

REL Longbow

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A subwoofer can be one of the most important components of your hifi system, but the toughest to find room for. As beautiful as the REL subwoofers are, bathed in gloss black, they are big boxes tethered to a long cable, which can compromise where you need to put them for the best sound and integration into your system, versus where the cable reaches.



With their new Longbow wireless system, you get all of the functionality and connectivity that REL subs are famous for, and you only need to attach the small transmitter close to your equipment rack. Thanks to their high speed, 24 bit, 48kHz data stream, (REL claims about 80% faster throughput speed than typical wifi) there is no lag, or latency, to the soundstream.

The bottom line is you now have nearly a 45-foot placement window, with lightning fast delivery, so bass is clean, quick and clear. Our tests in a number of rooms large and small revealed no loss of bass performance going wireless – and an informal group of fussy audiophiles could not tell the difference between the wired and wireless connections.

Best of all, current REL subwoofers have a Longbow receiver built in, so in under a minute, you merely insert the speaker link cable from your subwoofer into the Longbow transmitter and power it up. You're instantly free to place your subwoofer or multiple subwoofers wherever you choose.