Soundbars for LG C3 and C4: What to Check

Choose an LG C3/C4 soundbar around your room, HDMI route and audio sources. Verify eARC settings without generic compatibility promises.

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Offline edition. Check your model and follow its manufacturer instructions. Open the current online guide.

LG C3 and C4 owners do not need to choose a soundbar simply because its badge matches the television. The useful questions are where your sources connect, which audio formats they deliver, and whether you want a bar alone or speakers around the room.

This is a connection and buying guide. We have not tested the listed bars against each other, and “compatible” should not be read as a promise of perfect HDMI control or lip sync on every firmware version.

Begin with the TV-to-bar connection

Use the TV socket labeled **ARC/eARC** and the soundbar's TV-return socket. LG's ARC connection guide shows this connection and says to select the HDMI ARC audio output. LG also warns that menu names vary with the webOS version. Follow your television's on-screen guide instead of searching for a menu path copied from another year.

Do not assume eARC is nested inside Sound Out. Check the model's audio settings and user guide for its separate eARC control. This article deliberately does not supply an unverified C3/C4 menu sequence.

For an initial test, use the soundbar's supplied cable if available. A cable's video bandwidth rating does not prove it will fix an audio problem; check HDMI's eARC cable guidance before buying a replacement.

Match the audio source, not just the Atmos badge

Dolby Atmos can reach a soundbar through different audio formats. Sonos's requirements explicitly distinguish Atmos carried in Dolby Digital Plus and Dolby TrueHD for its supported home-theater products. The complete chain must support the format you intend to play.

Do not describe a TV's built-in streaming app as providing lossless TrueHD merely because the soundbar displays Atmos. Verify the service, title, subscription and device route separately. The format shown by the audio system is more useful than an assumption based on the logo on the program page.

Apple TV is a special routing consideration: Apple says its high-bandwidth Atmos does not work over ordinary ARC. If you use one, check the relevant eARC route or a soundbar with a suitable HDMI source input and video passthrough.

Choose the physical system you can accommodate

Before comparing channel counts, decide whether you can place and power rear speakers and accommodate a subwoofer. Read the box contents for the exact model. “Wireless” in a product description should not replace a check of its power and speaker wiring requirements.

The soundbar catalog entries are candidates, not measured winners. For Arc Ultra specifically, Sonos's fact sheet describes a single bar with 14 drivers. Do not confuse a manufacturer's spatial-audio channel description with having that many separate speakers placed around the room.

If you choose a modular system, check the manufacturer's current compatibility list before adding surrounds or a subwoofer. Do not assume any speaker from the same brand can be added.

Check the result before keeping it

Try dialogue, the apps you normally watch, and each external source. Confirm the received audio format, remote-volume operation and lip sync. Compare normal listening levels, including the volume you use at night.

These are proposed checks for your own installation. There is no claim here that one brand has inherently seamless eARC, or that a longer list of advertised channels guarantees a better result in your room.

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Equipment mentioned in this guide

Check connections and settings first. Buy only if you have established a need.

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