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User Manual

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Your Unit is designed and manufactured to operate within defined design limits, and misuse may result in electric shock or fire. To prevent your Unit from being damaged, the following rules should be observed for its installation, use, and maintenance. Please read the following safety instructions before operating your Unit. Keep these instructions in a safe place for future reference.

- Heed all warnings.
- Follow all instructions.
- Do not use this Unit near water.
- Clean only with a dry cloth.
- Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other Unit (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at the ends where the plug is located, near convenience receptacles, or where they exit from the Unit.
- Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Use only with the stand, tripod, or bracket specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the Unit. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/Unit combination to avoid injury from tip-over.

- Unplug this Unit during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the Unit has been damaged in any way, such as when the power supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the Unit, the Unit has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
- To reduce the risk of electric shock or component damage, switch off the power before connecting other components to your Unit.
- Unplug the power cord before cleaning your Unit. A damp cloth is sufficient for cleaning. Do not use a liquid or a spray cleaner on your Unit. Do not use abrasive cleaners.
- Always use the accessories recommended by the manufacturer to ensure compatibility.
- When moving your Unit from an area of low temperature to an area of high temperature, condensation may form in the housing. Wait before turning on your Unit to avoid causing fire, electric shock, or component damage.
- Slots and openings in the back and bottom of the Unit are provided for ventilation. To ensure reliable operation of your Unit and to protect it from overheating, be sure these openings are not blocked or covered. Do not place your Unit in a bookcase or cabinet unless proper ventilation is provided.
- Never push any object into the slots and openings on your Unit. Do not place any objects on the top of your Unit. Doing so could short circuit parts causing a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquids on your Unit.
- Do not block the subwoofer ports. Allow for 1-2 inches of space around all sides for ventilation.
- **WARNING**: Exposure to loud sounds can damage your hearing causing hearing loss and tinnitus (ringing or buzzing in the ears). With continued exposure to loud noises, ears may become accustomed to the sound level, which may result in permanent damage to hearing without any noticeable discomfort.
- When connected to a power outlet, power is always flowing into your Unit. To totally disconnect power, unplug the power cord.
- Do not overload power strips and extension cords. Overloading can result in fire or electric shock.
- The wall socket should be located near your Unit and be easily accessible.
- Keep your Unit away from moisture. Do not expose your Unit to rain or moisture. If water penetrates into your Unit, unplug the power cord and contact your dealer. Continuous use in this case may result in fire or electric shock.

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- Do not use your Unit if any abnormality occurs. If any smoke or odor becomes apparent, unplug the power cord and contact your dealer immediately. Do not try to repair your Unit yourself.
- Avoid using dropped or damaged appliances. If your Unit is dropped and the housing is damaged, the internal components may function abnormally. Unplug the power cord immediately and contact your dealer for repair. Continued use of your Unit may cause fire or electric shock.
- Do not install your Unit in an area with heavy dust or high humidity. Operating your Unit in environments with heavy dust or high humidity may cause fire or electric shock.
- Ensure that the power cord and any other cables are unplugged before moving your Unit.
- When unplugging your Unit, hold the power plug, not the cord. Pulling on the power cord may damage the wires inside the cord and cause fire or electric shock. When your Unit will not be used for an extended period of time, unplug the power cord.
- To reduce risk of electric shock, do not touch the connector with wet hands.
- Insert the remote control batteries in accordance with instructions. Incorrect polarity may cause the battery to leak which can damage the remote control or injure the operator.
- Read and follow all warnings printed on the Unit.
- **WARNING**: This equipment is not waterproof. To prevent a fire or shock hazard, do not place any container filled with liquid near the equipment (such as a vase or flower pot) or expose it to dripping, splashing, rain, or moisture.
- **CAUTION**: Danger of explosion or fire if batteries are mistreated. Replace only with the same or specified type.
- Do not leave the batteries exposed to direct sunlight for a long period of time with doors and windows closed. Do not disassemble the batteries or dispose of it in fire.
- If the main wall plug or the appliance coupler is disconnected, the disconnected device will remain readily operable upon reconnection to an appropriate power source.
- No open flames, such as lighted candles, should be placed on the Unit.
- The ventilation should not be impeded by covering the ventilation openings with items,such as newspapers, table-cloths, curtains, etc.
- The equipment shall be used at maximum 35 degree C ambient temperature.

