

Focal XS 2.1 Multimedia Sound System

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While listening to your music on the go with either earphones or headphones is always a good choice, sometimes you will want to give your ears a break. The Focal XS 2.1 Multimedia Sound System comes in a package that includes a large subwoofer and two satellite speakers which can easily fill a small room with the music of your choice.

Design wise the Focal XS 2.1 gives off a modern vibe with its use of cool black and sturdy metal on the different components of the speakers. The bulky subwoofer has a rough solid black body that covers all sides except for the front which has a glossy sheen with metal rims. Both satellite speakers have a similar glossy base, tough looking drivers and are held up by a sturdy metal support that connects the base and the speakers. This allows them to be located over most obstructions which might block more conventionally-designed speakers.

There are two ways to control the Focal XS speakers; this includes using the controls located on the right speaker which allows users to power-up the speakers and control volume or by using the provided remote control to select tracks and adjust volume. However, users will need to be in close proximity of the speakers for the control to work. In addition to that, you can also control bass volume directly from the subwoofer.

We also found that cables used to connect the two satellite speakers to the subwoofer to be of sufficient length, allowing users to position these speakers within a reasonable distance. Users can play their music from their iPhone or iPod as well as other media devices via a 3.5mm audio jack on the right speaker which allows anyone to enjoy these flexible speakers. Users can also hook-up their computer to the Focal XS 2.1 and this allows them to even sync and charge their iPhone or iPod from the included dock.

Performance wise, the Focal XS 2.1 speakers are quite good as they are able to handle treble and bass well. We also found

AT A GLANCE

CONFIGURATION
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POWER
2x 30W (Satellite); 1x 70W (subwoofer)

CONNECTOR INPUT
3.5mm jack, USB, iPod Dock

REMOTE
Yes

PRICE
RM2799



The control is simple to use and functions well at short distances



There is a knob on the top left that allows users to control the bass volume

The Focal XS 2.1 Multimedia Sound System provides users with a smooth and relaxed listening experience

sound staging good and timbre capabilities to be distinguishable even when the volume was set between medium to high. Despite setting the speakers to their highest volume, they managed to hold their ground without any audible distortion.

The Focal XS 2.1 Multimedia Sound System is a capable set of speakers for any modern day home or office. The satellite speakers themselves are tall enough to project over any obstruction in front of them while

the subwoofer is able to produce some great bass to fill an average sized room. The Focal XS 2.1 performed well in maintaining good treble and bass on all our test tracks even at maximum volume. Our only gripe with these speakers is the short range of its controls. Overall, we found the Focal XS to be a good set of speakers that will be able to please anybody who requires a competent sound system.

SPECIFICATIONS DRIVERS 1x 6.5" Woofer, 2x 3" midrange driver, 2x 3/4" tweeter // **FREQUENCY RESPONSE** Satellite speakers: 150Hz-20kHz; Subwoofer: 39Hz -150Hz // **MAX SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL** Satellite speakers: 104dB SPL/1m; Subwoofer: 105dB SPL/1m // **POWER** Satellite speakers: 2x 30W; Subwoofer: 70W // **WARRANTY** 1-year // **DIMENSIONS** 460 x 270 x 297cm // **CONTACT** Digital Paper Sdn Bhd // **TELEPHONE** (03) 5569 2002 // **URL** www.focal.com/



Verdict:
8.5

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PHYSIQUE: 8.5
FEATURES: 8.5
USER FRIENDLINESS: 8.5
SOUND QUALITY: 8.5
VALUE: 8.0

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