

# The FOX View

## Coming Attractions:

- Many in the Audio/Video industry say that speakers are by far the most important components in any Home Theater system. **TruAudio** agrees and that's why their Engineers have once again pushed the envelope with the third generation TruCinema (TC.3) Home Theater speakers. Seamlessly combining technology, performance, and beauty to ensure you get the perfect balance of rich, clear sound, and "high-end" finesse!

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## Feature Presentation:

### "Give up – you're surrounded!"

- Surround-sound and the speakers that reproduce this effect are really the essence of Home Theater. Wrap-around sound is certainly not a new concept as Quadraphonic sound was introduced to the American market by RCA Records back in April of 1970; even now this early surround-sound format still exists and is simply referred to as [4.0 surround sound].

The sad part is that many people indiscriminately place 2, 3, 4 or more surround-sound speakers around their Living Room and expect things to sound just like their local CinemaPlex! Obviously many factors come into play when discussing surround-sound speakers, but some best-practice advice from industry professionals given below may be just-the-ticket to set your personal Home Theater system apart from the pack!

- **Types:** Mono-pole, dipole, tri-pole, flush-mount, surface-mount, free-standing, architectural, mini-speakers, micro-speakers, the list goes on-and-on! Nowadays speaker Manufacturers are churning-out all kinds of so-called dedicated surround-sound speakers so how do you know what's best for your room?
  - While any choice of surround-sound speaker is certainly better than nothing, it's certainly not written in stone that your surround speakers must be from the same Manufacturer as your Main speakers; conversely there's nothing wrong with selecting surround speakers from the same Manufacturer as your Main speakers either. The real point here is that utilizing some-sort of speakers for surround-sound duties is definitely a plus to your overall Home Theater performance.
- **Placement:** Often times the real difficulty in trying to utilize surround sound speakers is placement. For some a spouse may dictate a very small [window] for many Home Theater buffs! Though maybe overly simplistic, as a general rule-of-thumb [Side] surround speakers should be placed to the Left and Right sides of your listening position; [Back] surround speaker(s) should be placed behind your listening position, and ideally vertical placement is best at placing your surround speakers at 20% ceiling-height down from the top of your ceiling.
  - The advice many experts would give here, though seemingly over-simplified is to just let your ears decide the best surround sound speaker locations! Close your eyes and listen to a movie sound-track you're familiar with and see if surround sound information is being spatially placed correctly to create the enveloping sound-field to give you an immersive experience.
- **Sound:** After proper placement and installation of your surround-sound speakers the subsequent enveloping sound-field is really the ultimate "prize" for all your installation efforts.
  - Interestingly enough, the best advice many installation professionals would give to would-be do-it-yourselfers here is "balance" and "volume"! Unless one or more of your surround-sound speakers is physically and/or appreciably farther away from your primary listening position, the "balance" of all your surround speakers should generally be equal. And to the surprise of most people turning up the "volume" to your surround speakers is actually a very effective way to enhance the enveloping Home Theater experience!

## Closing Credits:

- A number of speaker Manufactures now offer wireless surround-sound speakers, (and for some this may be the only option), however, most so-called "advantages" wireless surround-sound speakers seem to offer are generally far overshadowed by their limitations, whether by electrical power requirements, signal transmission degradation or fidelity of sound reproduction. Thus, in this age when many electronic devices are seemingly going wireless, most industry professionals and experts would still recommend a wired-scheme when it comes to your surround-sound speakers!

## Trailers:

- Certainly the experts at Fox View Network (FVN) would say we've got some of the best surround-sound speakers available from a few of the most respected speaker Manufacturers in the industry, but many excellent surround-sound speakers exist out there so please ASK! Take advantage of our expertise!

