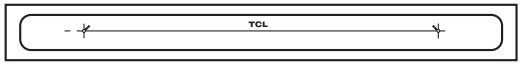
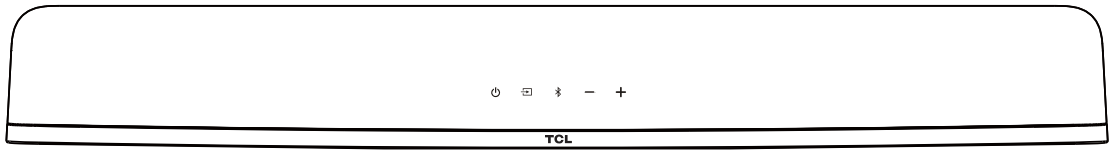
Warranty card



Wall mount template

3a Overview

Sound Bar main unit

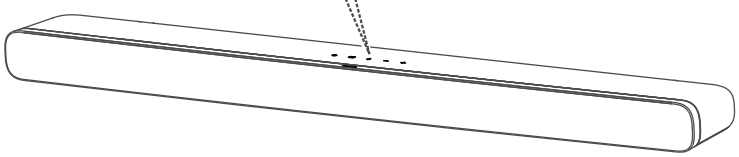


Source button:
Press to switch the audio source among HDMI ARC/HDMI IN/OPT /BT/AUX/USB modes.

Volume buttons:
Press to increase or decrease the volume level.

Power button:
Press to enter SLEEP mode. Press and hold to enter STANDBY mode

Bluetooth button:
Press to select the Bluetooth source. Press and hold to enter pairing mode.



❶ AC input power connector

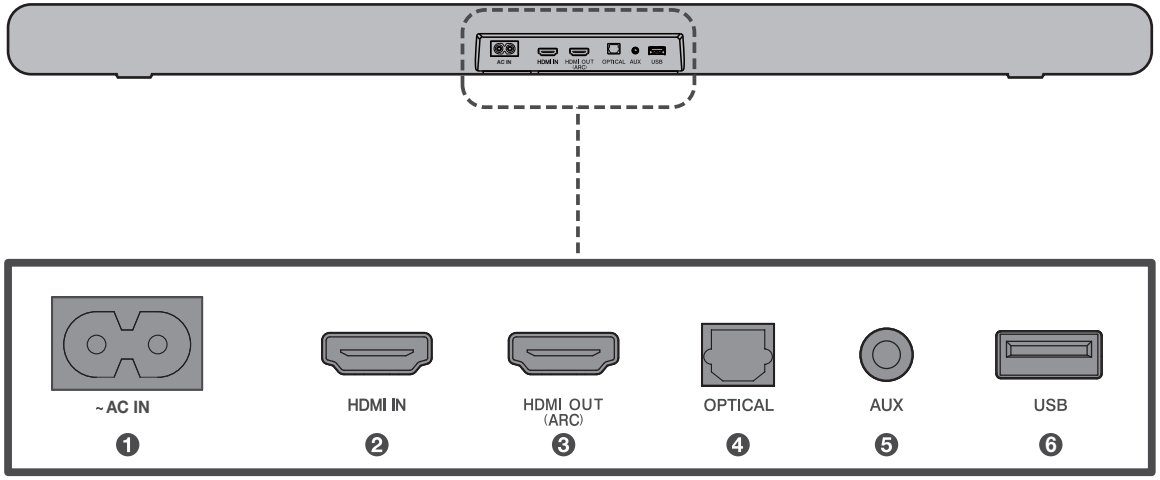
❷ HDMI IN connector

❸ HDMI ARC connector

❹ Optical input connector

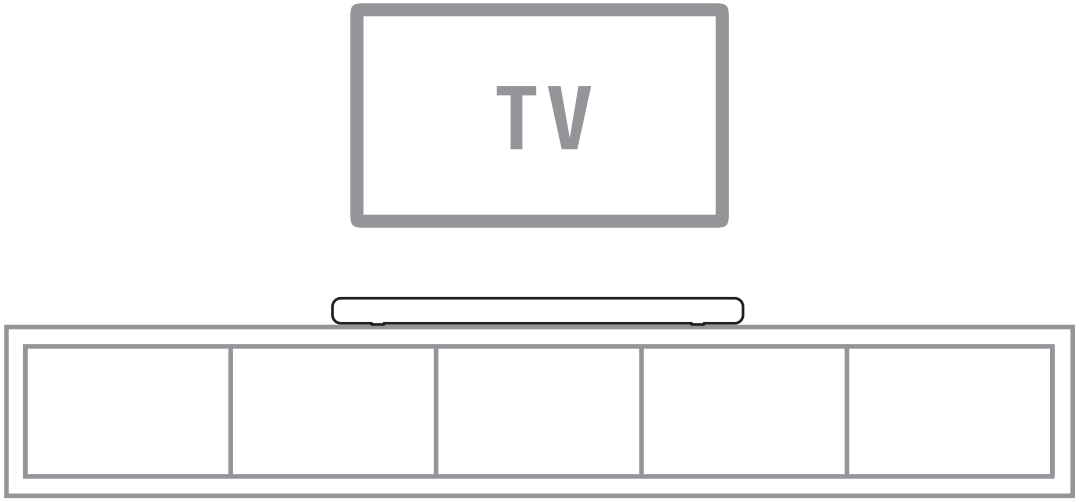
❺ AUX input connector

❻ USB Type A connector



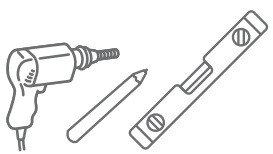
4a Place your Sound Bar

The ideal place to position the Sound Bar is centered underneath your TV.

