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TEST REPORT UNDER THE PM STANDARD

Lindqvist Audio Serena SL-3

Active 2.1 system, solid walnut, piano lacquer

92 % very good

OVERALL RATING

275 of 300 points

Licence number	0123456789	Product group	Audio / Active speaker systems
Brand	Lindqvist Audio	Test period	05/2026
Model	Serena SL-3	Valid from	29.05.2026
Offer price	EUR 2,190.00	Type of test	Commissioned test

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Test framework

Product tested	Lindqvist Audio Serena SL-3 — Active 2.1 system, solid walnut, piano lacquer
Licence number	0123456789
Test sample	One unit, factory-new, delivered unopened
Source	Commissioned and supplied by the manufacturer
Test period	05/2026 · five-day test cycle
Offer price	EUR 2,190.00 during the test period
What was tested	Functional testing in everyday use. Not included: long-term testing, chemical analysis and testing under controlled climate conditions.

Method

The rating follows the PM Standard: ten test parameters grouped in three rating areas. The weighting is fixed before testing begins and is the same for every product.

For each parameter, a category benchmark is set before the sample is rated. Every point deducted is tied to a named finding.

Test items that do not apply are treated as neutral and are removed from the calculation together with their weighting.

Area	Points	Share
A Product Characteristics	100	33.3 %
B Use and Safety	120	40.0 %
C Feedback and Service	80	26.7 %
Total	300	100 %

Rating key

Percent	Rating	Certification
100 – 95 %	● excellent	qualifies
94 – 85 %	● very good	qualifies
84 – 75 %	● good	qualifies
74 – 65 %	● satisfactory	does not qualify
64 – 0 %	● poor	does not qualify

How this report is organised

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Technical data

System design	active 2.1 system, subwoofer in the base
System response	35 Hz – 25 kHz (±3 dB)
Subwoofer	200 mm Kevlar weave, down-firing, front port
Large satellite	2-way, 130 mm Kevlar weave, 25 mm silk dome
Small satellite	2-way, 100 mm Kevlar weave, 25 mm silk dome
Amplification	Class D, subwoofer 150 W, 80 W per satellite
Satellite link	5.8 GHz wireless, 24 bit / 96 kHz, 15 ms, or cable
Streaming	Wi-Fi, AirPlay 2, Google Cast, Spotify, Tidal Connect
Bluetooth	5.3 with aptX Adaptive, LDAC, AAC
Wired inputs	HDMI eARC, optical, USB-C, phono MM, LAN
App	Room calibration, tone controls, updates
Material	solid walnut, base walnut and maple, FSC
Finish	Piano lacquer, multi-layer
Base dimensions	460 × 150 × 300 mm (W × H × D)
Large satellite	190 × 300 × 220 mm (W × H × D)
Small satellite	150 × 240 × 190 mm (W × H × D)
Weight	13.2 kg / 5.6 kg / 3.7 kg, system 22.5 kg
Stereo width on the base	42 cm
Satellite power	via contacts on the base, otherwise PSU
Required room climate	40 – 60 % relative humidity
Manufacture	Handmade in Sweden, serial number
Warranty	5-year manufacturer warranty

In the box

- Base with subwoofer and electronics
- Large and small satellite
- 2 power supplies for removed satellites
- 2 connection cables, 3 m each
- Remote control and HDMI cable
- Manual in 6 languages with wood care

Manufacturer

Company	Lindqvist Audio AB
Address	Mustervägen 1, 211 00 Malmö, Sweden
Data sheet	Serena SL-3, 05/2026
Manual	6 languages, 05/2026

Advertised features

- 1

Solid wood from FSC-certified forestry
- 2

Kevlar weave cones
- 3

Frequency response 35 Hz to 25 kHz
- 4

Wireless satellites at 24 bit / 96 kHz
- 5

Streaming, HDMI eARC and room calibration
- 6

Room-filling stereo sound

Where it stands in its class

Each bar shows where the test sample sits within the range that is typical for this product group. A full bar means the top of the class, not the best possible.

