
Subject: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [mamoss](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2019 16:32:49 GMT
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I have been shopping for a TV for a month now, and I realized that many people (like me) often don't check for the model number as that determines whether or not it is the latest version. A newer model would definitely fetch a higher price, right? Do you also look for specs like full HD?

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [cwemoy](#) on Sun, 31 Mar 2019 17:37:43 GMT
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When shopping for electronics in general, I really don't check for the latest model but whether or not it has the specifications I am looking for. A latest model would fetch a higher price when in essence, it will not have not undergone major upgrades.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [Groot](#) on Sat, 06 Apr 2019 14:08:22 GMT
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I agree with cwemoy because the price doesn't always justify the quality of Smart TV. Checking TV reviews online is a good way to check the quality of the Smart TV that we like to buy.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [mamoss](#) on Tue, 09 Apr 2019 19:17:09 GMT
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I agree that checking for online reviews and matching your needs to the specifications, can be a good way to make the purchasing decision. Again, cost alone should never be used to determine the quality of a TV, or any electronic device for that matter.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [Reggie](#) on Thu, 11 Apr 2019 10:58:50 GMT
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What I usually do when purchasing electronic devices is to check it in a brick-and-mortar shop. The next step for me is to set a budget on the price of the electronic gadget that I wanted to buy. Lastly is to compare the qualities of different brands based on my budget.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV

Posted by [cwemoy](#) on Thu, 11 Apr 2019 14:16:28 GMT

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I concur with you Reggie about checking an electronic device in a brick-and-mortar shop before purchasing it. I would never purchase an item from an online shop unless I was assured about its quality.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV

Posted by [Augustus](#) on Fri, 12 Apr 2019 04:24:57 GMT

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I thought my smart T.V. was great until last week when Sony and Google took over my television to show me ads. It's been a hassle dealing with it. I've decided to replace my smart television with a "dumb" model of some sort.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV

Posted by [Reggie](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2019 14:53:28 GMT

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Augustus wrote on Thu, 11 April 2019 23:24: I thought my smart T.V. was great until last week when Sony and Google took over my television to show me ads. It's been a hassle dealing with it. I've decided to replace my smart television with a "dumb" model of some sort. Smart enough to annoy you then? I call that smart a**. :)

I guess you can turn off your internet connection while watching through your smart TV and that will stop the ads from appearing. So what did you do with your smart TV after replacing it with the dumb one?

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Mon, 29 Jul 2019 19:20:50 GMT

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I've been appraising hdtv's and it seems that the smart choice is about the only choice to choose from anymore. My oldish by hdtv standards is again acting wonky, (screen going black). Which from all I can gather online is that either the led strips or their power supply is starting to go kaput. If you can find a non smart tv, it'll be an old model. The usual lcd tv are being overtaken by oled tv's. But their price is still higher. And I'm not willing to spend a thousand and more bucks on a friggin tv. The steady march is on with this technology, but if at the expense of adware becoming a fixture with television viewing, the trade off of a pretty picture for annoyance seems pretty thin to me.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Mon, 29 Jul 2019 19:40:24 GMT

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I haven't purchased a TV in a couple years, so I'm now going to do one of the worst things I could do here: Make a comment on an internet discussion board about which I have absolutely no first-hand experience. :lol:

But here goes.

I have several smart devices, mostly Roku boxes. And while they do often float ads across the screen saver, it isn't terribly annoying. Once I'm in one of the services, they float in their own ads, at their own frequency. The "free" services like Crackle put ads all over the place, and inject them into the content every few minutes. The paid services like Netflix tend to limit their ads to previews of their newest offerings, which is not distracting to me and is in fact, interesting and helpful.

Not sure that will translate completely to smart TV users' experiences, but I would expect it to be pretty close. They're very similar products with very similar markets.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Tue, 30 Jul 2019 15:29:05 GMT

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That's a reassuring point. I mainly reflect from a post in home theater from a fellow whom seemed plagued by ads infusing into his new smart tv. Even after making sure to follow explicitly, instructions to avoid such occurrences setting up from the tv's menu. Just from my initial perusing local sources. Smart tv's are the only choice to pick from. Guess I'll have to do a little research online to figure if any brands are more or less prone to unwarranted ads annoying the viewing experience. I better get to it, as I write the tv is flickering and going black.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 30 Jul 2019 20:28:44 GMT

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I'm with you on the online research. Might even be worth it to go to some big box stores to actually give 'em a hands-on try.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Wed, 31 Jul 2019 17:25:20 GMT

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I found this with a cursory search for smart tv adware.

<https://www.rtings.com/tv/learn/ads-in-smart-tv>

It's there, so be ready for it I suppose. Though most tv's as Augustus can vouch for won't let you "opt" out.