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this Unit to rain or moisture.

The lighting flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of not isolated dangerous voltage within the appliance that may be sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of shock to persons.

The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and servicing instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

Warning: This equipment is a Class II or double insulated electrical appliance. It has been designed in such a way that it does not require a safety connection to electrical earth.

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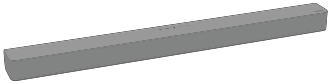
Package Contents



VIZIO
Sound Bar

Wireless Subwoofer

Remote Control
with 2x AAA Batteries

2 x Power Cables

HDMI Cable

Digital Optical
Cable

2 x Wall
Mount Brackets
(Sound Bar)

Wall Mount
Template

2 x Wall
Mount Screws

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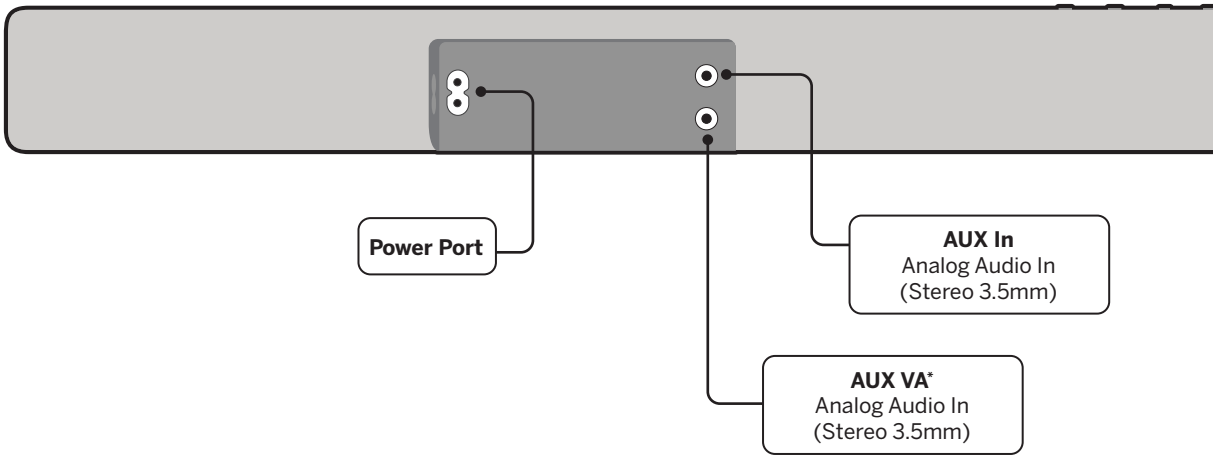
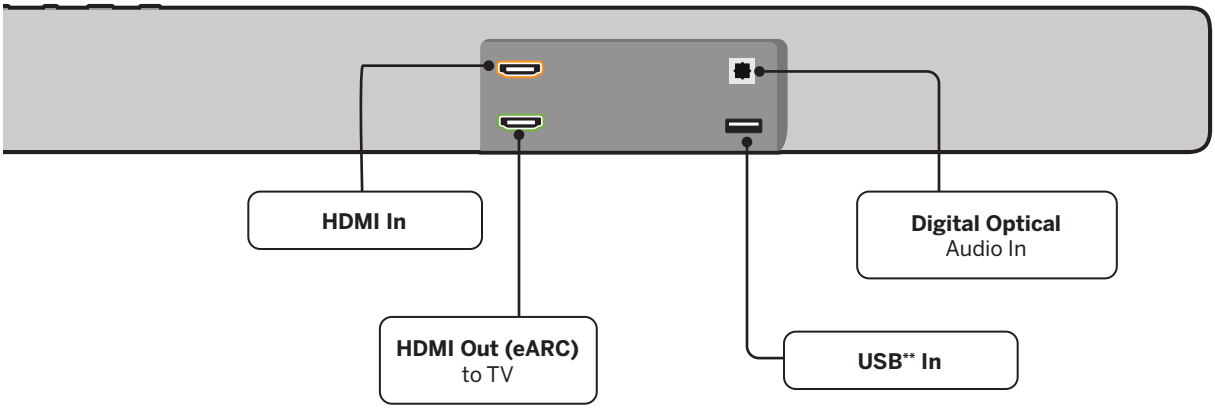
Back of Sound Bar



