

## Upscaling dvd player meaning

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Of course, the quality isn't going to be as good as HD DVD or Blu-ray, but if you add the extra features that these very refined DVD players have - streaming, internet radio, and DivX playback - you can eventually get an even richer media experience. Here are the ten things you need to know before you buy one.0) Before you start, you need to understand that Upscaling DVD players are not the same as actual HD DVD or Blu-ray players. You still have the same amount of data in terms of pixels that you came up with, namely, far fewer pixels than actual HD players. These don't turn SD content into HD content technically, they just make your SD content look a lot better than they do on regular SD players.1) Is it high-end at 1080p? Not all players do, especially the very cheap ones (less than \$100). If you have a fancy HDTV that supports 1080p, you want a player who can take out anything your screen can handle. However, it's not a big deal if your TV and player are 1080i. The difference in quality is not enough to make it worth the worth of your money to upgrade your equipment for this point. G/O Media can get a commission 2) Does your TV support HDMI? Some players who do high-end at 1080i or 1080p only do so on HDMI. If you have an old set with only component cables, check to make sure the DVD player you get high-end both DVDs and other video files on the component and not just HDMI.3) Does it support DivX, WMV, XviD, and other file formats? One of the advantages an upscaling DVD player on Blu-ray or HD DVD is adding file playback. If you regularly download TV shows or movies out of BitTorrent, you'll be happier if the player you get can play these on your big screen TV. For DVD fans, you'll want to know if it supports dvd image playback as well. Instead of having to switch DVDs, you could basically make your own DVD changer by throwing 100 of your favorite movies on one hard drive.4) Does it support video/audio streaming? Instead of having to burn DVD-R (which could become expensive) or DVD-RW (still take time) every time you downloaded something new to watch, why not just stream the files directly from your PC or file server? If the player also supports audio streaming, you yourself have a nice music player in your living room at no extra cost.5) Did it wirelessly? If your drive does stream, check if it supports 802.11g as well. You may not necessarily have your entertainment center wired to Ethernet cables as well as it's wired for audio/video equipment. With wireless, you can stream data without additional wiring involved.6) Does it 5.1 audio? Is it a built-in receiver with speaker tabs? Almost all upscaling DVD players will have 5.1 audio outputs optical or coaxial, but if you go the super cheap route (\$50 and under), you should make sure it has the right connections. If you don't already have a receiver, you could follow the opposite path and spend a little more on a DVD player that is also a built-in receiver (Home Theater in a Box gives you speakers as well).7) How are the extras? It's optional, but some players have extras like internet radio surf streaming, internet TV stations, and weather forecasts. If you are into things like Internet radio, then make sure the reader you have supports it.8) Is it without region? Not all players are, and if you're going to be playing DVDs that you buy overseas for \$2 per pop, you should make sure that the player you're buying supports it.9) Does he play burned discs? Again, if you're going to copy you already own discs, you need to be sure there's support for it. Again, there's nothing more fun than bringing the merchandise back to the store because it doesn't work the way you want it to. So it's mostly up to you.10) Would you be better off with a PC Home Theater? Instead of getting a set-top box that tries to mimic everything a PC can do, why not get a PC? If you're looking for all these features, plus DVRing (for recording your TV shows), games, internet browsing, and BitTorrenting all in one, then you won't go wrong with a HTPC. The only thing to fear is the price, which will probably be a little more than what you would spend on any of these upscaling DVD players. Upconverting and Upscaling players [Gizmodo] 4K upscaling is the name of the process in which the Blu-ray player improves the original input quality. This quality of entry be Full HD (resolution 1920x1080) in progressive form (1080P). Quality information should be available while the disk is playing. Native 4K content means that the disk contains 4K Ultra HD quality content (resolution 3840x2160). The player receives the quality directly from the disc. The result is better quality than is achievable through scaling. Switch to Content Displaying 1-4 of 4 standard DVD responses, large screen version. display a 720x480 pixel image. High-definition TVs can display an image up to 1080 high. The player takes the standard and high-end version as the image at the higher resolution. Although it won't be as good as a really HD source, like a Blu-Ray drive, the results are pretty good, if you start with good source hardware. Feather December 4, 2013 16 of 16 found this useful. Did you? Reporting Abuse The player electronically increases the perceived resolution of the DVD's image quality. It needs to be connected via the HDMI port of the TV and this unit to get a better picture. I'm taking movies on sale here at Amazon that I've always wanted, but didn't want to spend the extra for Blu-Ray versions of the... See more The player electronically increases the perceived resolution of the DVD's image quality. It needs to be connected via the HDMI port of the TV and this unit to get a better picture. 