

Sonodyne SAMA 7000 Review: An update worth waiting for

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One of the few brand names that evoke a sense of audiophile pride, Kolkata's very own Sonodyne has been making steady headway into international waters with its line-up of pro-audio monitors. In residential circles, they are less common a sight these days, and that's precisely what their complete 2026 design and engineering overhaul aims to address.

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Design (7 / 10)



Sonodyne's SAMA 7000 lands in Indian stores this week, and the first thing you'll notice is how little it announces itself. It's a slim black bar, almost 44in wide and only 2.5in tall, allowing it to fit perfectly between the chicken legs of most 65in (and above) televisions. Dressed up in a discreet black body that feels hefty and superbly constructed, the aluminium front grille hides a basic scrolling-type single-line display to give you visual cues on inputs and sound modes. Sitting in the middle of the line-up of three new models, the SAMA 7000 is a 5.1.2 channel Dolby Atmos-capable soundbar, and the top-firing drivers positioned on either end of the chassis give it away.

These two raised sections on the top deck are the single biggest physical difference between this and the SAMA 5000 that started this whole category for Sonodyne back in 2025.



The 10-inch wireless subwoofer shipping alongside it is a properly sized box, not the compact plastic cube that comes with many mainstream brands, and it's a huge step up from Sonodyne's own last-gen model. There's no physical connection between the subwoofer and the soundbar, and the wireless syncing happens instantaneously, and all you need is a power outlet close to the sub. With its genuinely intentional physicality, it elevates this new generation of Sonodyne soundbars into the serious big-boy category.



Tech (7 / 10)

Moving up to genuine 5.1.2 channels and a generous 850W of system power, the SAMA 7000 is a pretty well-featured unit. HDMI eARC carries 4K Dolby Vision passthrough, and the decoder list covers Dolby Digital, Dolby Digital Plus and Dolby TrueHD, so there's little a UHD Blu-ray player or a compatible streaming app can throw at it that it won't decode natively. There's Bluetooth, Aux and Optical besides HDMI that complete the connectivity suite. Although a considerable section of the iPhone-using community may miss the presence of wireless streaming niceties like AirPlay or even Bluetooth Apt-X support. An on-screen display is missing too, which means switching between Movie, Music and Voice modes, or toggling Dolby Virtual on and off is validated by a scrolling confirmation on the front panel display through the perforations of the speaker grille. While the remote covers most of the controls, the only level you can actually dial in yourself is the subwoofer's, not the up-firing height channels.



Sound (8.5 / 10)

If you're using an iPhone to play music via Bluetooth or have an Apple TV hooked into the system, ensure that the 'Reduce Loud Sound' option in the settings is turned off. It severely restricts dynamics and is switched on by default. Housekeeping aside, experiment with the placement and positioning of the subwoofer to get a seamless blend between the bar and the sub, and you're in for a serious treat. The SAMA 7000's wireless subwoofer is genuinely punchy, with headroom to spare in anything short of a very large living room.



In Music mode, brighter recordings can push high-frequency energy a little too hard in reflective rooms, and it's worth toggling Dolby Virtual on to rein in that top-end excess when it happens. Where the SAMA 7000 does not compromise is dialogue. Clarity and speech intelligibility are excellent, and given that legibility is the primary job of any soundbar, Sonodyne has nailed the brief. Switch to a film soundtrack and the scale on offer is genuinely surprising, especially for a single-chassis bar, the soundstage feels expansive and enveloping rather than boxed into the TV cabinet. The top-firing speakers will, of course, be most effective when you have a ceiling that isn't 15ft high and does add genuine space and envelopment besides the obvious convenience of not having to invest in additional speakers and wiring. At this price, that kind of immersion is a staggering feat, and it is the SAMA 7000's strongest argument for itself.

Conclusion

At **Rs 74,999** with the very capable subwoofer included, the SAMA 7000 sits in the middle of Sonodyne's Dolby Atmos soundbar range, a full Rs 15,000 above the 5.1 SAMA 6000 and Rs 25,000 short of the flagship 7.1.4 SAMA 8000. Judged purely on scale and dialogue clarity, SAMA 7000 is the more sensible buy, and arguably the sweet spot in the entire lineup.

Editor's Rating: 7.5 / 10

Pros:

- Expansive soundstage
- Excellent dialogue clarity
- Punchy, capable wireless subwoofer

Cons:

- Lacks wireless streaming like AirPlay
- Missing on-screen display interface
- Remote could've been backlit