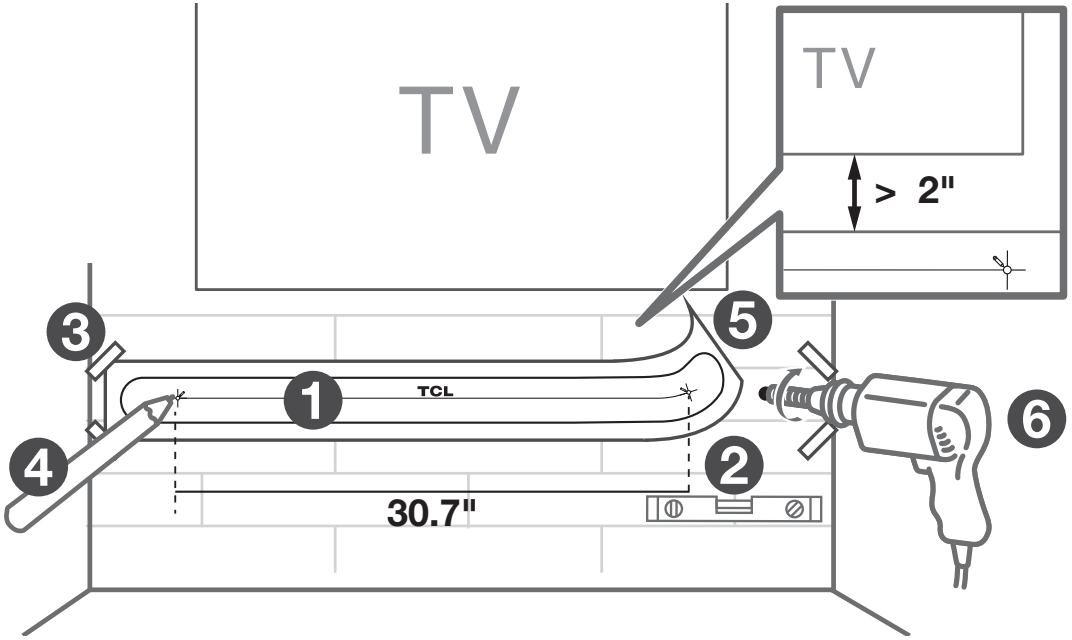


4b Wall mount your Sound Bar

Required tools:



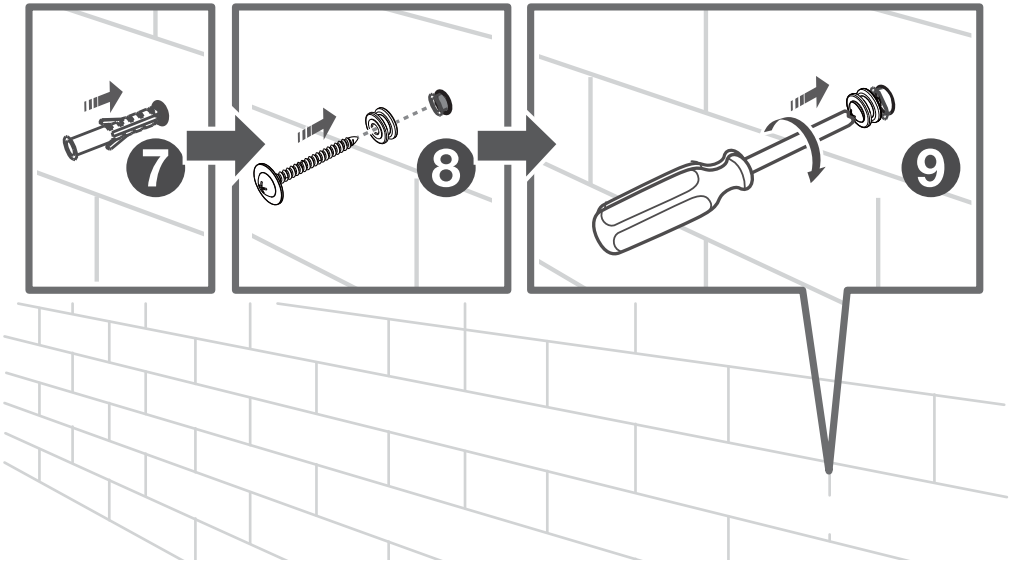
- Place the supplied wall mount template on the wall. Make sure the wall mount template is at least 2 inches below the center of the TV. ❶
- Use a level to make sure the wall mount template is positioned accurately. ❷
- Use the tape to stick the wall mount template firmly on the wall. ❸
- Mark on the wall using each marking on the template through the mounting holes. ❹
- Take away the wall mount template. ❺
- Drill a screw hole at each marking on the wall. ❻



4b Wall mount your Sound Bar

Required tools:

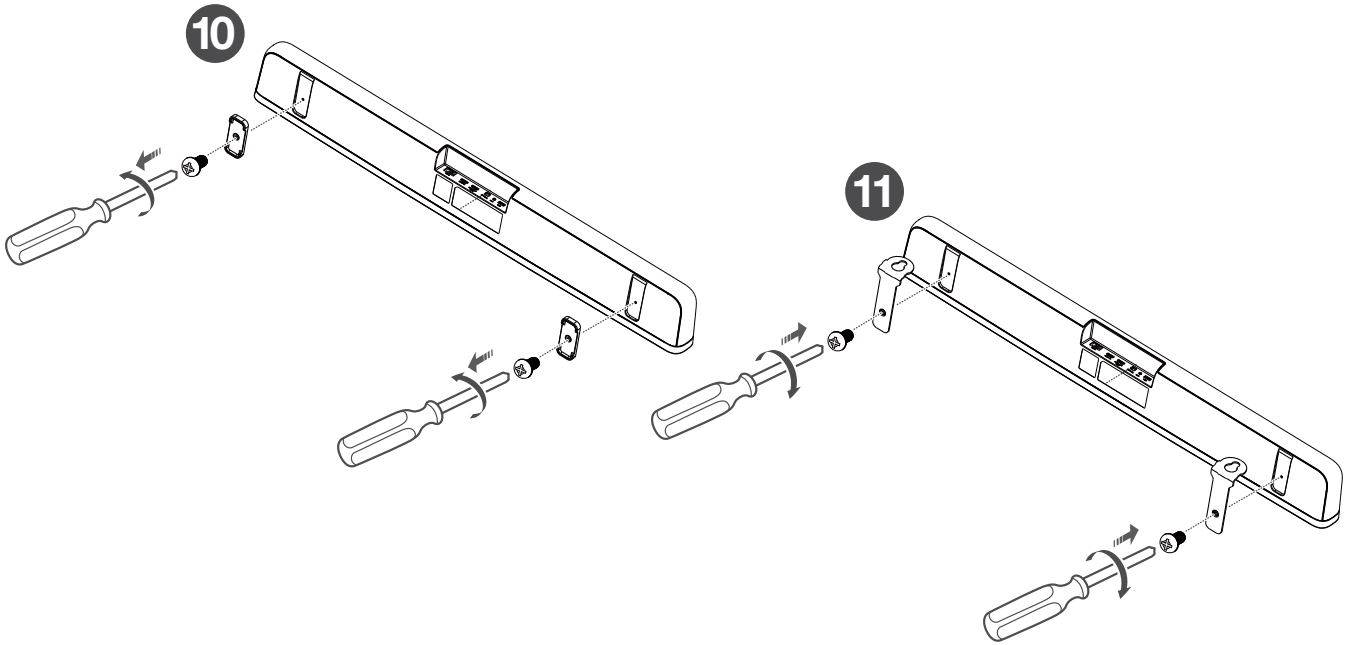
- Insert the wall anchors in the holes on the wall. ❼
- Insert the supplied screws with the sleeves into the hole of the wall anchors. ❽
- Fix and tighten the wall bracket screws on the wall. ❾



