

# Affordable 5.1 Sound

Edifier DA5000



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Ensuring that users on a budget are able to enjoy the complexity and rich audio of a multi-channel system, Edifier's DA5000 packs quite a punch. 120W of sound is distributed via 5.1 channels which are linked to an amplifier in the subwoofer's enclosure. The system gives users the ability to directly tap into the individual sound channels from a computer sound card or via bundled stereo splitters from a standard 3.5mm jack. The subwoofer also serves as the control base, and even though it should belong in a corner of a room, users might want to make it more visible for the remote controller to work.

What it offers though, is an amalgamation of Edifier's best audio technologies and know-how in keeping costs low but quality high. Each satellite on the DA5000 comes with two drivers: a tweeter and a midrange cone which provide a decent and noticeable representation of the audio spectrum. These satellites can be placed in various locations in the system save for the center channel which uses two midrange drivers. The subwoofer houses an 8" driver which also has a bass-reflex port on the side, adding more bass response and apparent power to the unit.

Setting up the system is easy, but comparatively time consuming. Like all Edifier speaker systems

that boast spring-loaded clips, the usual bundled cables are provided in the box, and users will have to manually connect each channel to their posts at the rear of the subwoofer. Besides having the speaker outputs at the rear of the sub, inputs for each channel are also located on the subwoofer, all five of them. Users with multi-channel soundcards are able to take advantage of a simplified connector arrangement - 3.5mm jacks to RCA red and white outputs will definitely come in handy here!

As the system is pretty flexible, we tried two configurations; one in 2.1 mode and the other in full 5.1 and managed to get it running without complaints. In theory, you can even hook up the speakers of your choice as long as they are able to match the power rating of the amplifier. However, the stock satellites do the job perfectly. Besides having a smooth progression from low to midrange to high frequencies and pitches, the drivers are very well balanced for such speakers, giving us a sound characteristic that needed little tweaks to sound neutral. Without tweaking, they sounded slightly bass-heavy, although this can be easily remedied. The remote control feels good in the hand, and the reach of over 20 meters should be sufficient enough for people who are lucky to have large rooms.

Bridging the gap between enjoyment and cost, the Edifier DA5000 is an affordable mini home theater system which brings 5.1 audio within the reach of most people. Despite its multi-channel capabilities, the DA5000 is also meant to be user-friendly enough for people who are not familiar with such speaker systems, although setup can be a slight hassle. Overall, it's a great entry point into the world of multi-channel sound.

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Power</b> 120W	<b>Channels</b> 5.1	<b>Color</b> Black	<b>Price</b> RM 699
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**Total Power Output:** 5x 12W RMS (sat.) + 60W RMS (sub)  
**Satellites (Each):** 1x 3" midrange and 1x 2" tweeter; magnetically shielded  
**Center Speaker:** 2x 3.5" midrange  
**Subwoofer:** 1x 8" woofer  
**Frequency Response:** 20Hz ~ 20KHz  
**Signal To Noise Ratio:** ≥85dBA  
**Total Harmonic Distortion (THD):** 0.5%  
**Warranty:** One-year  
**Contact:** Inter-Asia Technology Sdn Bhd  
**Telephone:** (03) 6276 6292  
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## HWM'S VERDICT

Physique: **8.5**  
 Features: **8.0**  
 User Friendliness: **8.5**  
 Sound Quality: **8.5**  
 Value: **8.0**

**8.5**  
 Out of 10

**Good value and performance from this multi-channel multimedia offering**



The I/O panel found on the rear of the subwoofer



A multifunction remote control is the only settings gateway



Each satellite offers a midrange driver and tweeter for the best sound quality