

TEST CENTER RECOMMENDED PRODUCT GUIDE



Our Picks For The Latest In Projectors

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Projector technology has made great strides over the past year, with brighter, sharper and more vivid displays becoming less expensive, and more available in smaller form factors. A large number of these models have made their way through the CRN Test Center. From BenQ to Panasonic, these are the projectors that really shined.

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BENQ MP730

At 2,200 lumens, the MP730 is not the lab's brightest rated projector, but in actual usage it rivals some of the brighter ones we've seen. When reviewers first turned the projector on, the blacks were noticeably very dark; this made the vibrant colors stand out even more intensely. The well-designed case keeps heat to a minimum too.

WXGA DLP, 2,200 Lumens, 1,280 x 1,024 Max resolution, 16:9 AR, 3,000-hour lamp life, 2W speaker, IR remote, 10.8 x 5.1 x 12 inches, 7.7 lbs

The BenQ MP730 has a beautiful, vivid output that stayed sharp whether displaying an online document or Hi-Def video game. Price: \$1,199

TECH STARS ★★★★★
CHANNEL STARS ★★★★★



BENQ SP820

Compared to equally bright projectors we've previously evaluated, the SP820 is a lightweight, but when it comes to performance, the unit is no slouch. The TI DLP BrilliantColor technology produced extremely vivid colors against noticeably dark blacks and when evaluated against 17 calibration tests in the DisplayMate suite, the SP820 needed no adjustments at all.

XGA DLP, 4,000 Lumens, 1,024 x 768 Max resolution, 4:3 AR, 2,000-hour lamp life, 3W speaker, IR remote, 11.8 x 9.6 x 3.5 inches, 8.2 lbs

The size and brightness, along with a variety of input connections, make the SP820 a portable projector worth consideration. Price: \$1,999

TECH STARS ★★★★★
CHANNEL STARS ★★★★★



EPSON POWERLITE 1735W

At just under 4 pounds, the PowerLite 1735W is an ultraportable multimedia unit that has a vibrant display. Within five seconds of pressing the power button, the lamp was lit, the closest we've ever seen to an instant-on projector. Passing all but one of the DisplayMate patterns, there was some noise, but nothing that would be noticeable during regular usage. Excellent blacks make colors look ultra-bright.

WXGA LCD, 3,000 Lumens, 1,280 x 800 Max resolution, 16:10 AR, 3,000-hour lamp life, 1W speaker, IR remote, 11.2 x 7.9 x 2.8 inches, 3.96 lbs

Nearly immediate start-up time, a very bright display and an extensive feature set make this lightweight portable an excellent choice. Price: \$1,649

TECH STARS ★★★★★
CHANNEL STARS ★★★★★



INFOCUS IN15

The IN15 is by far the most compact projector the Test Center has seen in recent memory—maybe ever. Tested against 18 calibration measurements on DisplayMate's suite, it passed 16 of them with no need to adjust any settings, but its sleek form factor more than offset the minor adjustments we did make.

XGA DLP, 2,000 Lumens, 1,024 x 768 Max resolution, 4:3 AR, 2,000-hour lamp life, IR remote, 1.7 x 7.8 x 10.6 inches, 3.9 lbs

Pushes the envelope of ultraportability. It's ultra-compact, easy to use and consumes very little energy. Price: \$1,499

TECH STARS ★★★★★
CHANNEL STARS ★★★★★



NEC NP3151W

If we had to choose one word to describe this projector, it would have to be connectivity. A glance at the rear of the unit reveals a dizzying array of connectors. Throughout all of our tests, it stood up to the challenge; video quality is above par, and the two internal 5-watt speakers' volume was loud enough for everyone in the lab to hear.

