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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **What are the key differences between the different types of 3•2•1® systems?**

The 3•2•1® GS Series III system features Gemstone® speaker arrays – our smallest, most powerful 3•2•1 system speakers – and a hideaway Acoustimass® module to deliver an exciting home theater experience.

The 3•2•1 GSX Series III system is the premium home theater solution in the 3•2•1 system family. It features Gemstone® speaker arrays – our smallest, most powerful 3•2•1 system speakers – and a hideaway Acoustimass® module to deliver an exciting home theater experience. Additionally, it offers the benefit of music storage and features the exclusive uMusic® intelligent playback system. This system is ideal for the customer who has a sizeable music collection and enjoys both watching video and listening to music.

The 3•2•1 Series III system is an all-in-one system that delivers an exciting home theater experience from just two visible speakers and a hideaway Acoustimass® module.

### **Why should I purchase a 3•2•1® GS system?**

If you're looking for a compelling home theater performance for your movies and music but don't want to clutter your home with stacks of complicated electronic equipment or run wires everywhere, then you may enjoy the performance and simplicity of a Bose 3•2•1® GS system. This complete home theater system requires less equipment than conventional surround sound systems while still delivering a thrilling home theater experience. It's easy to set up and easy to use.

### **What has changed from the 3•2•1® GS Series II systems?**

The 3•2•1® GS Series III system now offers:

#### **HDMI output with upscaling**

- For newer TVs with HDMI inputs, the 3•2•1 GS Series III system upconverts DVDs up to 1080p for clear picture quality. Through automatic selection of the appropriate resolution setting, the system simplifies the wiring and setup experience even further.
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**What makes up the 3•2•1® GS Series III system?**

The 3•2•1® GS Series III system is an all-in-one system that comprises the following:

- Two Gemstone® speaker arrays.
- A sleek media center (includes DVD/CD player with HDMI output, AM/FM tuner and audio inputs for three additional sources).
- An Acoustimass® module that is capable of reproducing the dramatic low notes in movies and music.
- A universal remote that controls the customer's television and most of the sources attached to the 3•2•1 system.
- All the cables needed for a typical installation.
- A setup DVD that guides the customer through the installation process.

**What are the similarities and differences between the 3•2•1® GS Series III system and the 3•2•1 Series III system?**

Although both products are in the same family and offer similar benefits to the customer, there are some differences.

*Similarities between the 3•2•1® GS Series III system and the 3•2•1 Series III system:*

- **Acoustimass® module** – Both systems have the same module.
- **Media center** – Both systems have the same media center.
- **Universal remote control** – Both systems have the same remote control.
- **TrueSpace® surround digital signal processing** – Both systems have advanced signal processing for an enhanced home theater experience from two speakers and a hideaway Acoustimass module.

*Differences between the 3•2•1® GS Series III system and the 3•2•1 Series III system:*

- **Speaker arrays** – The 3•2•1 GS Series III system features the elegant Gemstone® speaker arrays. These arrays are smaller than those used in the 3•2•1 Series III system and offer an enhanced spatial experience.
- **System equalization** – Each system has been specifically designed and equalized to work as an integrated unit. While the Acoustimass module is the same for both systems, the internal equalization that integrates the Acoustimass module with the speaker arrays is different, as is the cable linking the two. Since it is *important that the appropriate cable be used*, we have embossed a GS logo on the speaker end of the cable for the 3•2•1 GS version. If the wrong cable is used, the system would be configured incorrectly.

**What advantage does a 3•2•1® system have over a "soundbar" home theater system?**

Although Bose does not offer one, there are several soundbar products on the market today. These are one-piece units designed to be placed immediately in front of the TV or wall-mounted beneath a wall-mounted TV.

The advantage of a soundbar product is its one-piece construction – all of the speakers and electronics are contained in a single assembly.

However, a Bose® 3•2•1® system offers benefits that one-piece systems do not match, including:

- **Integrated home theater.**  
A Bose 3•2•1 system is a complete home theater solution. Most soundbar products are either powered speakers for a television (similar in function to the Bose CineMate® system) or simply passive speakers that require a customer to purchase a DVD player, a home theater receiver and a separate subwoofer in order to get the complete home theater experience that a 3•2•1 system offers right out of the box.
- **Integrated music system.**  
A 3•2•1 system delivers Bose sound quality and offers a built-in DVD/CD player and AM/FM tuner. It can play CDs, including MP3 files on CD-R. (The 3•2•1 GSX system can even rip and store CDs right onto the media center.) A 3•2•1 system can thus serve as the customer's main-room music system as well as his home theater system. Most soundbar products aren't complete music systems – the customer would need to use other devices (DVD/CD player, receiver, etc.) to listen to music, or purchase a standalone music system.

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**What advantage does a 3•2•1® system have over a “soundbar” home theater system?**

- **Hideaway Acoustimass® module.**

A soundbar’s biggest advantage (one-piece construction) can be a drawback for some customers: The entire speaker enclosure is out in plain view. All that’s visible in the room after a 3•2•1 installation is the elegant media center and small speakers, with the Acoustimass module (and much of the system’s electronics) hidden away.

**What accessories can I use with 3•2•1® Series III systems?**

3•2•1® Series III systems use existing Bose® accessories – UFS-20 Floor Stands, UB-20 Wall Brackets and the UTS-20 Table Stands. Because we will continue to offer an additional color (Silver) in the GS variant, the Silver accessories will continue to be an option in the 3•2•1 system family.

Although these accessories are available, you do not need accessories to operate the system. The speaker arrays come with rubber feet, so you can place them on your entertainment cabinet or wherever you feel is appropriate.

**How do I connect a 3•2•1® Series III system?**

Simplified wiring reduces setup to four easy connections:

1. Acoustimass® module to media center.
2. Acoustimass module to speaker arrays.
3. Media center to television.
4. Acoustimass module to power outlet.

**How do 3•2•1® Series III systems work?**

The 3•2•1® GS system delivers a Bose® quality performance in a range of settings. Through the combination of properly angled speaker drivers, TrueSpace® surround digital processing circuitry and the ability to send multiple coordinated signals to each speaker array, 3•2•1 systems create a home theater experience from just two speakers and an Acoustimass® module.

**What is the proper placement for 3•2•1® Series III systems?**

3•2•1® Series III systems offer you great placement flexibility. Even in challenging spaces like a corner-placed television, an L-shaped room or a very small space, the systems will deliver much of the performance of a complete five-speaker solution. For proper performance, we recommend the following:

- Speaker arrays should be at least 3 feet from each other.
- Speaker arrays should not be further than 3 feet from the edge of the TV.
- If placed on a shelf, each speaker array should be placed at the front edge.

**What is the power output of the 3•2•1® Series III systems?**

Bose Corporation does not publish these specifications. The unique design of our systems with integrated signal processing, cabinet design and equalization is not captured by traditional specifications. Therefore, a comparison to normal specs is not meaningful.

**What is the warranty on the 3•2•1® Series III systems?**

This product has a warranty of one year that is transferable with the product, even if ownership changes.

**Can I update my existing 3•2•1® system with the 3•2•1 Series III media center?**

**No.** There is no program to support media center upgrades at this time.