



reviews hardware

Humax LGB-260TT

An affordable HD compatible telly

Specifications

Screen Size	● 26"
Widescreen	● Y
Resolution	●
1280 x 768 pixels	
Nicam Stereo	● Y
SCART	● 3
S-Video Input	● 1
Video Input	● 1
Audio Input	● 3
DVI Input	● Y
Component Input	● Y
Teletext	● Y
Universal Remote	● N
Headphone Socket	● Y
Stand	● Y
Width (mm)	● 696
Height (mm)	● 538
Depth (mm)	● 225
Weight (kg)	● 23

Ratings



Digital Dynamite



Great Machine



Consider This



Disappointing



Poor

Reference System

Screen
 Sony 32FX60 calibrated using Video Essentials

Sources
 Pioneer DVL-909
 Arcam Alpha 6 CD Player

Receiver
 Denon ADV-700

Speakers
 Denon SC-50S satellite speakers
 Denon DSW-27 subwoofer

Cables
 Ixos, Supra

A HIGH definition compatible TV needn't cost the earth, as this 26-inch Humax model illustrates. Okay, so £1,200 is still a substantial amount of money for most of us, but it represents good value for a HD-ready LCD.

It's a good-looking piece of kit, as much of Humax's stuff is. You get a desktop stand attached; sadly, this is non-adjustable (ie it doesn't swivel), but the screen can be wall-mounted if you wish.

The picture quality isn't the best we've seen, but given the price it's impressive enough to get a thumbs up. Detail levels are high and colour reproduction is top notch. The 16ms response time is quick enough for gamers (you could use the screen as a PC monitor too) while the 800:1 contrast ratio means that black levels are reasonably strong.

The audio side of things isn't bad either, thanks to built-in SRS WOW virtual surround sound processing and a pair of capable seven watt speakers.

The screen's flexible connectivity is a major plus, with Humax providing component video, S-Video, RGB PC and DVI inputs as well as no less than three Scarts. A host of other useful features and functions, including built-in games, picture-in-picture and automatic software updates. Significantly, there's an integrated Freeview digital tuner to tide you over until HDTV arrives next year, as well as a handy seven-day EPG providing useful programming info and a Common Interface slot allowing you to upgrade to Top Up TV.

Overall, a decent telly for a decent price.

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Rating **★★★★**

£1200

