Texas Instruments’ family of digital audio processors offers manufacturers a wide range of audio processing capabilities, including, integration with TI’s PurePath™ digital amplifiers. The TAS3xxx and TAS55xx digital audio processors bring the sound quality of an expensive, high-end A/V receiver to an affordable cost level for consumers of home theater-in-a-box systems, flat panel television sets, micro- and mini-component stereos, and other consumer electronic products.

**High-End Sound Quality**

This family of digital audio processors offers the highest resolution for a full and rich digital sound experience. The TAS3103, TAS5504 and TAS5508 devices feature a full 48-bit audio data-path while the TAS3002 has a 32-bit architecture for true CD- and DVD-quality sound.

In addition, these digital audio processors have a configurable architecture that accommodates the rapid deployment of preconfigured audio processing functions and enhanced sound algorithms from TI and third parties. A wide variety of algorithms and functions such as loudspeaker normalization, second-order tone control, triple slope dynamic range compression, auto mute, 3D sound, virtual surround sound and various loudness curves are readily available.

**Key Features of Digital Audio Processors**

**DVD-Quality Processors Based on a 48-Bit Architecture**

**TAS3103**
- Three-channel digital audio processor
- PC-based GUI for software development
- Configurable processing options including third-party algorithms
- Eight serial audio input channels and three serial audio output channels
- 8-kHz to 96-kHz sample rates
- 15 stereo/TDM data formats
- 16-, 18-, 20-, 24- and 32-bit word sizes

**TAS5504**
- Four-channel digital audio processor with PWM processor

**Figure 1.** TI’s digital audio processors and SRS® TruSurround™ allow stereo speakers to create a 5.1 sound image.
• Interfaces seamlessly to audio DSPs
• Very low noise
• Wide dynamic range from 20 Hz to 20 kHz
• Extends dynamic range with power supply volume control
• Stores three coefficient sets on-device
• Intelligent AM interference avoidance

**TAS5508**
- Eight-channel digital audio processor with PWM processor
- Interfaces seamlessly to audio DSP and MPEG chips
- High efficiency reduces the size of power supplies and heat sinks
- Ultra-low noise
- Stores a variety of bass management algorithms

**TAS3002**
- Digital equalization
- Dynamic range compression/expansion (DRCE)
- Loudness contour algorithm
- Integrated 24-bit, 100-dB stereo CODEC
- Two single-ended inputs per channel
- Six configurable general-purpose inputs for controlling volume, bass, treble and equalization

**Selected Third-Party Audio Processing and Sound Enhancement Algorithms for the TASxxxx Audio Processors**

**NOTE:** Not all algorithms are available on all TASxxxx audio processors. Contact TI for the availability of specific algorithms. The following list of algorithms represents a sample of those that are available on TI’s TASxxxx audio processors at any one time.

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<th><strong>SRS Labs, Inc.</strong></th>
<th><strong>SRS 3D</strong></th>
<th>Natural 3D stereo sound for two-speaker systems.</th>
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<td><strong>Wow™</strong></td>
<td>Audio enhancement suite containing SRS 3D stereo and TruBass™ psychoacoustic bass enhancement technology.</td>
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<td><strong>TruBass</strong></td>
<td>Patented bass enhancement technology which provides up to an octave of lower bass frequency perception from speakers or headphones.</td>
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<td><strong>TruSurround™</strong></td>
<td>Creates a virtual surround sound experience from up to 5.1 multichannel, surround encoded, or stereo source material played over any stereo-speaker or headphone playback system.</td>
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<td><strong>TruSurround XT™</strong></td>
<td>Creates a virtual surround sound experience from up to 6.1 multichannel, surround encoded, stereo or mono source material played over any stereo-speaker or headphone playback system. Includes additional audio enhancements of dialog clarity and TruBass bass enhancement technology.</td>
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<td><strong>Dialog Clarity</strong></td>
<td>Provides improved comprehension of actor’s dialog in DVD movies and other video programming.</td>
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<td><strong>Focus™</strong></td>
<td>Elevates sound image; compensates for poorly placed speakers by elevating the sound image to the optimal location.</td>
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<th><strong>QSound Labs, Inc.</strong></th>
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<th>Creates “virtual speakers” and reproduces spatially correct, multi-channel output on two-channel equipment. Enhances sound reproduction on five- and six-channel systems.</th>
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<td><strong>QMSS™</strong></td>
<td>Creates multi-channel audio from any stereo source by automatically “steering” acoustic images to multiple speakers.</td>
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<td><strong>Qxpander™</strong></td>
<td>Enhances stereo sound for either headphones or speakers.</td>
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| **BBE Sound, Inc.** | **BBE™** | A core technology for all products from BBE Sound Inc., BBE enhances music to its “live presence” and renders dialog with crisp definition. |

**When the Market Won’t Wait**

The configurable architecture of TI’s digital audio processors support the demands of consumer electronics (CE) manufacturers who must bring products to market very quickly. With pre-programmed sound-processing algorithms from third parties and TI, CE manufacturers are able to rapidly respond to changing demands or new preferences as they emerge in the marketplace.

For example, one major manufacturer of consumer electronics products and audio systems, recently brought a new audio product to the marketplace in the record-setting time of just three months. The system featured TI’s
TAS5508 digital audio processor/PWM processor in an innovative bundling with third-party sound enhancement algorithms from SRS® Labs, Inc. The licensing bundle was put together to streamline the typical development cycle and shorten the system's time-to-market. TI's digital audio support personnel worked closely with SRS Labs to meet the project's three-month timeframe.

“We're accustomed to fast turnaround times in the consumer electronics space,” said Joanna Skrdlant, director of emerging markets and platform development of SRS® Labs, “but this particular project with TI was exceptionally fast. The project demonstrated the value of preprogrammed, TruSurround XT™ virtual surround sound functionality and a compatible hardware architecture capable of outstanding sound quality. In the end, all of the pieces fell into place and the parties involved benefited from the project.”

TI has earned a reputation for the extensive resources that support manufacturers' custom design projects. The company has implemented a focused design and support model comprised of engineering, production, manufacturing and sales personnel. Many OEMs like Panasonic, JVC, Kenwood, Harman/Kardon, Jamo, LG Electronics, Pioneer, RCA, Koss, Samsung and others have taken advantage of TI's extensive support for its portfolio of digital audio technology to deliver their products to a consumer electronics marketplace that changes everyday.

**Comprehensive Digital Audio Components**

TI offers a complete suite of digital audio technology which gives manufacturers the freedom to design a broad range of systems that meet a variety of cost and performance targets. Many functions previously unrealizable or available only through analog components are now performed in the digital domain with a new level of ease and flexibility.

TI's audio components offer manufacturers the widest dynamic range and exceptional sound fidelity along with highest degree of integration to simplify system design. TI's comprehensive portfolio of audio technology includes digital audio processors developed specifically for audio signal processing functions as well as its industry-leading line of DSPs for decoding specific algorithms and the audio industry's most extensive selection of digital audio amplifiers.

For more information about TI's digital audio processors or TI PurePath™ Technology, go to [www.ti.com/homeaudio](http://www.ti.com/homeaudio).
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