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Subject: 5.1 or 7.1?

Posted by [DinosaurDance](#) on Fri, 02 Mar 2012 18:08:17 GMT

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Do you have a 5.1 or 7.1 surround system? Do you think it makes that much of a difference in sound quality, or do you not care either way?

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Subject: Re: 5.1 or 7.1?

Posted by [Damon73](#) on Fri, 02 Mar 2012 21:09:29 GMT

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I have a 5.1 system and I like it just fine. One of my friends says that 7.1 is better, but I really wasn't able to tell the difference when I went to his house.

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Subject: Re: 5.1 or 7.1?

Posted by [DinosaurDance](#) on Mon, 05 Mar 2012 15:22:31 GMT

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Theoretically I think it can make a difference (better imaging, e.g.) but in most houses, I don't think people set things up well enough for you to be able to notice. The difference was pretty small when I upgraded to 7.1.

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Subject: Re: 5.1 or 7.1?

Posted by [Nymeria](#) on Tue, 06 Mar 2012 20:19:27 GMT

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I have a 7.1 system, but that is mostly because I had the speakers on hand. I don't notice or care all that much either way.

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Subject: Re: 5.1 or 7.1?

Posted by [FloydV](#) on Tue, 17 Apr 2012 07:57:20 GMT

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Since the back surrounds in a 7.1 system are fed the same signal, You're really talking 6.1 channels.

That said, I have tried 7.1 with movies and found almost no difference. With 6.1 music however, you are talking a great deal of difference. The six channels can all be fed whatever the recording engineer wants.

I'm having a new home built with a 14 x 20 theater room. I plan on having a 7.4 system. With the Three Pi speakers that Wayne Parham has designed, each Three Pi requires a flanking

subwoofer. I will end up with 4 Three Pi speakers, maybe 6, and 4 subs, the rear subs will be in each corner. This is not to quadruple the bass, but spread it evenly.

My Pioneer receiver requires 7 speakers before I can switch to THX Music Mode, which I think will be awesome. With movies, there are very few 7.1 sound tracks. 7.1 can fake the two back channels, but I'm mainly interested in 7.1 for music.

Floyd

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