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TS8132 / TS813

3.1.2 Channel Dolby Atmos Sound Bar with Wireless Subwoofer

Quick Start Guide

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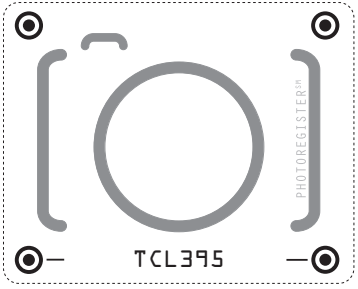

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Enjoy exclusive benefits with registration:

- Expedited support and service
- Insider tips on your soundbar
- Exclusive offers and promotions
- Verification of ownership

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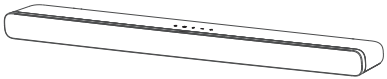
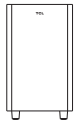
2 What's in the box

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



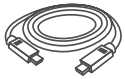
Sound Bar main unit



Wireless Subwoofer

AC power cord x 2

Optical cable (TS8132 only)



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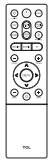


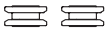
Remote control

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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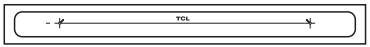
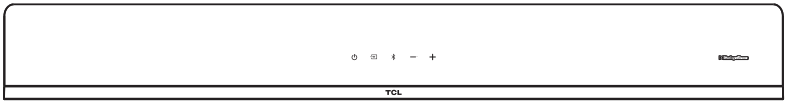
Warranty card



Wall mount template

3a Overview

Sound Bar main unit

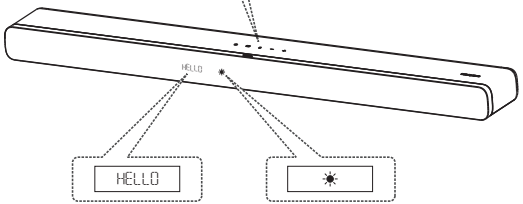


Source button:
Press to switch the audio source among HDMI ARC/HDMI IN/OPT /BT/USB modes.

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

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

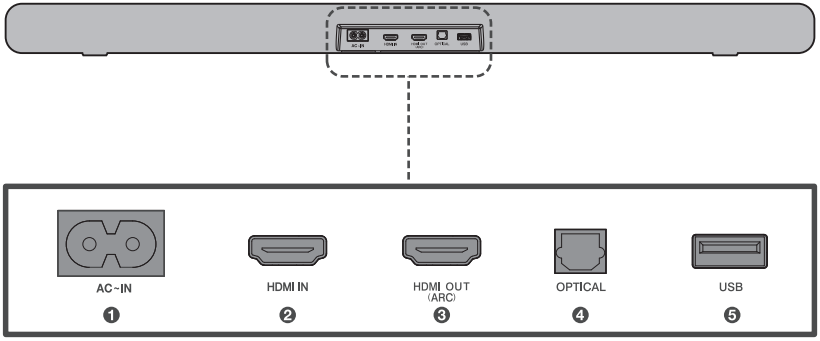
Bluetooth button:
Press to select the Bluetooth source. Press and hold to enter pairing mode.



Screen display:
Indicates the Sound Bar status.

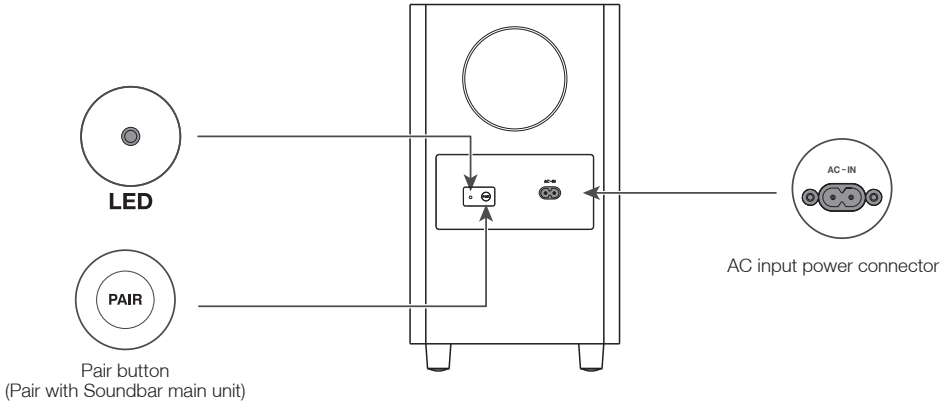
LED light:
Indicates Wi-Fi connection
(e.g. Not connected: blink twice rapidly.
Connected: keep lighting up for one second)

❶ AC input power connector
❷ HDMI IN connector
❸ HDMI ARC connector
❹ Optical input connector
❺ USB Type A connector



