
Subject: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [sub-zero](#) on Fri, 14 Jul 2006 02:19:59 GMT
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Here are some benefits: First: Home theater-in-a-box systems are reasonably priced. Complete systems start as low as \$200, but can go as high \$2,000 or more. You will find these home theater systems at just about any consumer electronics retailer, including Best Buy, Circuit City, and even Wal-Mart. Second: Home theater-in-a-box systems contain most (or all) of the components needed for a basic Home Theater system, including all speakers, a surround sound receiver, in most cases a DVD/CD player or, in some cases, even a VCR and/or DVD Recorder. Third: Home theater-in-a-box systems are compact. These systems are designed so as not to overwhelm a room. The central DVD/Receiver units are sometimes not much larger than a DVD player, although some systems do include separate DVD player/Receiver components. However, the speakers that are included are very compact, the five or six satellite speakers are small enough to be mounted unobtrusively in room corners or shelves. Even the included subwoofer is usually of very compact design so as can be placed easily in a corner or next to a chair or table without attracting attention - except the deep bass sound it generates. Fourth: A home theater-in-box is easy to install and use; most all the connection cables are provided. All you need is a TV with AV inputs and Audio outputs, A HiFi VCR, and/or DVD Player (if one is not supplied), and you are set and ready to go. No special skills are required, just the ability to read simple instructions and diagrams. Also, most systems come with a remote control that is used for all the functions of the system.

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 14 Jul 2006 13:37:25 GMT
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Have you ever seen one with any kind of decent quality?

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [sub-zero](#) on Fri, 14 Jul 2006 23:28:20 GMT
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The Kenwood system that I saw a couple of years ago was pretty nice. It had a 100 watt sub and a decent center channel. I consider it to be a good starter package that you can upgrade 1 piece at a time later.

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 16:04:20 GMT
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I see, cool. That's good to know.

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [GarMan](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 12:23:15 GMT
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Quality is relative, and when your baseline for comparison is the amplifier and speakers that are built into your TV (as it is for vast majority of users), HT-in-box sound amazing.

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 13:40:55 GMT
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Good point.

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [mollecon](#) on Sun, 23 Jul 2006 01:28:03 GMT
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While such system will never get close to 'high end', they can be improved considerably by using better speakers. Those 'unobtrusive' ones usually sounds awfull

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [sub-zero](#) on Wed, 26 Jul 2006 04:20:05 GMT
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I found this site to be a good resource...
http://reviews.cnet.com/4566-6740_7-0.html

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [telegraph.hill](#) on Wed, 02 Aug 2006 22:07:10 GMT
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Yes - I was just thinking, these are not exactly high end, especially the ones from Walmart. But if you want something cheap and functional, they are probably ok. I would definitely go for the slightly better speakers though.

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [matefork](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2006 01:00:36 GMT
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Well, I don't know if this is the one but I bought a HT six years ago - PHILIPS FW-V795 VCD Mini HiFi System 7600 watts PMPO. It's speakers are very loud and powerful. I didn't use it too often. It disturbs the neighbors.

Subject: 7600 watts?
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2006 02:35:09 GMT
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Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [matefork](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2006 02:39:36 GMT
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Sorry, I made a mistake. Not 7600 watts PMPO but rather 7600W PMPO. That is the description.

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2006 03:01:45 GMT
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Please don't be insulted by my laughter. It isn't your fault that Panasonic chose to advertise their

system as being capable of 7600 watts. But it is really funny to me.

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box

Posted by [perry](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2009 00:45:46 GMT

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well i guess home theater in a box is more convenient and easy to install with compare in buying pieces of parts and install it..

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box

Posted by [JiminyCricket](#) on Sun, 25 Jul 2010 10:04:51 GMT

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The earlier debate in this thread was about quality. As a new home theater in a box system being launched soon is 5 times as expensive but with 3D features, it is worth it?

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box

Posted by [Old Timer](#) on Tue, 10 Aug 2010 06:13:06 GMT

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I have heard of this idea - is it really better to buy the entire set of things you need in one box? I am not really aware of individual good and bad points of each thing included.

Subject: Re: Home Theater in a Box

Posted by [Wolfgang](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2010 19:20:06 GMT

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I would definitely go for a Home Theatre in a Box since no one at home can assemble one from scratch. I've seen many a good one when I was in Bangkok and I would just add a projector for viewing movies/dvds in a bigger screen.