Bass extension		34 Hz of 30 - 40 Hz (2.1)
Maximum level		106 dB at 1 m
Satellite wireless link		96 kHz, class 48 - 96 kHz
Streaming and HDMI eARC		complete
Material		solid wood, class mostly veneer
System weight		22.5 kg of 10 - 20 kg
Stereo width on base		42 cm
Front cover		not provided
Warranty		5 years instead of 2 years
Price		EUR 2,190 of 1,590 - 2,490

Test environment

Listening room	Living room 28 m², carpet and upholstery
Placement	Sideboard 75 cm, 30 cm from the wall
Satellites	on the base and removed, 2.5 m apart
Sources	Tidal Connect, TV via HDMI, turntable
Instruments	Measurement microphone, sound level meter
Room climate	21 °C, 45 to 50 % humidity

What the rating is based on

Source	Used for	Applies to
Test sample	Visual, tactile and functional checks, measurements	all parameters
Manufacturer specification	technical values, conformity	parameters 1 to 6
Category benchmark	classification of measured values, set before the test	all parameters
Market observation	price level, feature comparison	parameter 10
Customer reviews	synopsis of published reviews	parameter 8

In all other parameters, only what was found on the test sample or derived from technical data is rated.

Procedure

- STEP 1** **Receipt and inspection.** Packaging, contents, marking, wood, lacquer, joints and connection panel checked.
- STEP 2** **Set-up.** System set up via app, room calibration with the smartphone microphone.
- STEP 3** **Measurement.** Lower cut-off, maximum level at 1 m and level deviation of both channels recorded.
- STEP 4** **Connections.** Wireless link to satellites, range, HDMI eARC, Bluetooth, phono and streaming tested.
- STEP 5** **Listening test.** Music and film at room and high volume, stereo image on the base and removed.
- STEP 6** **Continuous use.** Used daily in the living room over five days.

Test items not applicable

2 test items did not apply to this product and were treated as neutral. They cause no deduction.

Test item	Reason
Battery operation	Mains powered, no energy storage provided
Water protection	intended for dry indoor rooms only

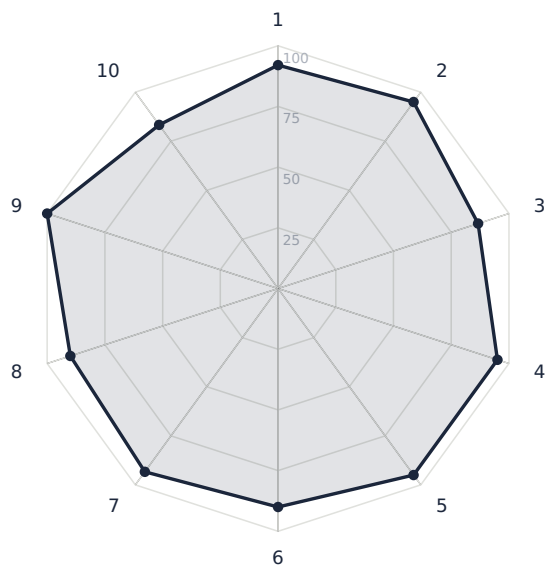
A feature the design does not provide is not a defect. It is neither rated nor weighted.

The ten test parameters

No.	Test parameter	Score	Points	Share
1	Build Quality		46 / 50	92 %
2	Design		19 / 20	95 %
3	Size & Weight		26 / 30	87 %
4	Functionality		38 / 40	95 %
5	Ease of Use & Suitability		38 / 40	95 %
6	Safety		36 / 40	90 %
7	Advertising Claims		14 / 15	93 %
8	Customer Feedback		18 / 20	90 %
9	Packaging & Labelling		15 / 15	100 %
10	Value for Money		25 / 30	83 %



Parameter profile



Reading the profile

The profile is slightly uneven. Most parameters sit close together, a few fall noticeably behind.

The average across all ten parameters is **92 percent**. Noticeably below this average: **Value for Money**.

A dip on one axis affects the overall result only in proportion to the weight of its rating area. A weak parameter in area B counts for more than the same value in area C.

The axis starts at zero; all values are shares of the points available. The digits match the numbering of the test parameters.