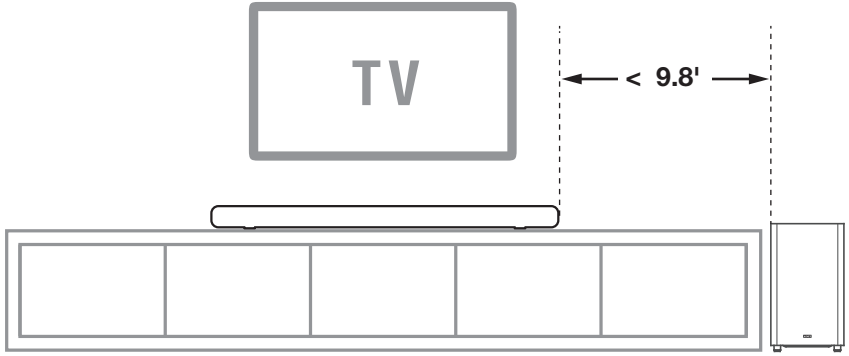
3b Overview

Wireless subwoofer



4a Position your Sound Bar

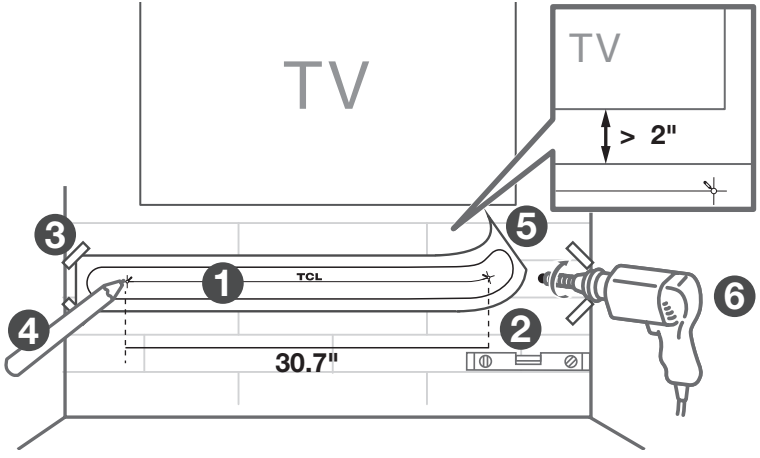
The ideal place to position the Sound Bar is centered underneath your TV.



4b Wall mount your Sound Bar

Required tools:

1. 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.
2. Use a level to make sure the wall mount template is positioned accurately
3. Use the tape to stick the wall mount template firmly on the wall.
4. Mark on the wall using each marking on the template through the mounting holes.
5. Take away the wall mount template.
6. Drill a screw hole at each marking on the wall.



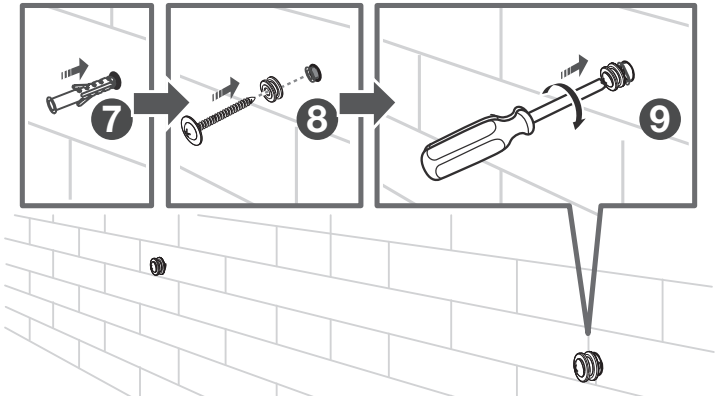
4b Wall mount your Sound Bar

Required tools:

❼ Insert the wall anchors in the holes on the wall.

❽ Insert the supplied screws with the sleeves into the hole of the wall anchors.

❾ Fix and tighten the wall bracket screws on the wall.