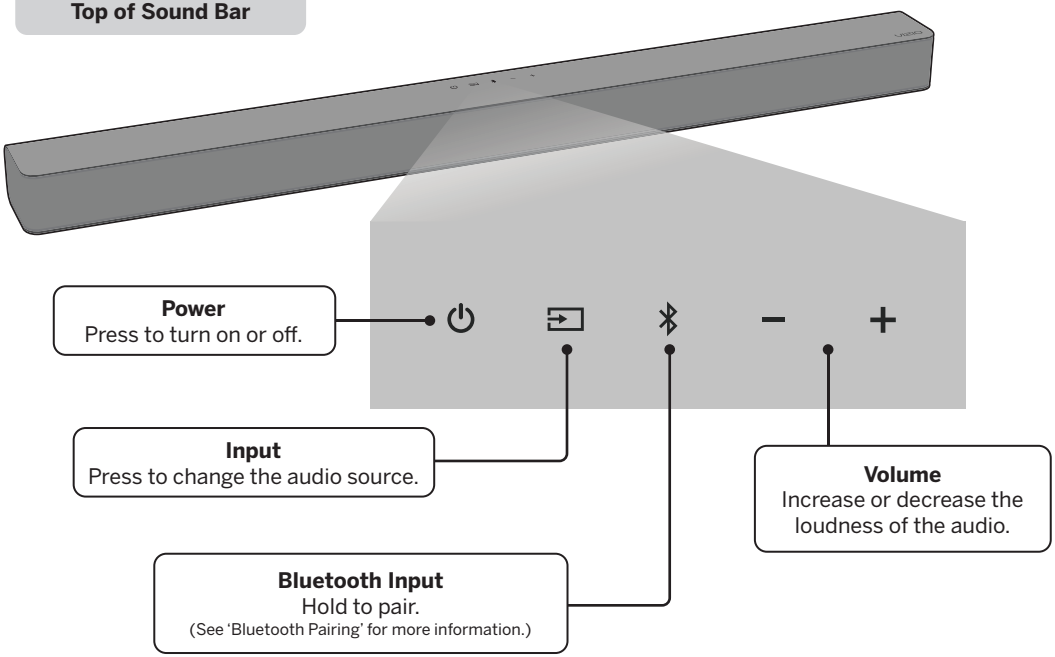
*Only use this port to connect a Voice Assistant device. See Connecting to a Voice Assistant on page 21 for more information.



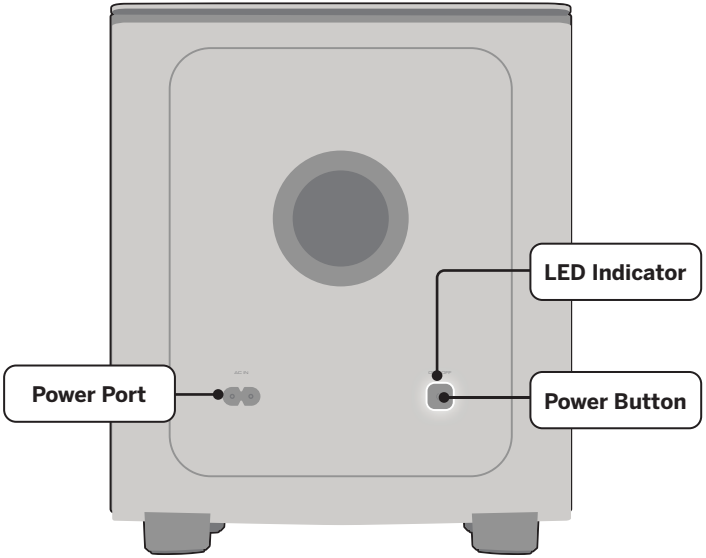
**Supports .WAV and .MP3 file format playback only.