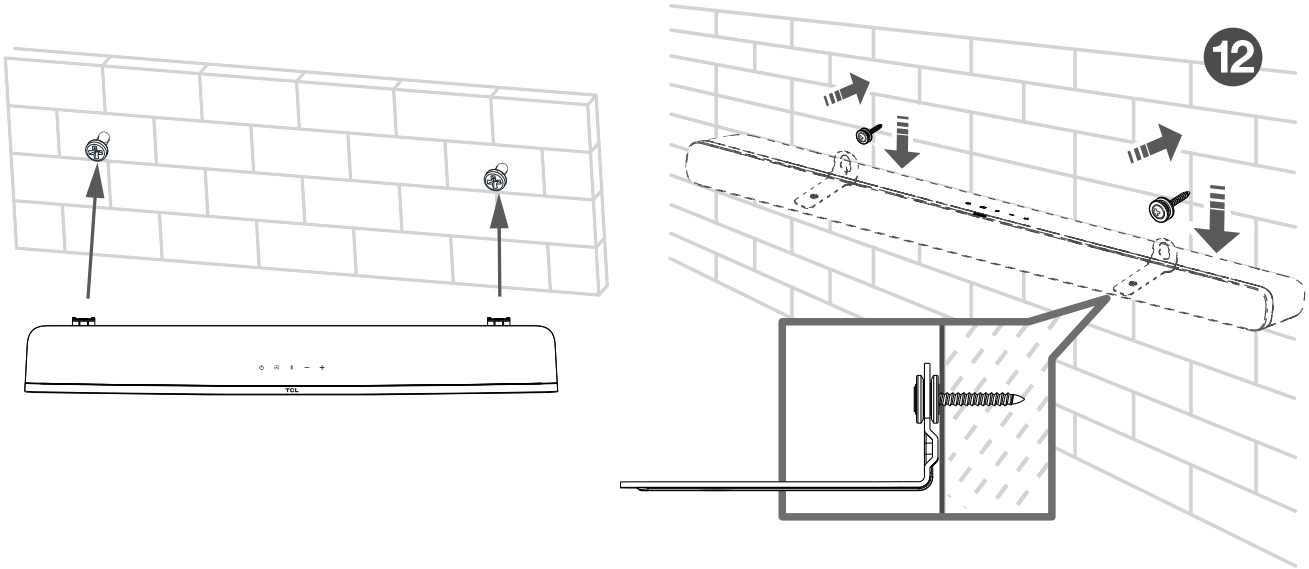
4b Wall mount your Sound Bar

Required tools:

- Unscrew the rubber cushions from the bottom of the sound bar and set them aside for potential use in the future. 10
- Attach the included wall bracket mounts to the sound bar in the same holes the rubber cushions were removed from. 11



- With the brackets now attached to the sound bar, pick up the sound bar and attach it to the wall screws, similar to how you would hang a picture. Make sure everything is tight. 12



5 Connect to your TV

There are 3 ways to connect your sound bar to the TV (listed in order that we recommend): HDMI ARC (refer to 5a), Optical (refer to 5b), and AUX (refer to 5c)

For USA only: If you have a Roku TV™, simply plug in the HDMI cable and follow the Roku TV Ready™ on-screen instructions.