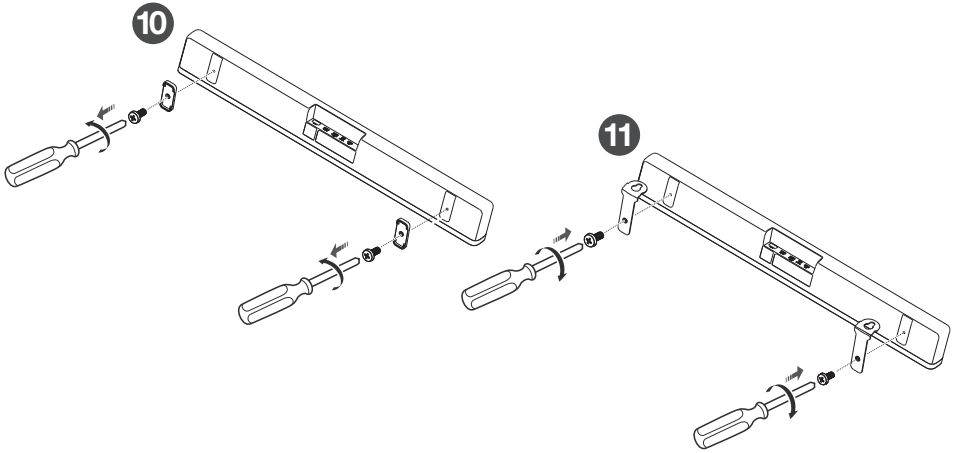


4b Wall mount your Sound Bar

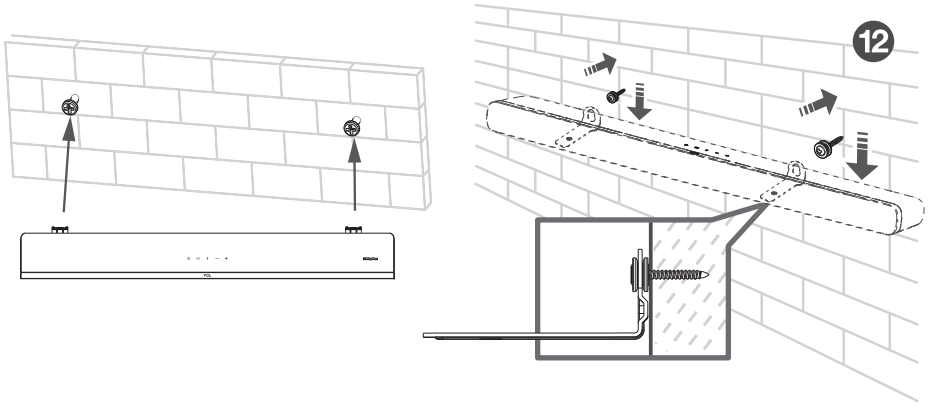
Required tools:

10 Unscrew the rubber cushions from the bottom of the sound bar and set them aside for potential use in the future.

11 Attach the included wall bracket mounts to the sound bar in the same holes the rubber cushions were removed from.



12 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.



5 Connect to your TV

There are 2 ways to connect your sound bar to the TV (listed in order that we recommend): HDMI ARC (refer to 5a and 5b), and Optical (refer to 5c).

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

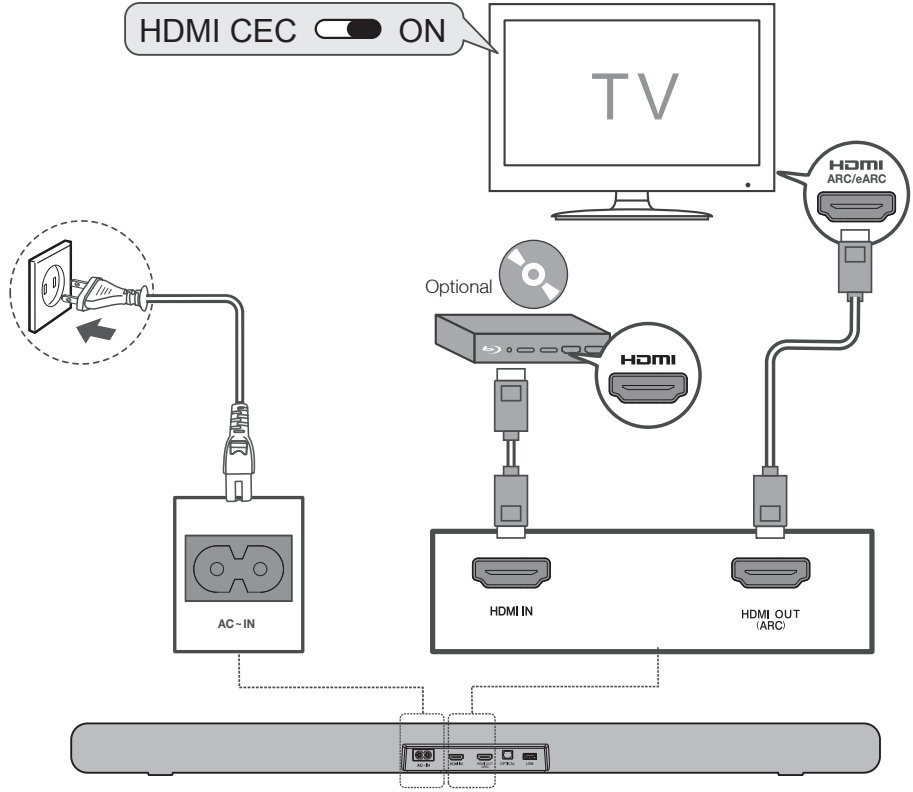
Roku TV Ready

✓Simple setup
✓One remote
✓Quick settings

5a HDMI-ARC

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

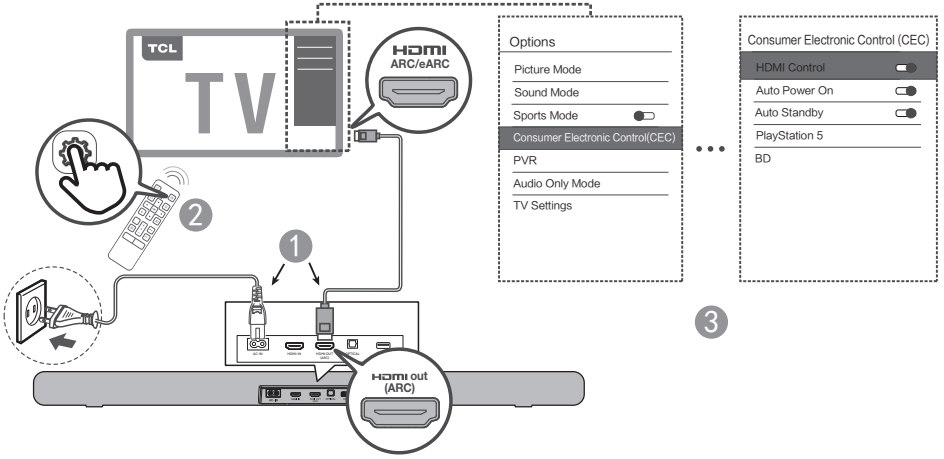
Connect the Sound Bar to the power supply with the supplied power cord.