Result by rating area

Area	Points	Achieved	Applies to
A Product Characteristics	91 / 100	91.0 %	33.3 %
B Use and Safety	112 / 120	93.3 %	40.0 %
C Feedback and Service	72 / 80	90.0 %	26.7 %
Overall	275 / 300	91.7 %	100 %

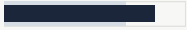
Areas side by side

A Product Characteristics		91.0 %
B Use and Safety		93.3 %
C Feedback and Service		90.0 %

Key figures

STRONGEST RESULT 100 % Packaging & Labelling	WEAKEST RESULT 83 % Value for Money	SPREAD 17 percentage points between strongest and weakest	AVERAGE 92 % across all ten parameters
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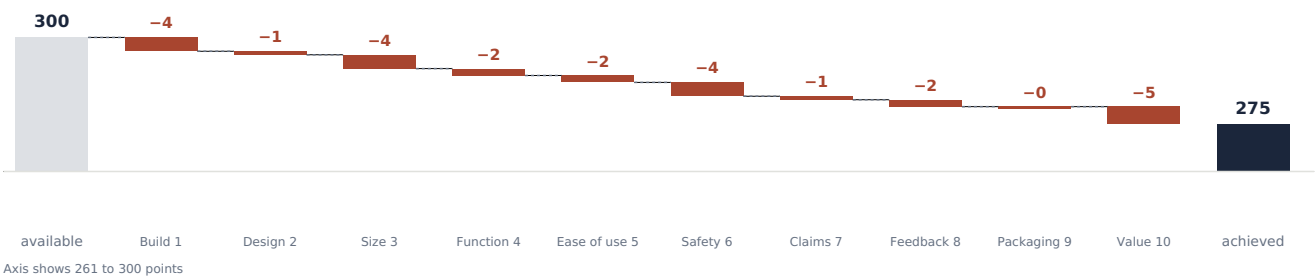
The bar marks the measured value; the grey band marks the range of the category benchmark. All axes start at zero. How the values were obtained is described in chapter 3.

Test item	Test sample	Benchmark	Position	Assessment
Lower cut-off (–3 dB)	34 Hz	2.1 class 30 – 40 Hz		upper third
Maximum level	106 dB	no class value	—	—
Satellite wireless link	24 bit / 96 kHz	Class 48 – 96 kHz		upper end
Wireless latency	15 ms, all channels	no class value	—	—
Wireless range	8 m	no class value	—	—
Channel deviation L/R	below 1 dB	no class value	—	—
Stereo width on base	42 cm	no class value	—	—
System weight	22.5 kg	Class 10 – 20 kg		above class
Base footprint	460 × 300 mm	no class value	—	—
HDMI eARC	present, CEC	class standard	—	met
App set-up	under 5 min	no class value	—	—
Front cover	none	common in the class	—	below standard
Marking	CE, WEEE, manufacturer	required by law	—	met
Price	EUR 2,190.00	Comparison EUR 1,590 – 2,490		upper middle

Notes on the measurements

Cut-off frequency. Measured in the listening room with satellites on the base. Class values are manufacturer data at ± 3 dB. **Stereo width.** On the base the satellites stand 42 cm apart. Via the wireless link they can be placed up to 8 m away.

Where the points were lost



Of 300 points available, 25 were lost to named findings. Each deduction is tied to a finding in the rating section.

How the result is calculated

The three rating areas enter the overall result with 100, 120 and 80 of 300 points. The weighted percentage determines the rating.

Area	Achieved	Available	Percent
A · Product Characteristics	91	100	91.00 %
B · Use and Safety	112	120	93.33 %
C · Feedback and Service	72	80	90.00 %
Total	275	300	—

$$(91.00 \times 100 + 93.33 \times 120 + 90.00 \times 80) \div 300 = \mathbf{91.67 \text{ percent}}$$

91.67 percent corresponds to the rating “very good” on the rating key.