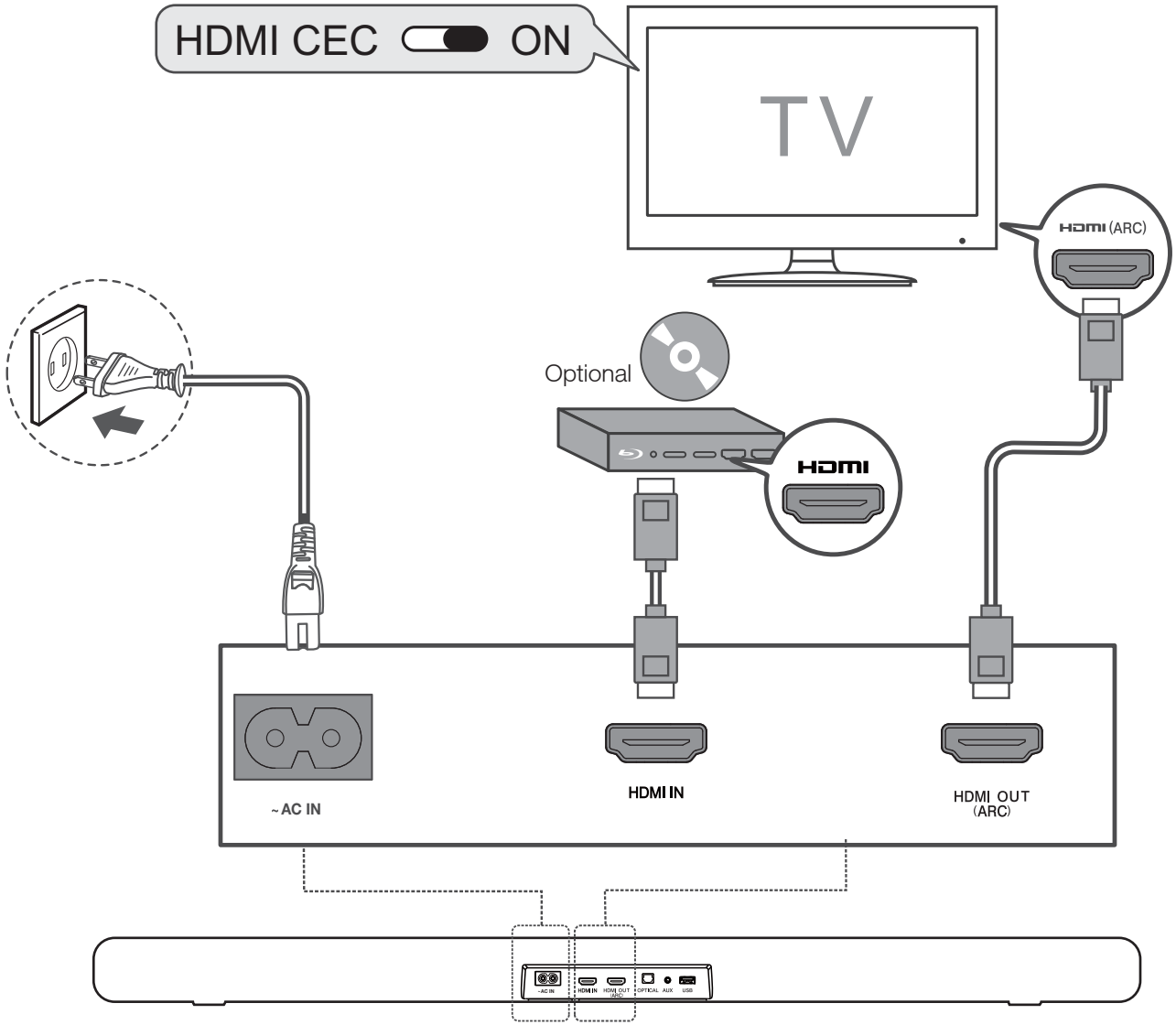
Roku TV Ready

✓ Simple setup
✓ One remote
✓ Quick settings

5a HDMI-ARC

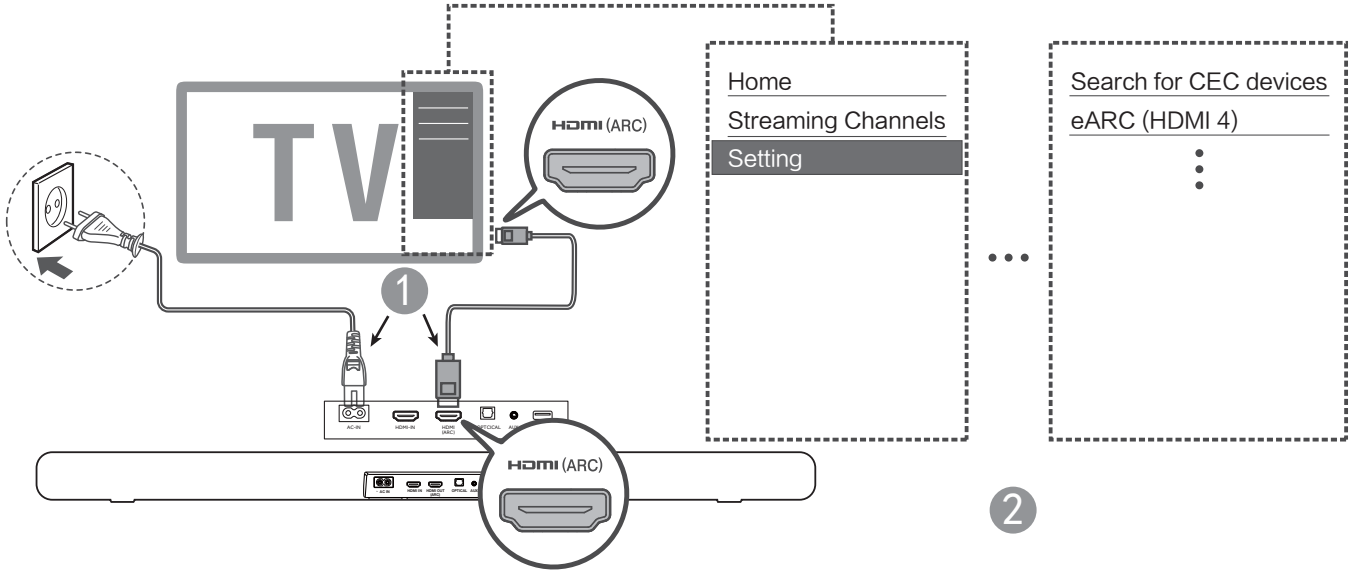
Connect the Sound Bar with your TV through the supplied HDMI cable.

Connect the Sound Bar to the power supply with the supplied power cord.

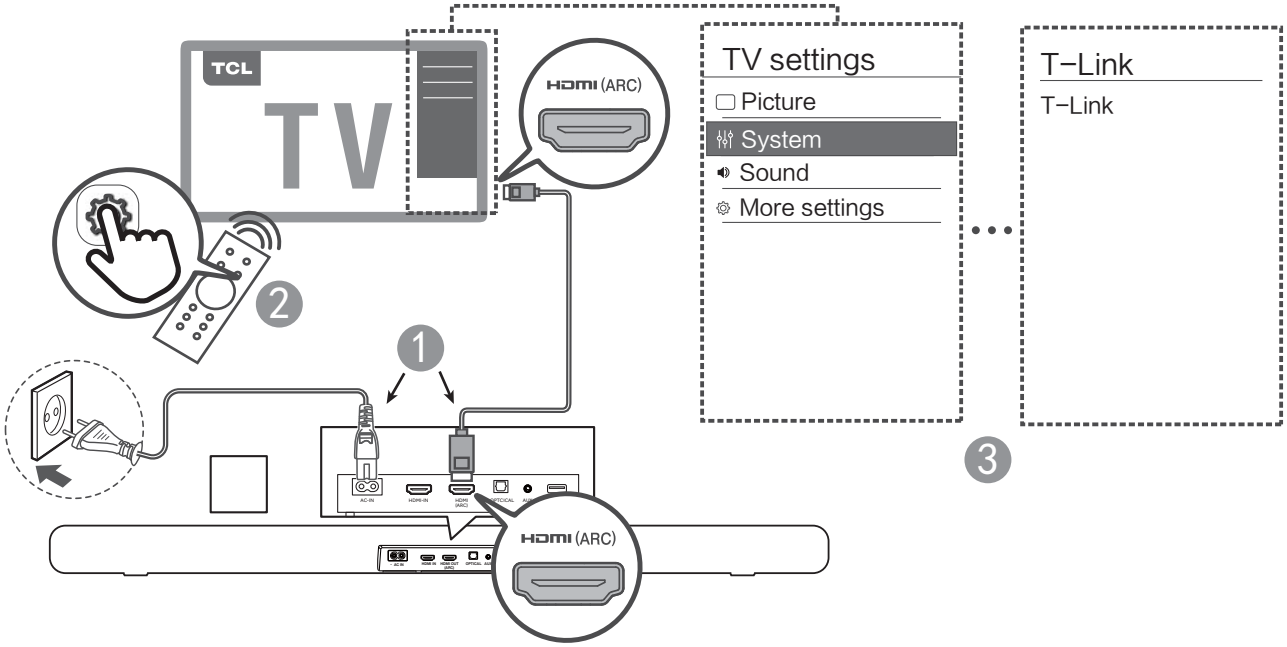


5b HDMI-ARC

1. Connect HDMI cable to HDMI (ARC) interface on both TV and sound bar.
   Connect power cord.
2. Enable the CEC function in the settings of the TV.



1. Connect HDMI cable to HDMI (ARC) interface on both TV and sound bar.
   Connect power cord.
2. Enable the T-Link function in the settings of the TCL TV.