XGA LCD, 4,000 Lumens, 1,280 x 800 Max resolution, 16:10 AR, 2,000-hour lamp life, 5W x 2 speaker, IR remote, 16.1 lbs., 15.7 x 5.9 x 14.1 inches

With its Hi-Definition display, multiple installations and network remote options, it's worth the price. Price: \$5,000

TECH STARS ★★★★★
CHANNEL STARS ★★★★★

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NEC NP60

NEC Display Solutions touts the NP60 as a mobile "lightweight powerhouse." That may be hard to argue. The device itself is small and comes with a padded carrying case that travels well.

Put through DisplayMate calibration testing, the NP60 needed no adjustment after being measured in 18 separate tests. The device is plug-and-play, and laptop integration was simple.

XGA DLP, 3,000 Lumens, 1,024 x 768 Max resolution, 4:3 AR, 2,000-hour lamp life, IR remote, 9.7 x 7.1 x 2.9 inches, 3.5 lbs

The NP60 is ideal for solutions that require graphics-intensive presentations on the go.
Price: \$1,299

TECH STARS ★★★★★
CHANNEL STARS ★★★★★



NEC NP905

Boasting exceptionally vivid colors, the NP905 passed all 17 of the DisplayMate patterns. Like most projectors, whites leaned a little towards warm, but blacks were outstanding. Although designed to be professionally and permanently

installed, the entire case stayed cool enough to allow for desktop use, with only a small area by the fan rising to 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

XGA LCD, 3,000 Lumens, 1,024 x 768 Max resolution, 4:3 AR, 2,500-hour lamp life, 5W speaker, IR remote, 12.2 x 11.4 x 4.9 inches, 8.2 lbs

Perfect for boardrooms and classrooms, the NP905 has a beautiful, bright display that few can compare with.
Price: \$ 1,799

TECH STARS ★★★★★
CHANNEL STARS ★★★★★



PANASONIC PT-F200U

The PT-F200U utilizes Panasonic's Daylight View 4 image-processing, which works with a small Ambient Luminance Sensor to opti-

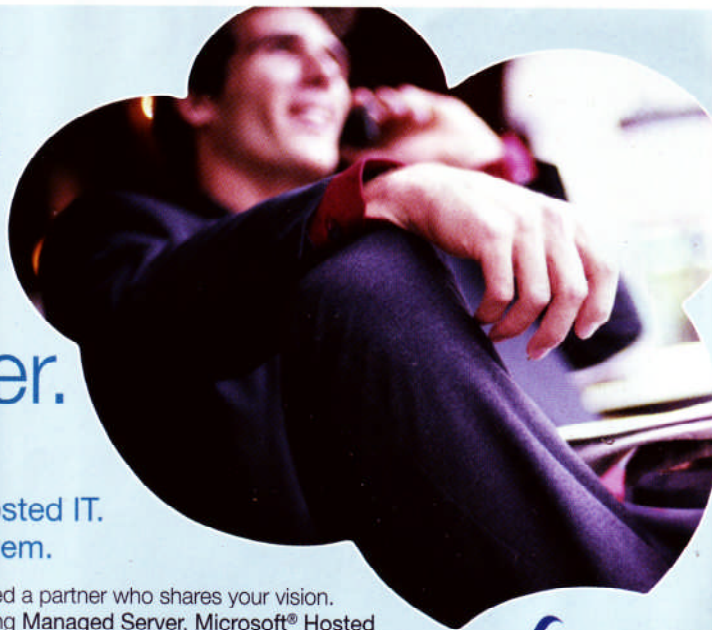
mize color, brightness and contrast according to the room's ambient lighting conditions. When compared to 17 test patterns in DisplayMate, it passed 14 out of the box, primarily falling short in the black and gray levels, while excelling on intensity tests.

XGA LCD, 3,500 Lumens, 1,024 x 768 Max resolution, 4:3 AR, 2,000-hour lamp life, 3W speaker, IR remote, 12.6 x 4.90 x 1.7inches, 13.7 lbs

The PT-F200U is a flexible projector able to adjust to different needs. It will live up to most expectations.
Price: \$4,499

TECH STARS ★★★★★
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