



Award-winning acting, extraordinary special effects or just the latest reality show – some scenes deserve to be properly heard. The XIO Soundbar transforms the home entertainment experience with the transcendent, high-fidelity spatial audio. Powered by a 5.1.2 configuration with spatial audio support and 12 class D amplifiers, the XIO may look like a soundbar, but it delivers sound quality and performance that rival KEF's renowned HiFi systems for your space. Equipped with a suite of KEF innovations including Uni-Q® MX, P185 LF driver with P-Flex, patent-pending Velocity Control technology (VECO) and the Music Integrity Engine® (MIE) for Cinema, and supporting Dolby Atmos, DTS:X, Sony 360 Reality Audio, and Airplay Spatial Audio, XIO turns flat screen moments into dynamic, rich, three-dimensional soundscapes and brings your entertainment thrillingly to life. Whatever you might be watching.

Transcendent Cinematic Sound

High-fidelity spatial audio for a transcendent home entertainment experience

Delivering hyper-realistic, high-resolution sound, XIO creates a truly cinematic audio experience through a 5.1.2 configuration. Three Uni-Q MX drivers and two full range drivers ensure an expansive soundstage across the main channels, while four P185 LF drivers produce deep, controlled bass. Two Uni-Q MX drivers dedicated to the overhead channels complete the immersive experience. With KEF's Music Integrity Engine (MIE) for Cinema, XIO supports Dolby Atmos, DTS:X, AirPlay Spatial Audio, and Sony 360 Reality Audio, and its advanced up-mixing technology intelligently expands the soundstage, converting mono and stereo sources into a rich, spatialised audio environment.

Sound optimisation for your space

To optimise performance still further, Intelligent Placement Technology ensures that XIO delivers the best possible sound in any placement. This built-in calibration tool automatically adapts the audio output based on the objects around the soundbar. XIO also features adaptive shelf and wall modes for enhanced audio experience. The result is an uncompromising home theatre experience, tailored to its environment.

Pristine dialogue and exceptional vocal clarity

Midrange clarity is key to an exceptional home entertainment experience, and XIO ensures that every word is heard with remarkable detail. A dedicated Dialogue Mode within the EQ presets enhances vocal frequencies while reducing background noise, making speech effortlessly clear. Exceptional sound imaging delivers audio performance that rivals KEF's renowned HiFi speaker systems, so that whether it's a whispered conversation or a soaring musical score, every nuance is faithfully reproduced.

Deep, detailed bass in a slim profile

XIO's P185 LF driver, enhanced with KEF's P-Flex technology, ensures deep and detailed bass performance, offering a level of clarity and power rarely found in a soundbar. The high-aspect-ratio racetrack design (18cm/7"x5cm/2") enables an ultra-slim profile while delivering performance equivalent to a 4" LF driver. The ample cabinet space allows for twin P185 drivers to be positioned back-to-back in a force-cancelling configuration that significantly reduces mechanical vibrations. This results in a pure and resonant low-frequency response, free from unwanted distortions. Adapted from KEF's award-winning KC62 and KC92 subwoofers,

Summary of features

- Powered by a 5.1.2 configuration with spatial audio support such as Dolby Atmos, DTS:X, Airplay Spatial Audio, Sony 360 Reality Audio
- 12 class D amplifiers delivers KEF HiFi performance in one soundbar
- Superior mid-range performance for clear, crisp dialogue and vocal
- Up-mixing technology converts audio from mono/stereo sources into multi-channel
- Intelligent Placement Technology (IPT) optimises sound output regardless of the placement
- P185 LF driver with P-Flex technology for deep and detailed bass while remaining a slim profile
- Uni-Q MX driver array delivers crisp, accurate audio across the entire room
- Velocity Control Technology (VECO) delivers clean, undistorted bass
- Stream any music including Spotify, Tidal, QPlay, Amazon Music, and more
- Wired connectivity includes HDMI eARC, optical, and the option of RCA subwoofer output
- Pair any KEF subwoofer wirelessly with the KW2 RX receiver
- Complete control through the top panel, remote or KEF Connect app
- Two-way placement: wall-mounted or on shelf/cabinet
- Available in Silver Grey and Slate Black



P-Flex technology resists acoustic pressure within the cabinet, enabling the driver to move with greater precision and achieving deeper bass extension with remarkable clarity.

Pioneering technology, impactful entertainment

Precision where it counts

The XIO features six Uni-Q MX drivers, the miniature version of KEF's iconic Uni-Q technology. These drivers ensure a balanced soundstage, delivering crisp, accurate audio across the entire room. The decoupler, engineered as a precise crossover, separates the LF cone and HF tweeter dome, a design that allows the diaphragm to move freely at low frequencies while isolating the dome for high-frequency precision. As a result, the XIO delivers full-bodied, high-fidelity sound for everyone to enjoy no matter where they are in the room.