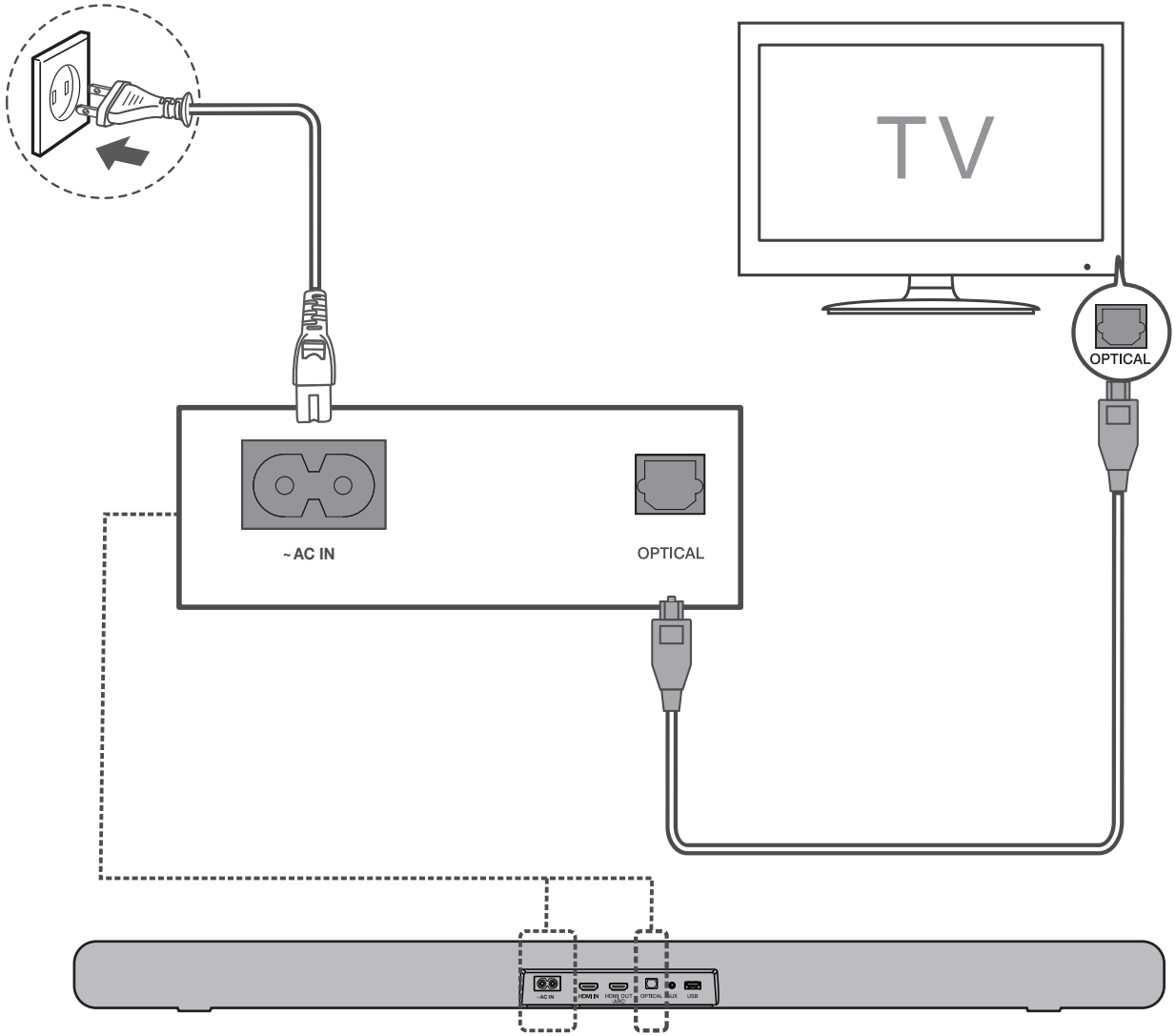


Note:
CEC function naming may differ by TV manuafacturer. This feature may be called T-Link, Anynet+, SimpLink, BRAVIA Link, EasyLink or VIERA Link. Please see your TV's user manual for more information.

5b Optical

Connect the Sound Bar with your TV through the supplied Optical cable.

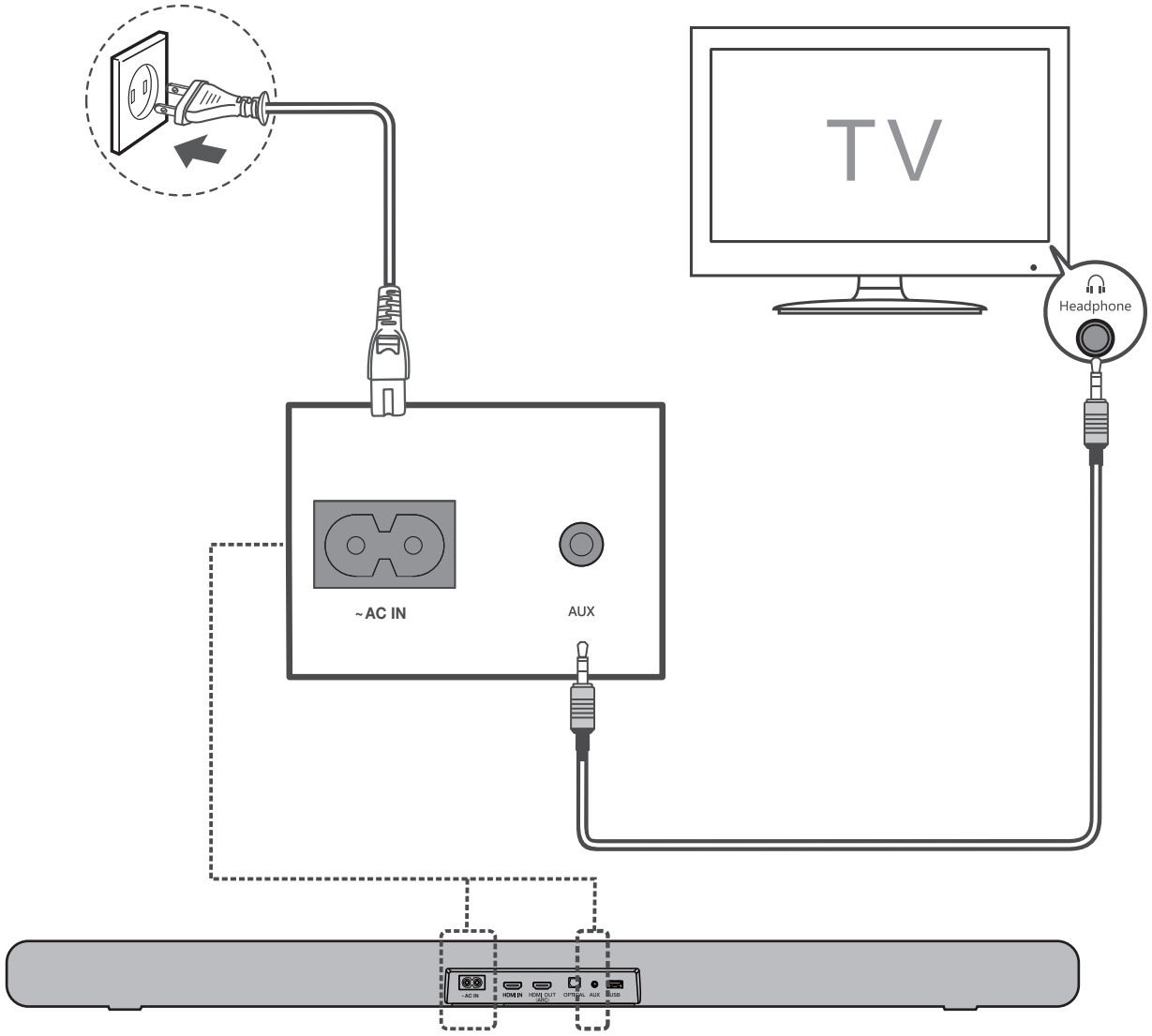
Connect the Sound Bar to the power supply with the supplied power cord.



