



Humax LGB-26DTT



£1500

THIS HUMAX 26IN LCD offers twin TV tuners, one digital and one analogue. the analogue unit providing a useful safety-belt for areas with choppy digital signals.

Resolution figures of 1280 x 768, plus a digital video input – in the form of an HDCP-enabled DVI socket – mean the LGB-26DTT is high-definition-ready. The lengthy spec also includes component inputs, triple Scarts, plus sockets for your PC or camcorder. It's a looker, too, and the horizontal speaker design reduces set width, allowing you to push the set far back into a room corner. The Humax is also incredibly simple to use,

“Resolution of 1280 x 768, and the HDCP-enabled DVI socket make this HD-ready”

with succinct on-screen menus and a sensibly laid-out remote.

When it comes to performance things aren't quite so rosey. Images, even via the digital video link, lack detail and sharpness. And these shortcomings have a negative effect on realism. This is less of a problem with animated fare, but with

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High-def ready; both analogue and digital tuners; great connectivity; neat styling; DVD movies look decent

↓ AGAINST

Overall performance falls short of similarly priced class-leaders

↔ VERDICT

This set is getting on, but it remains future-proof, and bargain prices are to be had if you shop around – don't write it off



We wouldn't shell out a grand and a half for this Humax set, but we might not have to – significant discounts can be had

'real' movies, such as the gently fantastic *Sideways*, the movie loses influence. You find a similar state of affairs with action movies, where swift movement causes picture break-up and bouts of smear. It's not a bad set, but not as good as you deserve for £1500.

This applies to off-air performance, too. The digital tuner is the stronger of the two, but the colour palette is a touch overcooked and contrast doesn't rival the best here.

Sound delivery is also fine and, if you're feeling adventurous, there's a Virtual Surround option to worry the cat.

Normally this would add up to an 'average' three-star review, but we can't ignore the fact the Humax is available for much less than its £1500 street price. So if you see this set with a three-figure price tag, then give it serious consideration.