

Home Improvements With Samsung BD-P1000 & Panasonic DMP-BD10 Reviews

A heads up here with some technical notes, before launching into the product reviews. Note that: the amount 720 or 1080 represents the number of horizontal lines of pixels, with the larger number corresponding to 1920 x 1080 resolution. The letter 'p' or 'i' stands for progressive and interlaced, respectively. Interlacing 'paints' the screen in two passes, one for even lines another for odd, progressive does so in a single pass.

Samsung BD-P1000

The Samsung BD-P1000 was anticipated to be the least expensive high-definition DVD player, but at roughly \$1000 still comes out to twice the cost of Toshiba's HD-DVD player. However, as with most consumer electronics, the price can be expected to drop, if not on this model then on future ones.

For that money the consumer can expect a slim, quality unit from one of the leaders in HDTV. Their DLP TVs are consistently rated among the best available in that class.

In addition, the player will have a 9-in-2 Multi Memory Card slot that will enable viewers to see digital photos on their set. That may or may not be a big advantage, since many HDTV sets come with a similar capacity built-in.

The Samsung will also offer the ability to set an alarm, presumably in order to alert the viewer to an upcoming show or event. Details are sketchy at this point.

Like the other models, the unit is a player only but recordable models were expected shortly after this was introduced so check around before you buy.

Panasonic DMP-BD10

Scheduled to arrive later than the others, the DMP-BD10 was slated for September 2006, along with Panasonic's plasma-type 1080p HDTV.

Price, for a Blu-ray player, was anticipated to be in the middle of the pack at 'under \$1,500' according to company data. Even at that price, the company has the advantage of being one of the most highly rated in the field. Their DVD player and HDTV sets are second to none.

The unit is promised to debut with the company's proprietary EZ-Sync HDAVI feature. The feature allows viewers to connect and control multiple HDMI (High Definition Multimedia Interface) units with a single remote.

It remains to be seen whether Sony's hotly anticipated Playstation 3 will provide these 'full HD' players with further competition. The unit, slated for release November 2006, is reported to be able to play Blu-ray discs, along with downloading and playing games. At \$600 it would radically alter the playing field.

You may soon be competing with the kids for control of the game console, just to play a great looking movie.

Whichever brand or model you investigate, be sure to look past the hype and actually test the model in the store. First generation technology has a way of disappointing viewers who have only read about the features.

Plus continue to read reviews before shopping, because newer models come out all across the board. Find ones in your budget range to compare, then list features and benefits to choose the one for your home entertainment and home improvement needs.

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