5c AUX

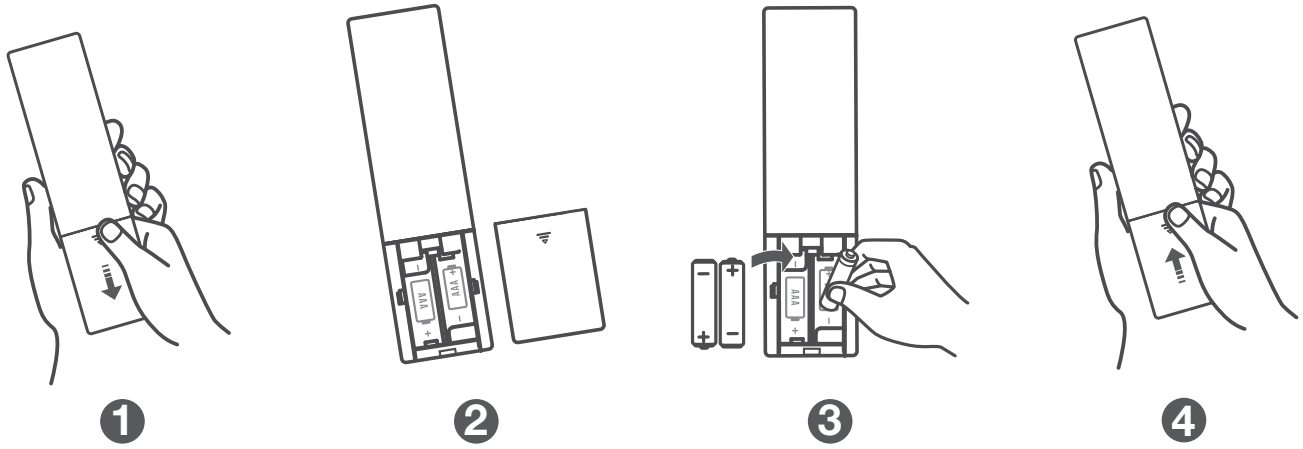
Connect the Sound Bar with your TV through AUX cable (not supplied).

Connect the Sound Bar to the power supply with the supplied power cord.



6a Install or replace the remote batteries

Battery type: 1.5V AAA Alkaline battery x 2



6b Using the Remote

❶ ⏻
Press to enter Sleep mode.
Press and hold to enter Standby mode.

❷ ☼
Press to adjust the brightness of the display. Press and hold for 3 seconds to enter Night mode.

❸ SURR
Press to turn on/off Dolby vertical surround.

❹ OPT
Press to switch the audio source to Optical mode.

❺ HDMI IN
Press to switch the audio source to HDMI IN mode.

❻ HDMI ARC
Press to switch the audio source to HDMI OUT (ARC) mode.

❼ USB
Press to switch the audio source to USB source.

❽ ✱
Press to switch the audio source to Bluetooth mode.
Press and hold to enter pairing mode.

❾ AUX
Press to switch the audio source to AUX mode.

❿ MOVIE / MUSIC / TV
Press to select the equalizer (EQ) effect when you are watching TV, movie or listening to music.

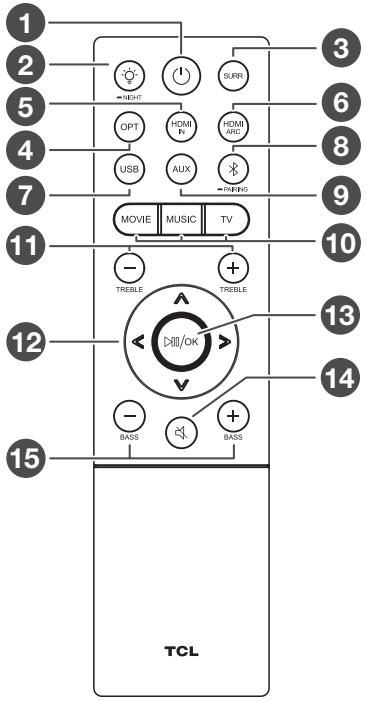
⓫ TREBLE ＋/—
Increase or decrease the treble sound effect.

⓬ < / >
Switch to previous or next music. (Under Bluetooth or USB mode)
∨/∧
Decrease or increase the volumn level.

⓭ ▷II/OK
Press to play/pause the music. (Under Bluetooth or USB mode)
In Standby mode or Sleep mode, press and hold for 5 seconds to enter Menu, and then press < / >/∨/∧ to view options. And press OK to confirm.

⓮ 🔇
Press to mute or unmute the sound.

