



Onkyo Mid-Range Receivers Add Cutting-Edge Wireless Technology to Traditional Sound Values

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OSAKA, JAPAN: Onkyo marks 70 years as a world-leading Hi-Fi and audio-video innovator by smashing the price-to-performance barrier with two of its most sophisticated and sweet-sounding receivers to date.

The 7.2-Channel TX-NR555 (130 W/Ch) and 7.2-Channel TX-NR656 (160 W/Ch) A/V receivers bring high-current Dynamic Audio Amplification and state-of-the-art features to the mid-range with DTS:X™* and Dolby Atmos® decoding, support for 6G video, Google Cast™*, AirPlay, Wi-Fi®, and an all-new wireless multi-room audio system.

AccuReflex also makes its debut in these receivers as part of Onkyo's AccuEQ room acoustic calibration suite. The technology adjusts the phase of sound bounced off the ceiling by upfiring speakers—which reproduce “height” elements in object-based formats—so that it syncs with sound from the other speakers at the listening position. Together with AccuEQ to eliminate standing waves, surround-sound is precisely balanced for supreme clarity.

A firmware update due this summer will activate FireConnect™* on the TX-NR555 and TX-NR656 receivers, as well as selected legacy models.

FireConnect™, developed by Blackfire Research Corp., is a stable wireless protocol that mirrors any audio source connected to the receiver—from vinyl to streaming audio—on optional FireConnect™-compatible speakers in other rooms*. Users can alternatively use Powered Zone 2 speaker outputs for multi-room playback of digital and analog sources.

Both receivers let music lovers take advantage of the full-scale stereo power on offer. Google Cast, AirPlay, Wi-Fi®, and Bluetooth enable easy audio streaming from mobiles and PCs, while Onkyo's Remote App streams everything from MP3s to Hi-Res Audio stored on media server. Digital music benefits from noise-free 32-bit D/A conversion with original VLSC™ technology, while discrete non-phase-shift amps provide a sense of clarity and depth seldom heard at this price.

The TX-NR555 and TX-NR656 also support the latest in UltraHD entertainment. HDCP 2.2-compatible HDMI® terminals pass 4K/60 Hz/4:4:4/HDR video through to the latest TVs. A simplified remote, meanwhile, enables fast input switching and fine-tuning via an overlaid Quick Setup menu, while an intuitive GUI streamlines initial one-time setup.

Adding emotionally compelling sound to the film experience today with the freedom to expand into wireless audio entertainment tomorrow, the TX-NR555 and TX-NR656 are prime examples of why Onkyo remains at the cutting edge of home entertainment.

** Note: Firmware update enabling these features is scheduled around summer, 2016. Further details will be communicated on our website and in other media at a later date. Firmware update release timing is subject to change. FireConnect™-compatible speakers are scheduled for release this summer.*

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