Reading onward intrepidly I see issues with hacking, spying, malware, voice conversations being picked up, etc,etc. Cheee-rist! This is our brave new world. Even looking at the FTC website, finding current articles regarding developments with regulating this crap is not current. Regulation is a dirty word in the political landscape.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 31 Jul 2019 22:36:54 GMT

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That's a great link for this thread. Thanks!

Semi-related aside: I've been a computer guy since the days of the Intel 8080, the RCA 1802, the MOS 6502 and the Motorola 6800. I've always loved microcontrollers and the benefits thereof.

But I find myself liking "dumb" devices with no connectivity so much more than the Internet-of-Things (IoT) and smartphone devices so common today. The new stuff is feature-packed but clunky and unreliable and it allows so much intrusion, hacks and viruses, I just don't like it.

We went to the moon in July 1969, and at that time computers had just a few kilobytes of internal memory and disk drives the size of washing machines that stored a few megabytes on a huge disk pack. The Arpanet wasn't running yet; It wasn't switched on until October of that year. Phones actually worked - Even if we lost power, we usually had phone service 'cause central offices had batteries to power the lines.

Now we have cellphones and smart devices and IoT, but all of them are annoying and largely unreliable.

So I'll keep my land-line phone, my cars with distributors and points, my tube amplifiers and my televisions with analog inputs, thank you very much. 8)

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Thu, 01 Aug 2019 02:15:44 GMT

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Hi, I'm with you Wayne. I'll let other folks have their fun with refrigerators that talk to them, and possibly anyone else that can hack them. Hack-able thermostats that can roast or freeze you. TVs that can spy on you. IoT is not for me. The more I hear the more I figure that Big Brother is just about to strike. Audio and video in your own home that you put there that sends signals to

....where? Hummm. Your car that talks to the manufacturer and insurance company....hummm. And then folks have the gall to holler about privacy. Hummm. No thanks, I'll get by with the minimum digital and IoT foot print possible. :?

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [Barryso](#) on Thu, 01 Aug 2019 11:47:02 GMT
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The old crt TV died about two years ago so I set out to buy a new flat panel model.

Went for a "smart" option because I'd never had one and was using credit card points to buy the thing. It quickly became clear after very little use that the smart functionality of the set was slow and the interface was poor. The smart part of the set sits unused.

Added a Fire Stick to it and that works far better than the built in electronics. The fire stick also has voice recognition so you don't have to type things on a screen keyboard.

So if I was doing it again there would be no smart to the TV and it'd just get an add on device like a fire stick or a Raspberry Pi (running whatever video server you like). The fire stick and/or Raspberry Pi are more likely to be upgraded and patched along the way, too.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Thu, 01 Aug 2019 15:22:18 GMT
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gofar99 wrote on Wed, 31 July 2019 21:15 Hack-able thermostats that can roast or freeze you. My sister and I joke about the generational buy in with smart technology. I say I have a 'smart' finger, which can allow for temperature adjustment interface with thermostats.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sat, 03 Aug 2019 02:52:04 GMT
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:lol: :lol:

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Sat, 14 Sep 2019 23:16:31 GMT
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I still haven't purchased a new hdtv. I wax and wane between the need, (my tv intermittently flickers and goes black) and the frustration with reading about smart hdtv annoyances and reading way too many frustrating purchasers complaining about their brand new hdtv. I thought the new

oled tv's were the latest greatest, most expensive technology. But no dear friends, there's micro led tv's on the horizon, 8k, and even more expensive. So, there is no end to the pro's and con's and just as soon as you invest into what you might think is a hedge in the advancing technology. Your new tv is soon obsolete. I just want it to last more than a day after it's warranty expires. The stuff hasn't been around long enough to judge longevity.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Wed, 25 Sep 2019 23:52:43 GMT
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I just went on Amazon to look for the old style televisions. The top of the list was a T.V. that looked straight out of the '60's, but the homescreen display looked like my smartphone homescreen. Wrapping my head around that IRL might make my head explode. :lol:

The only thing smart about me is my phone, and even that's debatable. :lol:

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [Azuri](#) on Thu, 26 Sep 2019 21:47:44 GMT
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My T.V. viewing habits are so minimal that I'm not really too concerned about smart T.V.'s. I do, however, notice the prices seem cheap considering the technology that goes into making them.

Subject: Re: Purchasing a Smart TV
Posted by [Patrick69](#) on Sun, 03 Oct 2021 19:39:21 GMT
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I've got to be honest. All of my televisions in my home are Smart TVs. I never really paid attention to the model number though. I just buy what the store has. I probably should play better attention. I can't believe the difference in all of mine though. They probably range from 3 years old to newly purchased.