5b HDMI-ARC

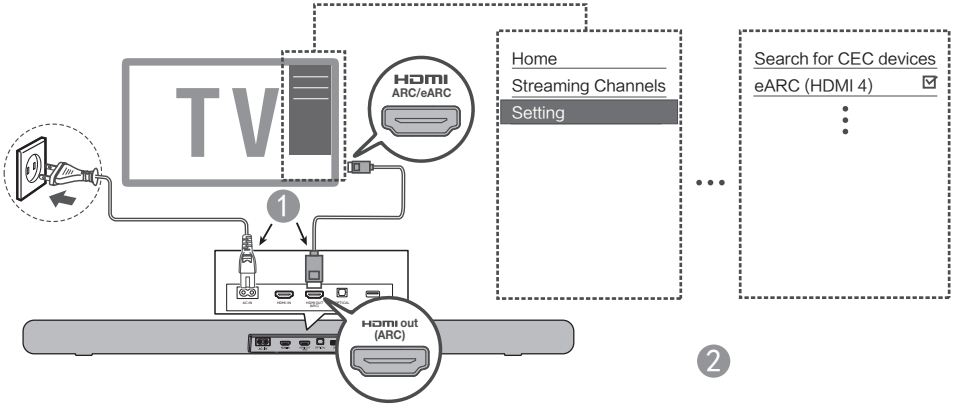
Enable CEC function on TCL TV.

1. Connect HDMI cable from the HDMI (ARC) interface on the sound bar to the HDMI (ARC/eARC) interface on the TV.
   Connect power cord.
2. Enable the CEC Vfunction in the settings of the TCL TV.



Enable CEC function on other brand TV.

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

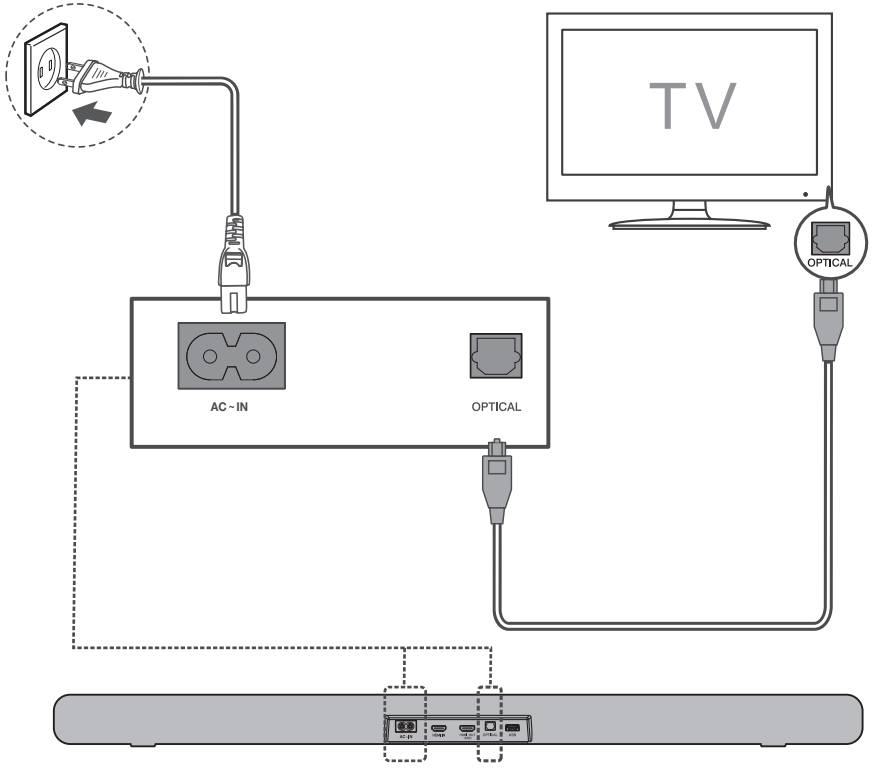


Note:
CEC function naming may differ by TV manufacturer. This feature may be called Anynet+, SimpLink, BRAVIA Link, EasyLink or VIERA Link. Please see your TV's user manual for more information.