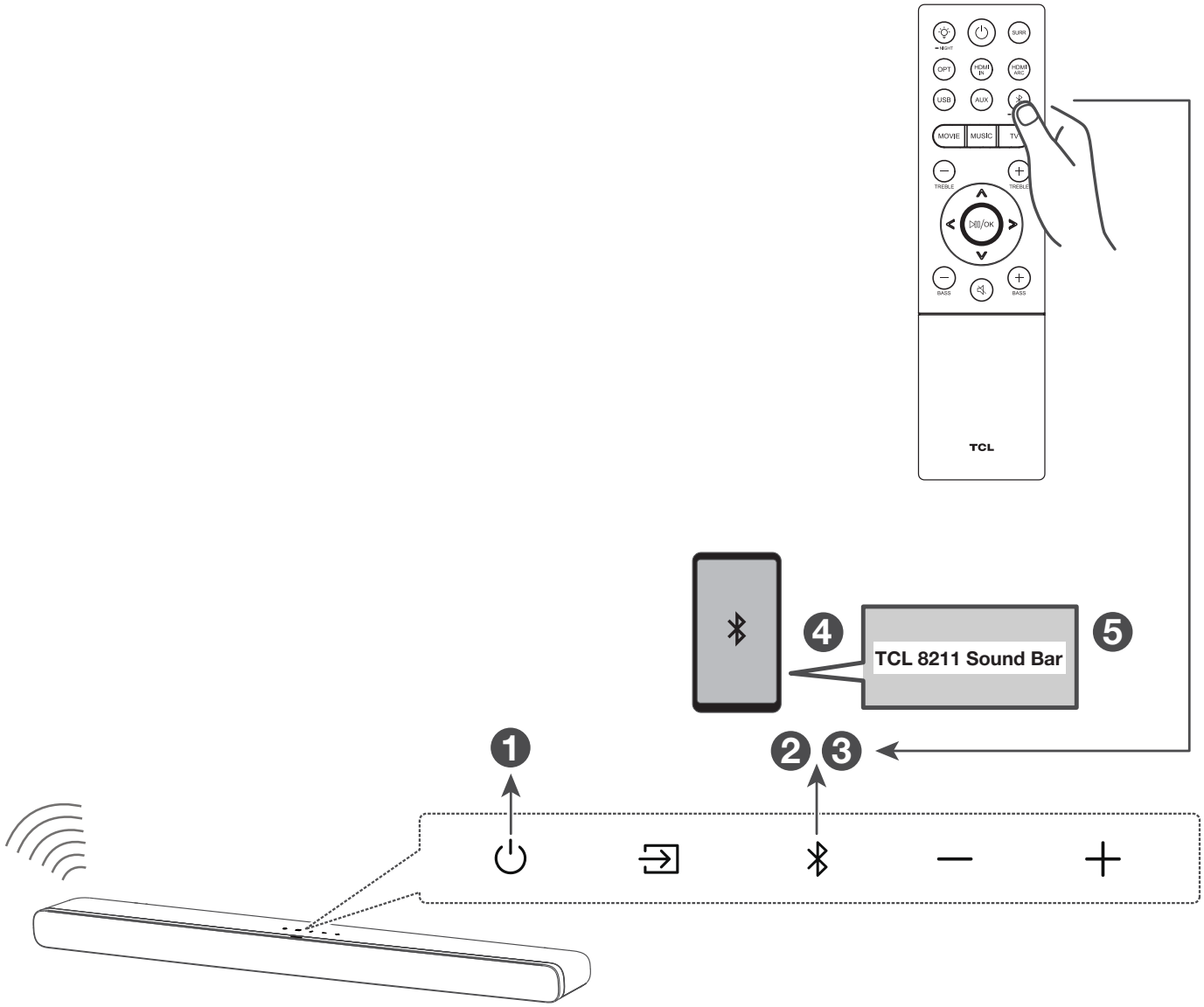
⓯ BASS ＋/—
Increase or decrease the bass sound effect.



7a Pair with your Bluetooth device

You can stream music from your mobile device via Bluetooth.

1. Press ⏻ .
2. Press ✱.
3. Press and hold ✱ on the remote control or press and hold ✱ on your sound bar.
   > You hear a sound signal.
   > The Sound Bar is ready to pair.
4. Power on your Bluetooth device and activate its Bluetooth function.
5. Select **TCL 8211 Sound Bar**.
   > You hear a sound signal.
   > Pairing is successful.
6. If you want to re-pair with another device, please repeat step 3.



7b

1. Power on the sound bar.
2. On an Android phone, open the Google Home app and continue with step 3a, on an iOS device, go to Settings > Wi-Fi and continue with step 3b.

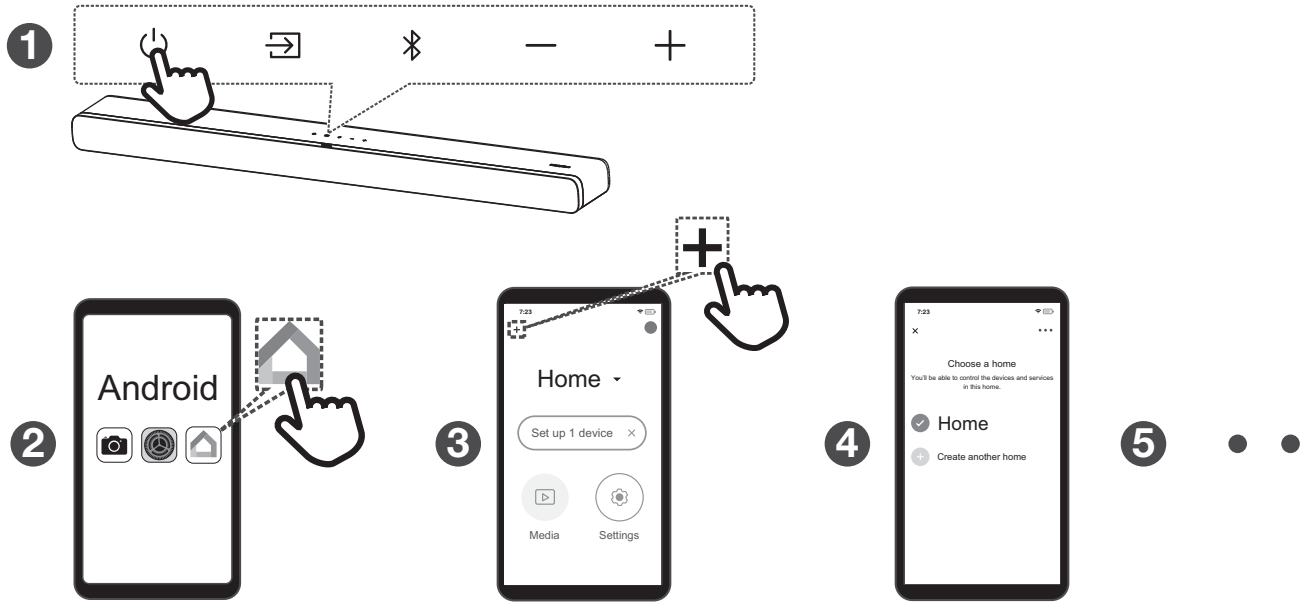
3a. In the Google Home app, make sure you are signed in and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the setup process.