Controls & Connections

Top of Sound Bar

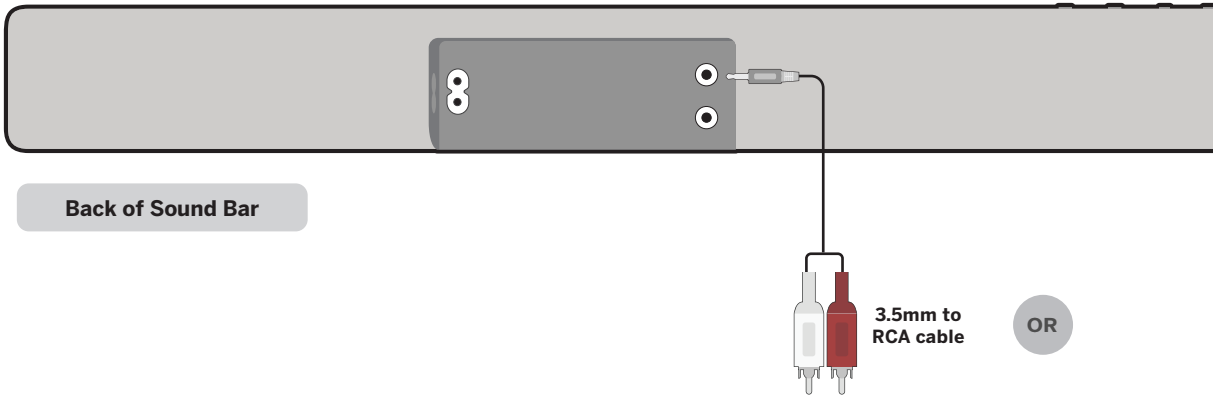


Back of Subwoofer

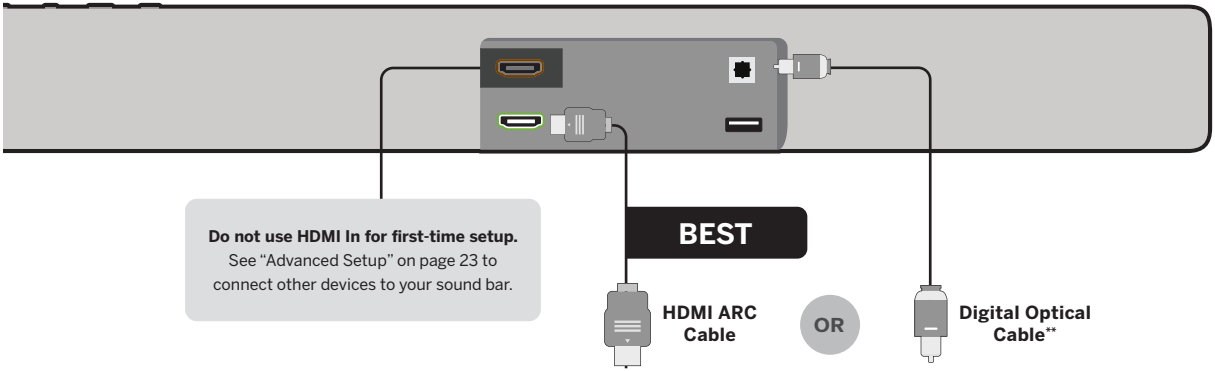


First-time Setup

1 Choose the best possible connection cable type and connect it to your TV.*
(Not all cables are included.)



***Not all TVs have the audio outputs shown.**
To connect the sound bar directly to your other devices
(Blu-ray player, game system, etc.) see your device's user manual.



Do not use HDMI In for first-time setup.
See "Advanced Setup" on page 23 to connect other devices to your sound bar.

Be sure the TV port is an **audio output**, not an audio input.

****Some TVs do not pass through digital audio:**
When using the digital input, if there is no audio, try:

- setting the TV output to PCM, or
- connecting directly to your Blu-ray or other source.