5c Optical

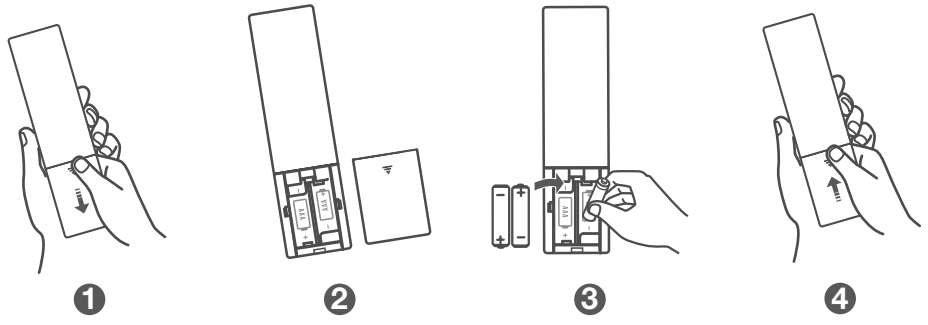
Connect the Sound Bar to the TV with an Optical cable.

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

1 ⏻
Press to enter Sleep mode.
Press and hold to enter Standby mode.

2 ☼
Press to adjust the brightness of the display. Press and hold for 2 seconds to enter Night mode.

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

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

5 **HDMI IN**
Press to switch the audio source to HDMI IN mode.

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

7 **USB**
Press to switch the audio source to USB source.

8 ᛒ
Press to switch the audio source to Bluetooth mode.
Press and hold to enter pairing mode.

9 **PASS THRU**
Press to switch on/off Pass Through function.

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

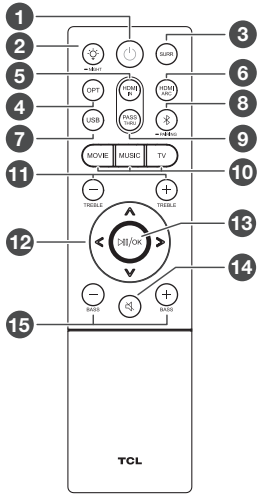
11 **TREBLE** ＋/－
Increase or decrease the treble sound effect.

12 **<** / **>**
Switch to previous or next music. (Under Bluetooth or USB mode)
∨/**∧**
Decrease or increase the volume level.

13 ⏯/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. Press OK to confirm.

14 🔇
Press to mute or unmute the sound.

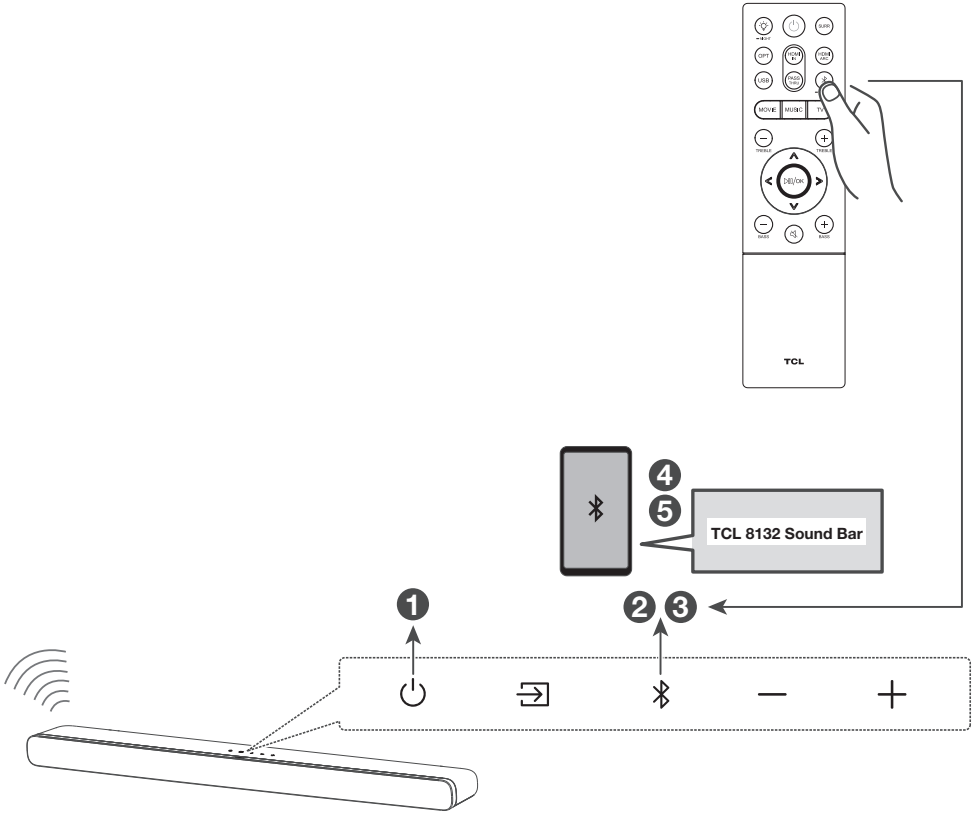
15 **BASS** ＋/－
Increase or decrease the bass sound effect.



7 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 8132 Sound Bar.**
> You hear a sound signal.
> Pairing is successful.
6. If you want to pair another device, please repeat step 3.



8a Add in Google home Add in AirPlay 2

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.