Overall result

92 %

OVERALL RATING

very good

91.67 percent · 275 of 300 points

Qualifies for certification

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Type of test	Commissioned test

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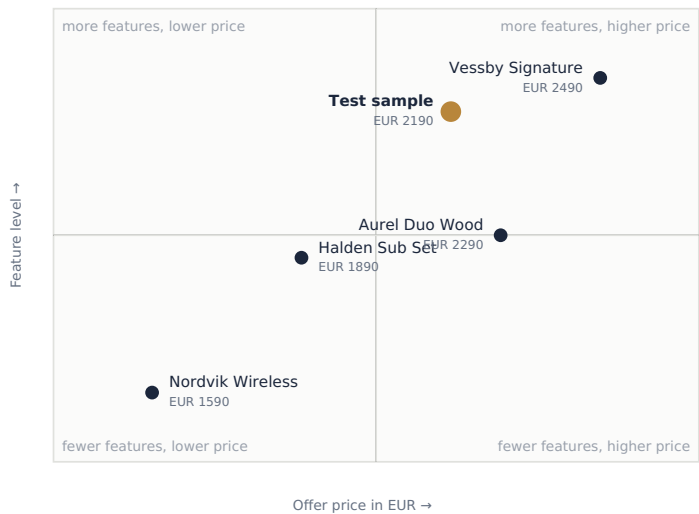


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Competing products

Product	Price	Key specs	Source
Nordvik Aula Wireless	EUR 1,590.00	2.0, 45 Hz, HDMI eARC, veneer	Price check 05/2026
Halden Studio Sub Set	EUR 1,890.00	2.1, 36 Hz, HDMI eARC, veneer, grille	Price check 05/2026
Aurel Duo Wood	EUR 2,290.00	2.1, 34 Hz, solid wood, no HDMI	Price check 05/2026
Vessby Signature 2.1	EUR 2,490.00	2.1, 32 Hz, solid wood, HDMI eARC, grille	Price check 05/2026
Test sample	EUR 2,190.00	2.1, 34 Hz, solid wood, HDMI eARC	Offer price

Price versus features



Reading the chart

The horizontal axis shows the offer price, the vertical axis the feature level. The test sample is highlighted.

The axes cover only the range in which the compared products actually sit, not the whole market. A dot far to the right means a higher price within this group, not expensive in absolute terms.

Features from bass extension, material, inputs, streaming, warranty and contents, scaled 0 to 100.

How the offer is priced

Gap between the offer price and systems of the same class. A plus is the premium of the test sample.

Nordvik Aula Wireless	EUR 1,590.00	+EUR 600.00
Halden Studio Sub Set	EUR 1,890.00	+EUR 300.00
Aurel Duo Wood	EUR 2,290.00	–EUR 100.00
Vessby Signature 2.1	EUR 2,490.00	–EUR 300.00

SYSTEM PRICE • TEST SAMPLE	SYSTEM PRICE • MARKET LEVEL
EUR 2,190.00	EUR 1,590 – 2,490

Prices change. All figures are dated snapshots. The report shows the arithmetic and makes no purchase recommendation.

RATING AREA A

Product Characteristics

91 / 100

91.0 % achieved · weight 33.3 %

1 Build Quality

Do materials, workmanship and finish look well made and suited to the intended use?

46 / 50
92 %

FINDINGS

- Cabinets in solid walnut, milled from glued lamellas
- Base in alternating walnut and maple, internally braced
- Kevlar weave cones 200, 130 and 100 mm, 25 mm silk domes
- Even piano lacquer, clean joints and edges
- FSC-certified wood, serial number per system

LIMITATIONS

- Drivers without covers, cones are exposed
- Solid wood requires 40 to 60 % humidity per manufacturer

2 Design

Are shape, colour and overall appearance coherent and appropriate to the function?

19 / 20
95 %

FINDINGS

- Walnut grain on satellites, lamella pattern on the base
- Two satellite sizes as a deliberate design choice
- Electronics hidden in the base, no visible screws

LIMITATIONS

- Piano lacquer shows fingerprints and fine scratches under pressure

3 Size & Weight

Are dimensions, weight and footprint in sensible proportion to the type of product?