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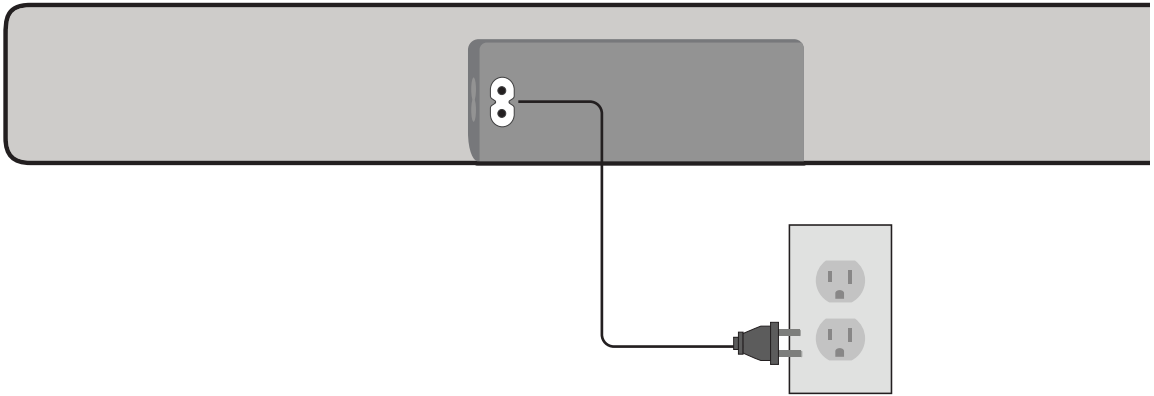
Connect the power cable to the sound bar AC IN as shown.

Plug the power cable into an electrical outlet.

Back of Sound Bar



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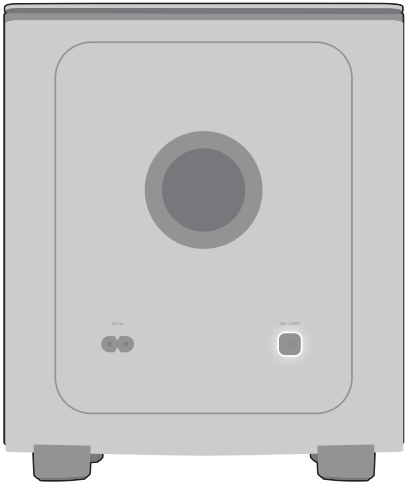
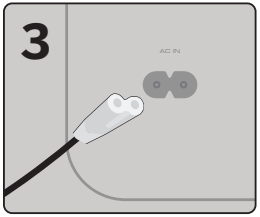
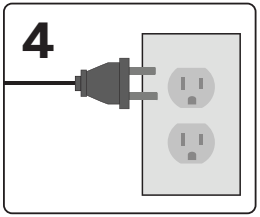
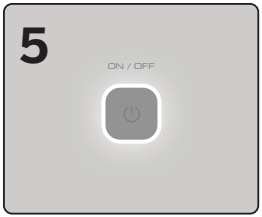




Connect the power cable to the subwoofer.



Plug the power cable into a power outlet.



The subwoofer should automatically power on and link to the sound bar when plugged in. The LED will glow to solid to confirm.

6 Remove the battery cover by gently sliding it away from the remote.

Top

7 Insert the included batteries and gently slide the battery cover back into place.

Top

When needed, VIZIO recommends replacing the batteries that came with this remote with two, new Duracell 'AAA' alkaline batteries.

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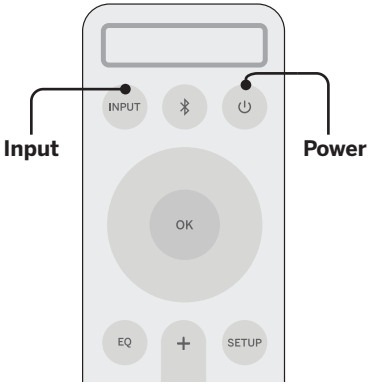
8 After turning on both your TV and sound bar, it will automatically begin searching for an active input.* The LED indicator on the front of the sound bar will begin cycling in different colors through inputs until an audio source is detected.**

You can press the INPUT button to switch between audio sources.

Tip: Pressing the **INPUT** button will stop the auto detect function.

For example, if you connected your TV to HDMI (ARC), set the sound bar to HDMI eARC.



*Occurs only during first-time set up.
**Auto detect function only occurs once when the sound bar is first powered on. To enable this feature again, you must do a Factory Reset (see the *Using Button Combinations* on page 17 for more information) or press and hold the INPUT button for 3 seconds.

Using the Remote

Display
Displays Sound Bar Settings

Input
Change the input source.*
(Long press for Auto Input Search.)