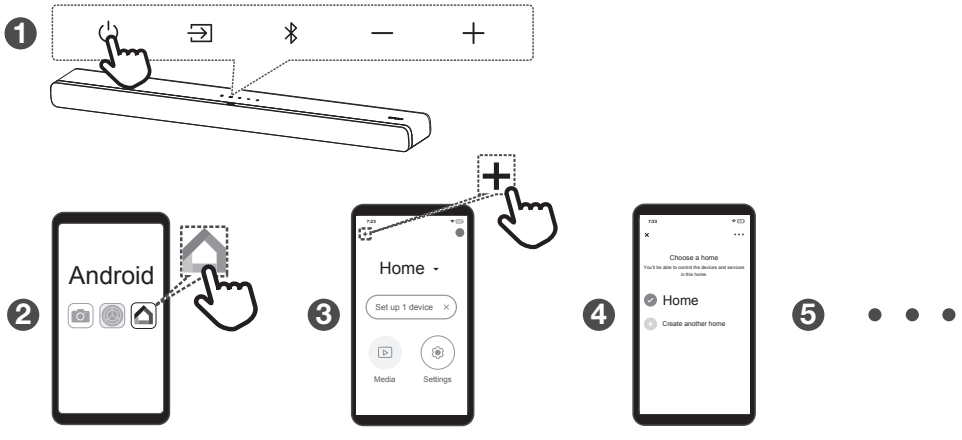
3a. In the Google Home app, make sure you are signed in and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the setup process.

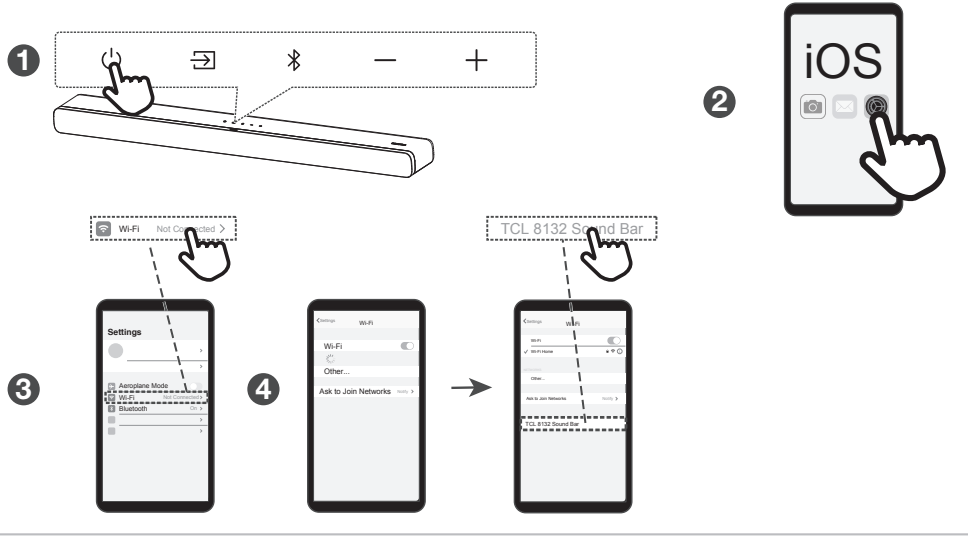
3b. For the Airplay 2, in Settings > Wi-Fi, look for "TCL 8132 Sound Bar" under "SETUP AS NEW AIRPLAY SPEAKER" and complete the setup process.

4. Once setup is complete via either 3a or 3b, you are now connected to your network and Wi-Fi. Now you can 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.



