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Look At The Big Picture How To Buy A Digital Photo Frame



Chances are you've discarded (or at least carefully retired) your old film camera and replaced it with a digital camera. But if most of your digital photos reside in a folder on your PC, with only a precious few seeing the light of day as your Desktop wallpaper or in an email to friends and family, then you're still treating those multimegapixel memories like their shoebox-entombed predecessors. Free your photos with a digital photo frame and give more of your unforgettable moments a chance to shine.

Current digital photo frames may look like backlit versions of the dust-collecting wood-and-glass frames you know and love, but the similarities stop there. Beneath the surface, digital frames are loaded with features that let you display hundreds of photos in a

variety of ways and easily swap photos between your camera and PC. They can even make your photos look better than ever. Read on for some tips on what to look for when shopping for a digital photo frame.

Focus Your Budget
Any "How To Buy" article you read (and this one is no exception) tells you all

the specs you need to know to help you shop smart. But for most of us, price and size are the two aspects that ultimately will determine which gizmo we take home. Generally, you can find 3-inch (measured diagonally on the LCD) digital photo frames that are small enough to fit in your pocket, 15-inch frames that are clearly visible from any place in the room, and frames any size in between. The most expensive part of a digital photo frame is the LCD panel, so you'll usually see higher price tags attached to larger frames. Expect to pay between \$75 and \$150 for frames 8 inches and smaller and up to \$350 or more for larger frames. Other pricey features include wireless capabilities, photo-sharing services, swappable face plates, and integrated memory.

Get All The Right Abbreviations

When browsing the spec sheets, determine the supported file formats and accepted memory types to make sure you find a digital photo frame that works with your current equipment.

Image formats

Practically all digital photo frames display JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group) images, the compressed image format most digital cameras use, which offer millions of colors at reasonably compact file sizes. If using graphics from the Web or professional image-editing software is a priority, then look

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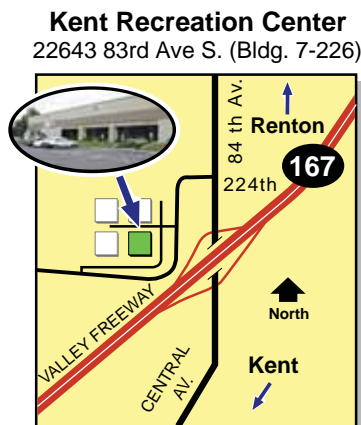
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