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Reporting Abuses With the advent of HDTV and, more recently, 4K Ultra HD TV, our media quality is more important than ever. If your home theater movie collection has a mix of DVDs and Blu-ray discs, you may wonder about the differences between the quality of DVDs and the quality of the Blu-ray disc. Here's an introduction to DVD development and how the results compare to Blu-ray. Vichan Chairat/Getty Images The DVD format supports a natural video resolution of 720x480 (480i). When you put a disc in a DVD player, the player reads that resolution. Therefore, the DVD is classified as a standard resolution format. This worked well when the DVD format debuted in 1997, but the manufacturers of DVD players soon decided to improve the quality of the DVD image. They implemented additional processing on the DVD signal after it was read on the disc, but before it reached the TV. This process is called progressive analysis. Progressive-scan DVD players are the same resolution as other players, but have provided a more fluid image. Although the progressive analysis improved the image quality on compatible TVs, when HDTV arrived, the image quality needed more help. In response, DVD manufacturers have created a process called upscaling. Upscaling mathematically corresponds to the number of pixels of the DVD output signal to the number of physical pixels on an HDTV, which is usually 1280x720 (720p), 1920x1080 (1080i or 1080p), or 3840x2160 (2160p or 4K). 720p represents 1,280 pixels displayed across the screen horizontally and 720 pixels on the screen vertically. This means that there are 720 horizontal lines on the screen displayed gradually, or each line displayed after another.1080i represents 1,920 pixels displayed on a screen horizontally and 1,080 pixels on a vertical screen. This means that there are 1,080 horizontal lines displayed alternately. All odd lines are displayed, followed by all equal lines.1080p, represents 1,080 horizontal lines displayed sequentially. This means that all lines are displayed during the same pass.4K (or 2160p) represents 3,480 horizontal lines displayed sequentially. This means that all lines are displayed during a single pass. Visually, for the average consumer, there is not much difference between 720p and 1080i. However, 720p offers a slightly smoother image because lines and pixels appear in a consecutive model, rather than in an alternative model. Upscaling does a good job of matching the high-end pixel output of a DVD player to the natural pixel display resolution of an HDTV, resulting in better detail and color consistency. However, scaling does not convert standard DVD images into real high-definition (or 4K) images. Scaling works best with fixed pixel screens, such as plasma, LCD and OLED TVs. The results are not always consistent on CRT-based HD TVs (there aren't too many yet). Here are a few things to keep in mind when working with a DVD player and a newer TV. Users can connect any DVD player to an HDTV. Although upscaling DVD players are better match the natural resolution of pixels on an HDTV, you can always see good results on a standard DVD player that has no progressive analysis or scaling capability, connected via a component provided by an HDTV or S video inputs. Most newer TVs don't have S-video inputs. If you have an HDTV (or 4K Ultra HD TV) and a standard DVD player, use the component's video connection (red-blue-green) between the DVD player and the HDTV for better results. If your DVD player is capable of a progressive scan, always use this option when it's connected to a TV compatible with progressive analysis. However, if your DVD player provides scaling, it will have an HDMI connection, so always use HDMI to access the DVD player's scaling capabilities. DVD scaling is just an approximation of the high-definition viewing experience. To get true high-definition viewing from a disk format, you need to use Blu-ray disk content with a Blu-ray player connected to an HDTV or 4K Ultra HD via HDMI. The Blu-ray disk format supports 720p, 1080i and 1080p resolutions. A high-end DVD, even when it's good, can't match the quality of a natural source of Blu-ray disc. Compared to the Blu-ray disc, a high-end DVD tends to look a little flatter and softer, especially in the background. There's a real difference when you look at the reds and the blues. With high-end DVDs, reds and blues tend to replace the underlying details, while the same Blu-ray colors are very tight, with the detail easily visible under color. Although an upscaling DVD player can only top-of-the-range DVD at 1080p, the Ultra HD TV will accept this signal and higher end to 4K. All Blu-ray players can upgrade standard DVDs, provided the player is connected to an HDTV or 4K Ultra HD TV using the HDMI connection option. Some Blu-ray disc players have incorporated 4K scaling for DVD and Blu-ray playback. If a Blu-ray disc player does not provide this feature, the 4K Ultra HD TV will further increase the 1080p signal of the 4K Blu-ray drive.

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