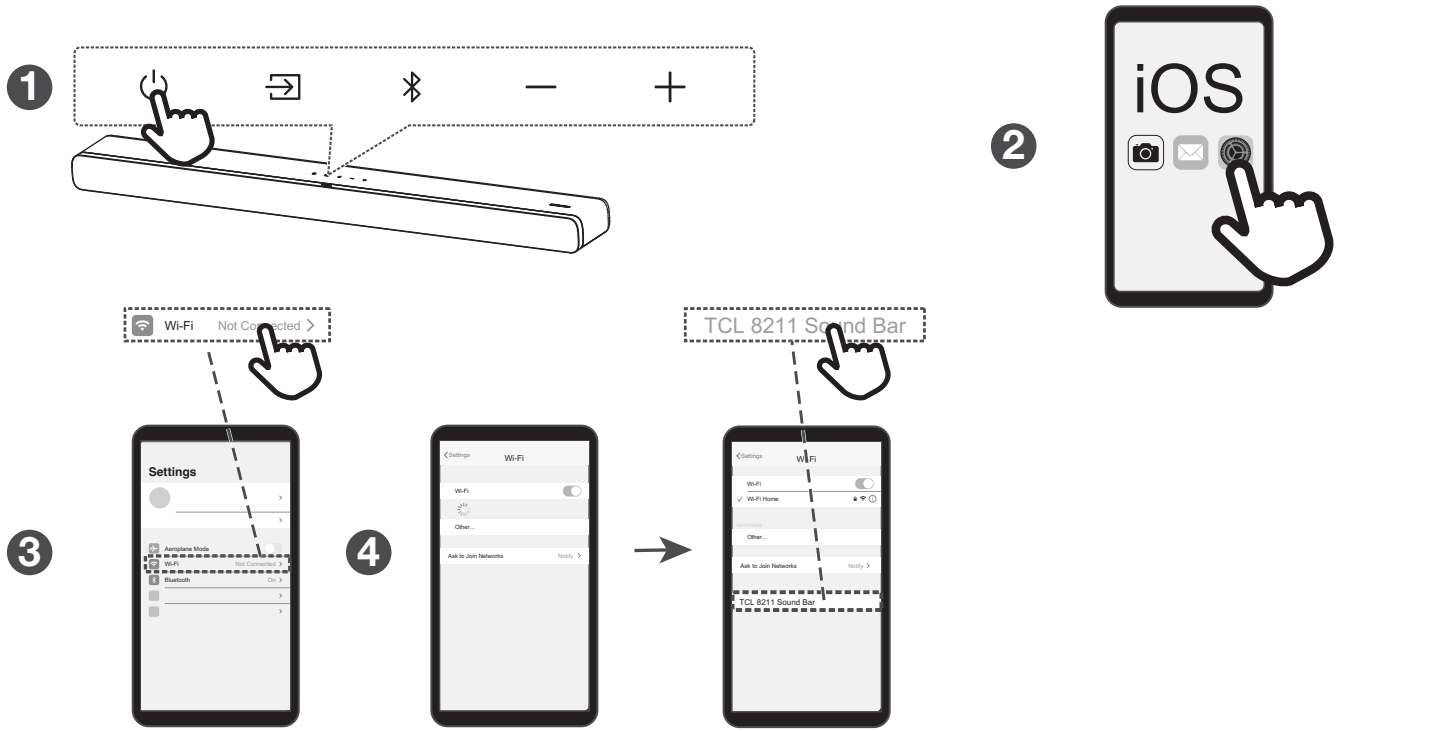
3b. For the Airplay 2, in Settings > Wi-Fi, look for "TCL 8211 Sound Bar" under "SETUP AS NEW AIRPLAY SPEAKER" and complete the setup process.

4. Once setup is complete via either 3a or 3b, you can now enjoy both Chromecast built-in and AirPlay from any device on the same network.
5. After this setup you may see an message on the sound bar display that there is new software available (NEW SW OK/NOT"). Please press “Play-Pause/OK” button on your remote control to download software and upgrade your sound bar or any other key to skip for now.

Note:

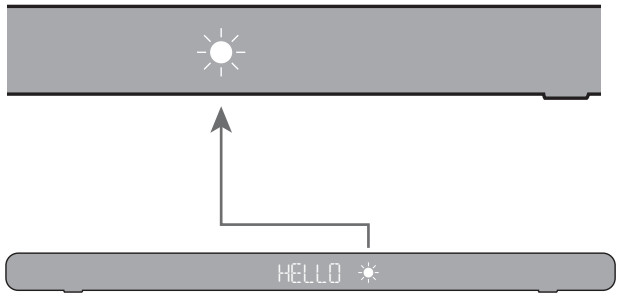
In Standby mode, holding the "Play-Pause/OK" key for 5 seconds will bring you to the system settings menu. You can navigate with VOL +/- and select options with "Play-Pause/OK". This menu allows you to reset the system to factory settings and may offer additional settings.





8 Sound Bar LED Display

The LED display on the Sound Bar gives you information about the status of the Sound Bar.



Remote Control	LED Indications	Remarks
	HELLO START READY SLEEP STDBY	*Power on/off
OPT HDMI IN HDMI ARC USB AUX PAIRING	OPT HDMI IN HDMI ARC USB BT PAIR CONNECTED AUX ON/OFF	*Input source *Connect your Blu-ray player via HDMI IN to use PASS THRU
MOVIE MUSIC TV	MOVIE MUSIC TV	Set prefered sound
NIGHT 2s	NIGHT	Reduced dynamics
SURR	SURROUND ON/OFF	Inhanced surround effect
TREBLE TREBLE BASS BASS	TREBLE -3 TREBLE +3 BASS -3 BASS +3	Increase or decrease treble or bass level
^ v MUTE	V 28 V MAX V MIN MUTE	Volume Mute/unmute
< > SELECT	PAUSE	Previous or next music under BT or USB mode
NIGHT	DIM 1 DIM 2	Set display brightness
	--X--	Not support
	AIRPLAY READY CHROMECAST READY ALEXA READY	Ready to work with AirPlay Ready to work with Chromecast Ready to work with Alexa
	UPDATE FOUND DOWNLOADING UPG UPG OK	Upgrade via OTA
	DOLBY ATMOS DOLBY AUDIO PCM AUDIO	Audio format detected

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Works with Apple AirPlay

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FAQ

Does this Sound Bar work with any TV?

Yes, the Sound Bar is compatible with any TV that has one of the ports below:

1. HDMI supporting ARC (preferred)
2. Optical audio output (TOSLink)
3. Headphone output

When the Sound Bar and TV are both on, there is an echo effect.

If you use HDMI-ARC connection, please check if the HDMI-CEC feature of your TV is turned on. This feature may be called T-Link, Anynet+, SimpLink, BRAVIA Link, EasyLink or VIERA Link*. If using optical connection, simply mute the TV speaker.

How many sound modes are available?

Four sound modes - Movie, Music, TV and Night.

How do I get the best Wi-Fi connection?

- Ensure your Wi-Fi router is not too far away from the sound bar and preferably in line of sight.
- High levels of data traffic over the Wi-Fi network can affect the sound bar Wi-Fi performance.

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