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Top 10 TVs

Not too dear, not too cheap – mid-priced TVs can suit any room, says Peter Familiari

MOST have some technology and features of the expensive flagships, while build quality is streets ahead of TVs at the cheap end of the range.

The next item on your TV-buying checklist is deciding what type of technology you want, either plasma or LCD.

Plasma is said to have the most natural picture quality, but LCD has improved significantly and these days it's a natural choice for the majority of buyers.

LCD uses less power, too.

The new batch of so-called LED TVs are not a new type of TV. They use LEDs instead of globes to backlight standard LCD panels.

They're more expensive than

standard LCDs without offering much in the way of a superior picture quality, so none made it to our Top 10 list of mid-priced TVs.

TVs in stores now are available in several resolutions, ranging from Standard Definition (576) to High Definition (720) to Full HD (1080).

The numbers indicate the



Schaub Lorenz
Model: SL 42-4 FHD-100
Type: LCD screen
Price: \$1999
www.internationaldynamics.com.au

LOOK at the price. The money buys a full-high definition model with MPEG4 tuning for when the networks upgrade the current TV system. This set has a truck-load of connections, including two HDMI inputs. It's also available in white or black finish. The warranty is three years and after sales service is provided by the importer, International Dynamics, a respected Australian company that has been in business for 50 years. Picture quality is clear and detailed. Colours are warm and natural.
Rating: ★★★★★

amount of horizontal lines used to build the picture.

The higher the number, the sharper the picture quality – in theory.

Sets with 1080 lines scanned progressively – known as 1080p – and terrific video processing technology provide the best picture quality.

However, 720 horizontal lines is more than adequate for TVs with screens less than 37 inches (measured diagonally).