



## BOWERS & WILKINS PANORAMA SOUNDBAR

£1,500, [WWW.BOWERS-WILKINS.CO.UK](http://WWW.BOWERS-WILKINS.CO.UK)

**This is B&W's first foray** into the soundbar market and it's a corker. The Panorama's metallic skin bonds seamlessly to its metal grille, hiding a row of nine drive units that deliver the individual channels of the surround sound mix.

Consequently, you get centre, fronts, surrounds, sub and amplification all dwelling together inside something that looks like the front bumper of an automobile vision of the future. They use time delay and reflect sound

from your room's side walls to supply the requisite surround effect.

You can add an external sub if you fancy a bit of extra oompah, but in a smaller room it's not necessary; the Panorama unleashes a deep, vibrant sound. It doesn't quite provide the immersive audio experience that dedicated rear speakers can – sound seems to sidle towards you rather than creeping up behind you with an axe – but this is still an incredibly elegant, adept surround solution.

**1**  
**EASY ON THE EYE**

B&W is renowned for its slick, timeless design. The Panorama is no exception

**2**  
**EASY ON THE EAR**

The central, front and surround speakers, plus the sub, are all in here

**LOVE** Sublime stereo; decent surround sound. Immaculate design

**HATE** Can't quite get sound behind you. Slightly pricey, too

**WE SAY** High-grade surround sound in one, understatedly stylish box