Bluetooth
Press to go to Bluetooth Mode
(Long press for Pairing Mode)

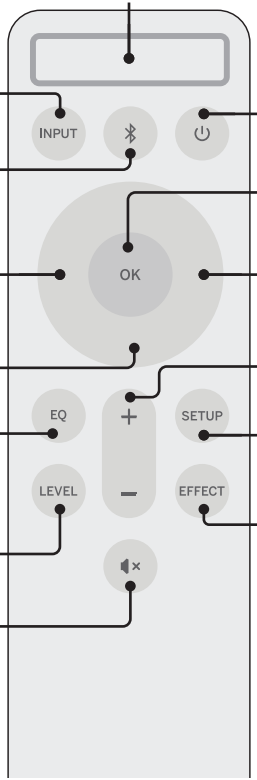
Previous
Return to previous track.
(Changes audio settings in menu)

Up/Down
Cycle through settings and options

EQ Settings
Change equalizer settings

Level Settings
Change audio leveling settings

Mute
Mute/unmute.
(Long press to turn LED power indicator on/off)



Power
Turn on or off

OK
Select an option, play or pause.
(Long press for info)

Next
Skip to the next track.
(Changes audio settings in Menu)

Volume +/-
Increase and decrease volume

Setup Settings
Change setup settings

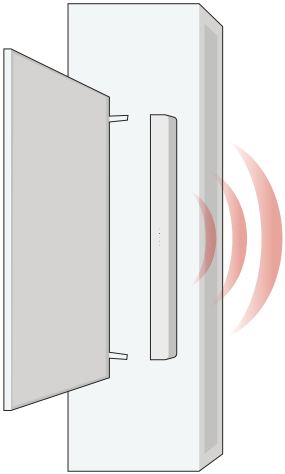
Effect Settings
Change audio effect settings

*Press **INPUT** and ***Previous*** to select previous input.
Specific inputs will show a different LED color:

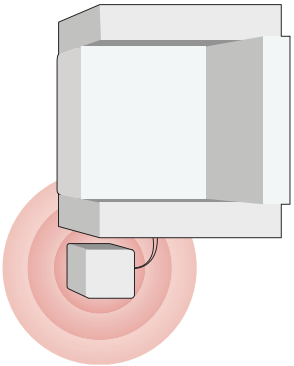
- AUX In: Green
- AUX VA: Violet
- Digital Optical: Red
- HDMI (eARC): Magenta
- HDMI In: Yellow
- Bluetooth: Blue
- USB: Orange

Proper Placement

For the best surround sound experience, position the sound bar and subwoofer as shown. The sound bar should be close to ear level.



Sound bar should be centered below the TV.



Subwoofer

Note: Do not block the subwoofer port.

Mode & Level Settings

Press each **setting button** and use the **Up/Down** buttons to access the different settings. Each setting will be displayed on the remote control's LCD display. The LED indicators will behave differently with each function.

Function	LED Behavior	Description
Equalizer Mode EQ	Movie Music Direct Game	Press the **EQ** button and use the **Up/Down** buttons to toggle between preset equalizer settings: Movie, Music, Direct, and Game. **Note:** Movie mode is on by default.
Bass Level Bass	Two center LEDs indicate bass level 0.	**LEVEL > Bass >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to increase/decrease the bass level. The LED indicators will move to the top with increasing level and to the bottom with decreasing level.
Treble Level Treble	Two center LEDs indicate treble level 0.	**LEVEL > Treble >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to increase/decrease the treble level. The LED indicators will move to the top with increasing level and to the bottom with decreasing level.
Dialogue Level Dialogue	LED at the bottom indicates dialogue level 0.	**LEVEL > Dialogue >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to increase/decrease the dialogue level. The LED indicators will move to the top with increasing level and to the bottom with decreasing level.
Subwoofer Level Sub Lvl	Two center LEDs indicate subwoofer level is 0.	**LEVEL > Sub Lvl >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to increase/decrease the level of the subwoofer. The LED indicators will move to the top with increasing level and to the bottom with decreasing level. **Note**: Decreasing the level to the minimum turns off the subwoofer.

