

The chances that your HDTV will break are slim, and if it does it should fall under your original manufactures warranty. If you really want an extended warranty I recommend using a credit cards extended warranty program. Some credit card companies give you an extended warranty on high end purchases for free. American Express, Citi™ Platinum and Gold MasterCard® Card members are offered a great extended warranty plan usually doubling a manufactures warranty. Other credit card company's might have similar programs for a small fee.

Guaranteed you will need new cables for your new purchase. But don't be fooled by "the more you pay, the better the product will perform" scam. Some HDTVs include HDMI cables while others don't. If you need an HDMI cable or HDMI-to-DVI cable stay away from retailers who offer ridiculously overpriced cables. Both HDMI and DVI cables deliver a digital signal. Retailers like Best Buy, Circuit City, etc. still try to sell you an expensive cable, claiming that these cables offer more shielding and will improve your image quality. This simply is not true. Don't believe me? Google "HDMI Scam" My recommendation is to stick to online dealers who offer RG6 quad shielding cabling.



The whole reason to get a new HDTV is to watch something that is superior to that of what you are currently viewing, or maybe because the old TV set broke and you need a replacement. Either way you will need a High Definition package or over-the-air (OTA) terrestrial antenna to see the benefits of your HDTV. The good news is that a terrestrial signal costs nothing, and offers a wide array of HDTV broadcast content. Other plans include ESPN HD, HDNet, HD Discovery, HD HBO and the list goes on. This will all cost extra so choose carefully.

VOOM currently has the most well-rounded lineup of HDTV content, consisting of about 35 HD channels. Dish Network is another satellite provider and offers a HD DVR so you can record your Hi Def shows. Although, there are multiple satellite providers offering a vast range of channels and content I still hesitate to consider them reliable. I've seen with my own eyes the signal go out on other carriers like DirectTV when it's a clear sky. My advice is to consider a bundled cable package in your area. If there is more than one provider you can sometimes get special rates or discounts.



Common Questions To Buying A HDTV:

Do I need the Extended Warranty?

Extended Warranty's are a major question that's frequently asked.

My advice is no, stay away from the extended warranty's.

What type of cables do I need?

People want to know if they should buy the gold plated cables or name brand cables.

My advice is stay away from those expensive cables that the salesman will try to sell you. "Monster Cables" brand is pure profit for the store and offers no real benefit to you. I recommend shopping at monoprice.com for cables. Remember even though the connection might be gold plated the wiring is still copper.

What accessories should I get?

1080P is something to keep in mind for screen sizes that are 50 inches or larger. And even then you will have to be sitting closer to the screen to noticed the detail

What else should I consider?

The HDTV is only part of the equation. You will also need content.

Content refers to what you will be watching on your new HDTV. In order to appreciate HDTV you're going to need one of the following: Digital Cable, OTA antenna, or Satellite Provider.