26 / 30
87 %

FINDINGS

- Satellites 190 × 300 × 220 mm and 150 × 240 × 190 mm
- Subwoofer in the base, no extra cabinet
- Satellites removable individually, 5.6 and 3.7 kg

LIMITATIONS

- System 22.5 kg versus 10 to 20 kg in the class
- Base needs 460 × 300 mm of shelf space
- No wall bracket for the satellites

RATING AREA B

Use and Safety

112 / 120

93.3 % achieved · weight 40.0 %

4 Functionality

*Does the product do its core job reliably and with adequate performance?***38** / 40

95 %

FINDINGS

- Lower cut-off 34 Hz in room, 2.1 class 30 to 40 Hz
- Maximum level 106 dB at 1 m
- Wireless link to satellites at 24 bit / 96 kHz, 15 ms in sync
- Wi-Fi with AirPlay 2, Google Cast, Spotify and Tidal Connect
- Room calibration via smartphone microphone

LIMITATIONS

- Stereo width on the base only 42 cm
- Wireless link to satellites limited to 8 m

5 Ease of Use & Suitability

*Can the product be set up and used in everyday life without special effort?***38** / 40

95 %

FINDINGS

- HDMI eARC, volume via TV remote
- Bluetooth 5.3 with aptX Adaptive and LDAC
- Phono MM, optical, USB-C inputs
- Set-up via app in under 5 min
- Satellites powered via contacts on the base

LIMITATIONS

- Removed satellites each need a power socket
- Tone controls only via the app

6 Safety

*Are there recognisable risks in normal use, and are the relevant standards met?***36** / 40

90 %

FINDINGS

- Power supply in the base, no mains cable on the satellites
- Wide base, satellites stand tip-proof
- Class D amplifier without noticeable external heat
- Auto standby after 20 min without signal

LIMITATIONS

- Exposed cones without protection from children and pets

RATING AREA C

Feedback and Service

72 / 80

90.0 % achieved · weight 26.7 %

7 Advertising Claims

Do the advertised claims hold up when checked on the sample?

14 / 15
93 %

FINDINGS

- Solid wood from FSC forestry as advertised
- Kevlar cones as advertised
- Response 35 Hz to 25 kHz, measured 34 Hz in room
- Wireless satellites at 24 bit / 96 kHz as advertised

LIMITATIONS

- “Room-filling stereo” only applies with satellites removed

8 Customer Feedback

What overall picture emerges from customer reviews?

18 / 20
90 %

FINDINGS

- 4.6 stars from 312 ratings, sample of 60 reviews
- Sound praised in 24 reviews
- Wood and build quality praised in 21 reviews
- Streaming and app praised in 14 reviews

LIMITATIONS

- Fingerprints on piano lacquer criticised in 8 reviews
- Missing front cover criticised in 6 reviews
- High price mentioned in 5 reviews

9 Packaging & Labelling

Are packaging, transport protection and mandatory information complete and clear?

15 / 15
100 %

FINDINGS

- Moulded foam inserts for base and both satellites
- CE and WEEE marking on the device
- Manual in 6 languages with wood care instructions
- Manufacturer, address and serial number stated

LIMITATIONS

10

Value for Money

Is the price in reasonable proportion to the market level of its class?



25 / 30
83 %

FINDINGS

- EUR 2,190.00 for the complete system
- Solid wood, streaming, HDMI eARC and subwoofer included
- 5-year manufacturer warranty, beyond statutory liability

LIMITATIONS

- EUR 300.00 above Halden Studio Sub Set with grille
- Grille included with two comparison systems

Seven levels per test item

Every test item is rated on the same scale. The levels are fixed before testing and identical for all products.

Level	Meaning
5 • fully met	The item is met without reservation. The value is at or above the category benchmark. There is nothing to object to.
4 • largely met	The item is met. Minor deviations are visible but have no effect in normal use.
3 • met with reservations	The item is met, but the value is below the category benchmark. Use remains possible, but takes more effort.
2 • partly met	The item is only partly met. The shortfall is noticeable in daily use and restricts it.
1 • barely met	The item is essentially not met. Normal use is clearly impaired.
0 • not met	The item is not met. The product cannot sensibly be used as intended in this respect.
X • not applicable	The item does not apply to this product. It causes no deduction and its weighting is removed from the calculation.

What this report covers

The report documents a functional test in everyday use. It sets the values found against the category benchmark and ties every point deducted to a named finding.

What it does not cover

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