Mode & Level Settings

Function	LED Behavior	Description
Info Info	–	**SETUP > Info > OK** to have the sound bar verbally announce the current sound bar input and audio type being played with corresponding LED indicators.
Auto VA Auto VA	Both BT AUX Off	**SETUP > Auto VA >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to toggle between connecting the sound bar to a Voice Assistant through both, Bluetooth (BT), AUX or off. Refer to *Connecting to a Voice Assistant* on page 21 for more information. **Note**: Default setting is AUX.
Eco Power Mode Eco Pwr	← Eco Power Mode On Eco Power Mode Off →	**SETUP > EcoPwr >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to enable/disable Eco Power Mode. When ON, the sound bar will go into standby after a period of inactivity. The sound bar will automatically turn off when no audio signal is detected. Off disables this feature. **Note**: Default setting is Off
Input Search Input Srch	The LED indicator color will change per specific input.	**SETUP > Input Search > OK** to initiate an automatic input detection sequence. This is the same as a long key press of the **INPUT** button on the remote. Specific inputs will show a different LED color: • AUX In: Green • AUX VA: Violet • Digital Optical: Red • HDMI In: Yellow • HDMI (eARC): Magenta
Program Remote Learn Prg Remote	**Waiting to learn:** Flash from bottom to top and back continuously.	**SETUP > PrgRemote >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons and **OK** button to toggle and select and program your TV remote to control the **Volume Down**, **Volume Up**, and **Mute** functions on your sound bar. See the *Programing the Sound Bar on page 18* section for more information.
Power LED PwrLED	← Power LED On Power LED On →	**SETUP > PwrLED >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons and **OK** button to enable/disable the Power LED. Voice notifications will also be enabled/disabled.

Function	LED Behavior	Description
AV Delay AV Delay	LED at the bottom indicates no delay.	**SETUP > AV Delay >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to increase/decrease the amount of audio delay. The LED indicators will move to the top with increasing audio delay level.
Reset Audio or Reset All Reset All	All LEDs will flash 3 times when settings are reset.	**SETUP > Reset Audio** *or* **Reset All >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to reset either Audio or All settings. Press the **OK** button to select. **Audio** - Only audio settings, such as bass and treble levels, will be reset. **All** - All paired Bluetooth devices will be unpaired and all settings will be lost. All programmed IR remotes will also be removed. See the *Factory Reset on page 17* for more information.
Speaker Test Spkr Test	—	**SETUP > Spkr Test > OK** to activate the speaker test function. A voice will begin calling out each speaker beginning with *left* (Left, Right, and subwoofer-white noise). If any of these are missing, check the connection and run the speaker test function again.
VIZIO Remote VZtvRmt	← Remote On Remote Off →	**SETUP > VZtvRmt >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to enable/disable VIZIO TV Remotes. When enabled (On), you can use a VIZIO TV remote control to turn on the sound bar (using the **TV Volume Up** button) and control volume.
DTS TruVolume TruVol	← TruVolume On TruVolume Off →	**EFFECT > TruVol >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to enable/disable TruVolume. When enabled (On), TruVolume provides a consistent and comfortable volume level for a more enjoyable listening experience. **Note**: Default setting is Off.

Mode & Level Settings

Function	LED Behavior	Description
DTS Virtual:X VRT :X	Virtual:X On Virtual:X Off	**EFFECT > VRT:X >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to enable/disable **Virtual:X**. When enabled (On), all inputs will produce a virtual sound technology that simulates the effect of having overhead sound. When disabled (Off), all sources will playback without virtualization.
Night Mode Night	Night Mode On Night Mode Off	**EFFECT > Night >** Use the **Next/Previous** buttons to enable/disable Night Mode. When enabled (On), the sound bar will lower bass frequency levels to provide a more quiet environment (ideal for apartment living and homes with sleeping children). **Note**: Night mode will set to Off after a power cycle.
Dolby Audio, Dolby Atmos, or DTS audio format is detected.	Dolby Atmos: Green Dolby Audio: White DTS Audio: Amber	Dolby Audio and DTS are available on the **HDMI eARC, HDMI In,** and **Digital Optical** inputs. Dolby Atmos is available on **HDMI eARC and HDMI In** when connected to supported devices and streaming services. When a Dolby or DTS signal is detected, the bottom indicator LED will light up for 5 seconds before fading away.