

## Which Television Should You Buy: Plasma Or LCD?

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When you are faced with the tough decision of whether to purchase a flat screen plasma television or a television that features a liquid crystal display. Several questions must be answered before you want to consider the pricing and the brand names of each kind of product. These questions include how big or small do you want the television, how long do you need the television to last, and also where you are going to place the television. You could want a projection television for your living room and a plasma screen in your bedroom. Making a wise decision is very important in the consumer purchasing process.

One issue to think about is the image "burn-in" on plasma television screens. Bright images may "burn" and spot on the screen and may be bothersome.

Another issue is the bulb replacement cost. Often the cost of replacing a LCD screen bulb can be more than the cost of replacing the entire television set itself. Plasma typically will last 30,000-60,000 hours of operation before the bulb will go out. After that time the bulb will be working at half the efficiency as a new bulb.

LCD televisions typically weigh less than Plasma screens at the same comparable size. Also, plasma television sets are more fragile in transportation so take that into consideration when purchasing a television with or without a product warranty.

When selecting a flat screen television you need to consider the ranges of sizes for each of the two kinds of products, plasma and lcd. Plasma televisions are typically only available in sizes bigger than 32 inches. Some plasma screen manufacturers are producing screens that are 103 inches in size. At that size you may as well consider purchasing a high definition projector setup. On the other hand if you are looking for a quality television for smaller purposes (i.e. the bathroom or kitchen) you will want to consider the lcd variety. LCD television screens range in sizes all the way from 13 inches to 45 inches and up. Some LCD televisions are 100 inches and bigger. If you are looking for a clear solution to bigger screens once again I would suggest that you consider a HD projector as a alternative solution.

Plasma television sets run hotter, need alot more power and are more heavier than their lcd counterparts. If you want to put a flatscreen television in your kitchen or bathroom I would suggest a LCD television set.

As far as the thickness of the television set, the LCD is only slightly thinner than a plasma television. This is not a huge difference between the two.

Do you live in a high altitude climate? LCD's tend to perform better in higher altitude locations than the plasma televisions. High altitudes affect the plasma screen because of the pressure and stress put on the inside of the television set. If you live in the mountains I suggest you purchase a LCD television.

LCD televisions and Plasma televisions both come in High Definition quality variations.

After considering these differences between the two types of flatcreen televisions I would suggest picking the best kind for your situation and finding a low price. Good luck on your purchase!