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Subject: Opinions on Toshiba & Sharp DVD recorder/players (w/HD)

Posted by [Malcolm](#) on Fri, 25 Jun 2004 14:11:56 GMT

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Hi, I'm new to the forum, and new to PVR/DVR's. I was wondering if someone here might have opinion(s) of a couple of DVD player/recorders, with hard drives. They are: Toshiba RD-XS32, about \$470 from eCOST.com Sharp DV-HR300U, about \$507 from Amazon.com Both have 80GB HDD's. The Toshiba also has DVD-RAM recording capability (the Sharp only has DVD-R and DVD-RW). Both have progressive scan. I am interested in using one of the above as a PVR, as well as recording and playing DVD's. Thanks in advance, Malcolm

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Subject: Re: Opinions on Toshiba & Sharp DVD recorder/players (w/HD)

Posted by [Mark Margiotta](#) on Fri, 25 Jun 2004 16:46:07 GMT

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Malcolm, The two PVR's that you're looking at are both fine machines, but for the money I would be looking at the Panasonic DMR-E85HS. For starters the panasonic has a 120 GB hard drive. The panasonic also like the toshiba can record in DVD-RAM format as well as -R and RW. I have been using a panasonic machine for some time and I can say its editing capabilities are far superior to any other machines I have seen to date. When you are editing out commercials, cutting and splicing segments, and doing custom title work....the panasonic has them all beat hands down. The 85HS is available for \$529.00 at Abes of Maine, which is a highly reputable internet store. <http://www.abesofmaine.com/viewproduct.asp?id=psdmre85hs>The panasonic is only a little more expensive than the Sharp, but offers world class editing, and 40 more gigs of drive space. I would have to say thats all well worth the extra \$22.00. Anyway....I hope this helps. Mark

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Subject: Thanks, Mark - that helps a lot - the Panny DMR looks great (nt)

Posted by [Malcolm](#) on Fri, 25 Jun 2004 17:50:13 GMT

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