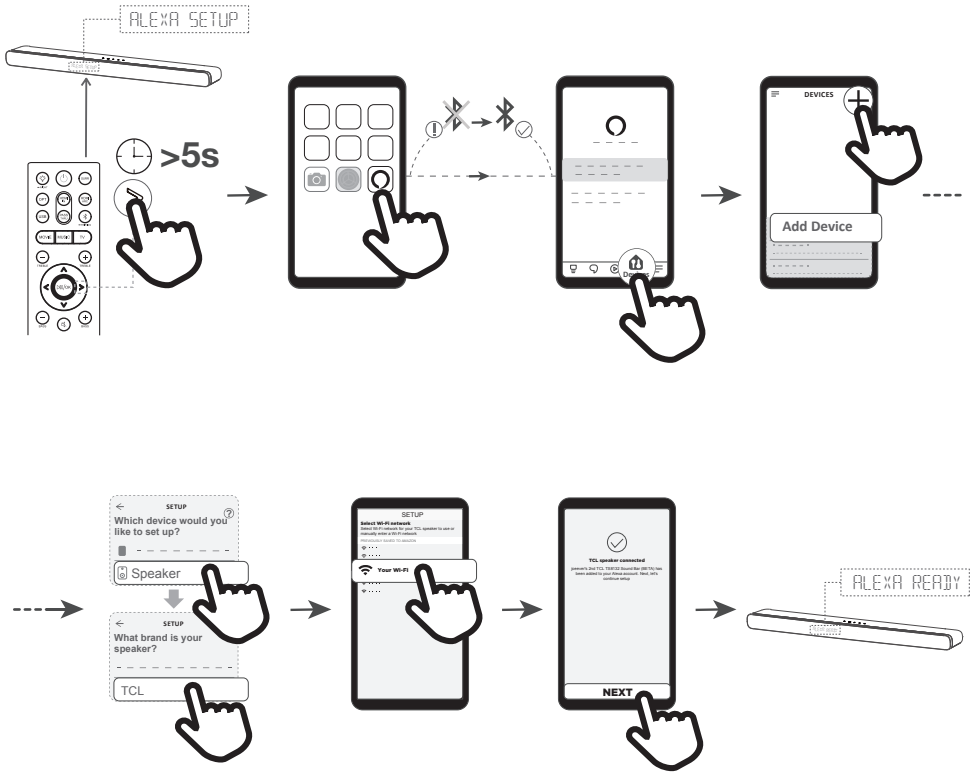


8b Add in Amazon Alexa

Setting up Works With Alexa

Note: This setup requires you to install the Alexa app from the App Store or Google Play. If you open the Alexa app you may automatically be invited to set up your sound bar, in this case just follow the steps. Otherwise proceed with the steps below.

1. Press and hold the ⏭ (next) button on the sound bar remote for 5s until the display on the sound bar shows ALEXA SETUP
2. Now open the Alexa app on your device.
3. If the Alexa app indicates that your Bluetooth function is not turned on, go to the Settings and activate Bluetooth
4. In the Alexa app, select the Devices tab and use the "+" button to add a new device.
5. Select "Speaker" for the kind of device and "TCL" as the brand.
6. You will now be asked to select the Wi-Fi network you want the sound bar to connect to. This is typically the same Wi-Fi network as your phone is using. You may need to enter the Wi-Fi network's password.
7. After a short while, you will be asked to try out some examples on how to use the soundbar and after this, the display on the sound bar shows ALEXA READY. Your setup is now complete.

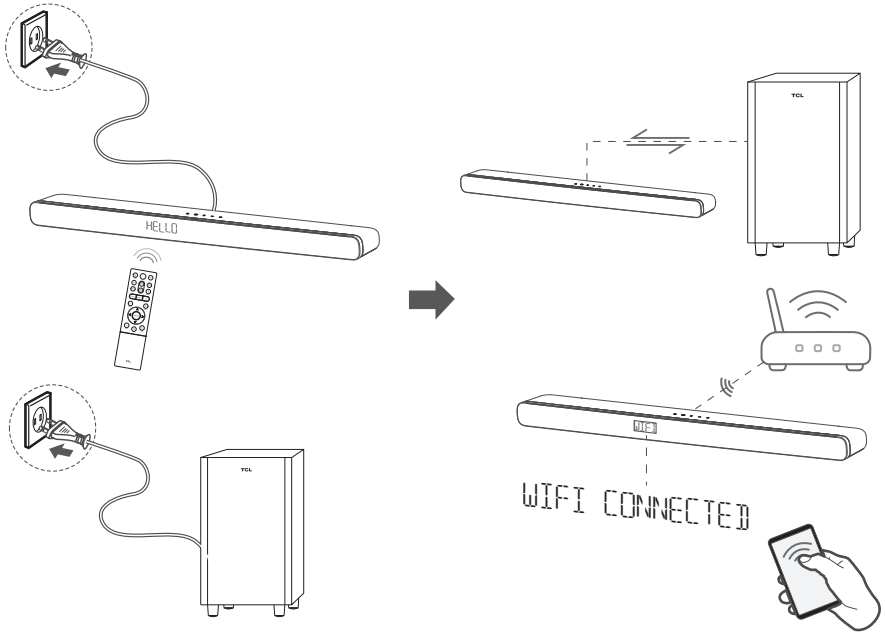


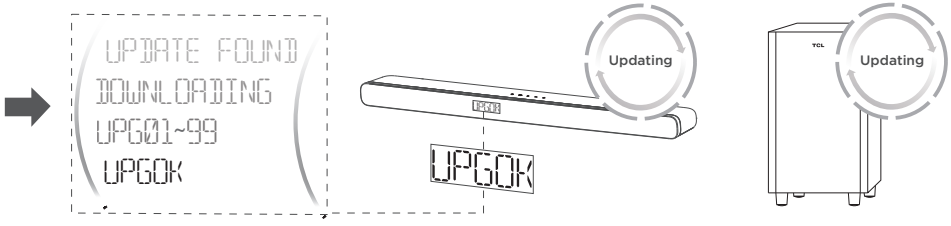
9 Online Firmware Update

Automatic detection and upgrade of Sound Bar software:

1. Ensure your Sound Bar and Subwoofer are both powered up.
2. Ensure your Sound Bar and Subwoofer pair successfully.
3. Ensure your Sound Bar is connected to Wi-Fi successfully (Refer to 8a and 8b.)
4. You will see the following LED indications: UPDATE FOUND > DOWNLOADING > UPGRADING > UPGOK