Revolutionary sound correction technology

KEF's patent-pending Velocity Control Technology (VECO) is the game-changing built-in sensor at the heart of the P185 LF driver. VECO monitors cone motion in real-time and employs a negative feedback loop to minimise distortion and compression. This ensures that the signal reaching the driver's voice coil includes the intended musical signal alongside a correction for any deviations in the driver's motion, maintaining system stability. As a result, distortion is significantly reduced, delivering pristine, undistorted clarity.

Smart and powerful

The mastermind behind KEF's signature sound, Music Integrity Engine (MIE) for Cinema is our in-house written suite of DSP algorithms specially tuned for XIO that offers multi-channel processing, virtualisation and adaptive placement capability. Users benefit from immersive soundscapes that enhance movie watching and the ability to enjoy consistent audio quality regardless of the soundbar's placement.

Connect quickly, stream smoothly

Stream anything

The W2 Wireless Platform, adapted from the LS Wireless Collection, offers seamless access to a variety of music services, including Tidal, Amazon Music, Qobuz, and Deezer. You can also stream directly from native apps like Spotify Connect, Tidal Connect, and QPlay, ensuring full fidelity in your listening experience. Enhanced with Dolby Atmos and Sony 360 Reality Audio, the XIO creates immersive 3D soundscapes from your music, allowing you to fully enjoy every detail.

Perfect fit with today's TV

Designed for flexibility, the XIO offers HDMI eARC, optical, and the option of RCA subwoofer output. While the soundbar itself has sufficient bass for majority of use cases, for those looking for that bit extra, any KEF subwoofer can be paired wirelessly with the KW2 RX receiver, an accessory specifically designed to ensure effortless and reliable connectivity.

Complete control made simple

Navigate settings, adjust audio preferences and manage playback easily through the XIO top panel, via the remote or through the KEF Connect app. Tune your listening experience to suit your taste and your space, and make your preferred adjustments easily, via the normal and expert modes on the EQ settings. Presets include Dialogue mode, which focuses on enhancing speech clarity and intelligibility, ideal for TV shows, documentaries, and news; and Night mode, which is tailored for late-night viewing or situations where lower volume levels are necessary.

Minimalist elegance, maximum practicality

With a sleek aluminium top plate and splash-proof fabric, the XIO soundbar combines style and durability seamlessly. Its beautiful, minimalist design is crafted to complement any living room, regardless of your interior design style. Available in Silver Grey and Slate Black, the soundbar includes a wall-mount kit as a default feature, offering versatile placement options to suit your space and preferences.



Specifications



Silver Grey



Slate Black

Model	XIO
Dimensions (HWD)	70 × 1210 × 165 mm (2.8 × 47.6 × 6.5 in.)
Weight	10.5 kg (23.1 lbs)
Drive units	HF/MF: 6 x 50 mm (2 in.) Uni-Q MX driver HF/MF: 2 x 50 mm (2 in.) full range driver LF: 4 pcs of 50 x 152 mm (2 x 6 in.) P185 driver supported by VECO
Amplifiers	HF/MF: 8 x Class D LF: 4 x Class D
Max SPL measured at 1m	102 dB
Frequency response (±3dB) measured at 85dB/1m	34Hz - 20kHz

Connectivity

Input	HDMI 2.1 eARC TOSLINK Optical USB Type C (service) RJ45 Ethernet (network)
Outputs	Wireless Subwoofer output RCA Subwoofer output
Wireless connectivity	KEF Connect AirPlay Google Cast UPnP Compatible Bluetooth 5.3
Streaming services	Spotify via Spotify Connect Tidal via Tidal Connect QQ Music via Qplay Amazon Music Qobuz Deezer HIGHRESAUDIO Internet Radio Podcast...and more *Depends on services availability in different countries
Supported formats	Dolby Atmos, DTS:X, 360 Reality Audio, MPEG-H, FLAC, WAV, AIFF, ALAC, AAC, WMA, MP3, M4A, LPCM and Ogg Vorbis *Depends on support of the source device
Supported resolution	HDMI eARC up to 192 kHz/24 bit Network up to 384 kHz/24 bit Optical up to 96 kHz/24 bit *Depends on source resolution
Multi-channels output	Up to 5.1.2
Wi-Fi Network Frequency Band	2.4 GHz / 5 GHz / 6 GHz
Wi-Fi network standard	IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax IPv4, IPv6

Power

Amplifier output power	820 W (Instantaneous total power rating)
Power input	100 - 240VAC 50/60Hz
Power consumption	400 W (Maximum operating power) <2.0W (ECO mode standby power) <0.5W (Non WiFi mode)