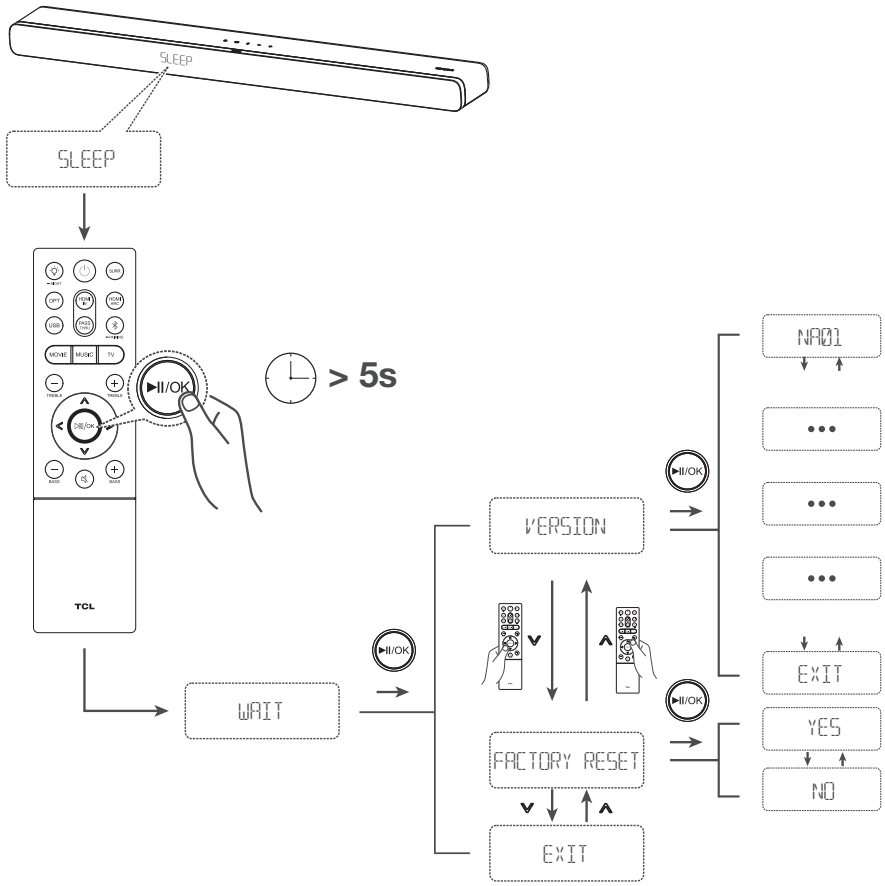
Note: Do not interrupt the Sound Bar and subwoofer during the upgrading.





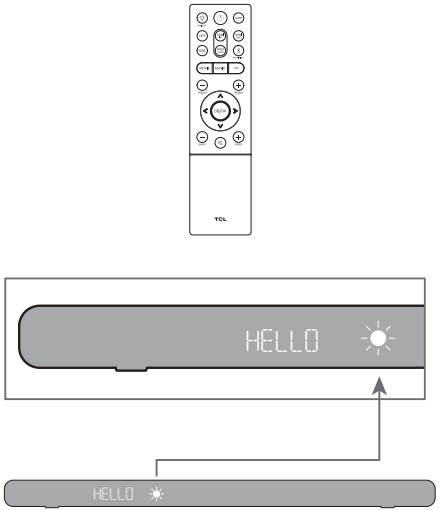
10 Sound Bar Settings

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



11 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 / PASS THRU / PAIRING	OPT / HDMI 1 IN / HDMI 2 ARC / USB / BT / PAIR / CONNECTED / PASS THROUGH	*Input source *Connect your Blu-ray player via HDMI IN to use PASS THRU
MOVIE / MUSIC / TV	MOVIE / MUSIC / TV	Set preferred sound
NIGHT / 2s	NIGHT	Reduced dynamics
SURR	SURR ON/OFF	Enhanced surround effect
TREBLE − / TREBLE + / BASS − / BASS +	TRE -3 / TRE +3 / BAS -3 / BAS +3	Increase or decrease treble or bass level
∧ / ∨ / 🔇	V 28 / V MAX / V MIN / MUTE	Volume Mute/unmute
< / > / PLAY	PAUSE	Previous, next music or pause on USB mode
LIGHT	DIM 1 / DIM 2	Set display brightness
	-X-	Not support
	AIRPLAY READY	Ready to work with AirPlay
	CAST READY	Ready to work with Chromecast
	ALEXA READY	Ready to work with Alexa
	UPDATE FOUND / DOWNLOADING / UPG / UPG OK	Upgrade via OTA
	SUB PAIR / SUB CONNECTED	Pair your subwoofer manually
	DOLBY ATMOS / DOLBY SURROUND / 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/eARC (preferred)
2. Optical audio output (TOSLink)

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.

What are the subwoofer LED indicator status during pairing:

- Standby mode: flashes slowly.
- Pairing: flashes quickly.
- Paired: on solidly.

What's PASS THROUGH?

Pass through function equals to the extending of HDMI IN, which switches on/off singular source of sound passing through from the Audio / Visual device to the TV.

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