

Comparing Amkette, Lomega, WD TV Live, Asus O!Play Mini, Onida Nexs HD, Intex Mini Home Cinema, Seagate Freeagent Goflex TV, WD TV Live Hub media players

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Amkette Flash TV HD



>> ₹3,995

The Flash TV HD has an unusual but interesting shape. It has HDMI, component, optical, single USB port and card reader. It has a neat interface and a responsive remote. While most files played without an issue, we saw artifacts with HD files that were highly compressed. Amkette bundles an HDMI cable with the player as well. We would have liked to see an additional USB port and network connectivity though.

Iomega ScreenPlay DX HD



₹12,999

The DX HD goes head-to-head with the WD TV Live Hub because it has a built in 1TB hard drive. It's also the only one here that comes with a Wi-Fi dongle and a remote with QWERTY keypad. Format support and performance can't be faulted, but where it loses points is the glossy surface and the remote that has to be pointed directly at the player to work.

WD TV Live



THE WD TV Live sets the standard when it comes to HD media players — it offers the best performance, quickest and most intuitive navigation, highest ease-of-use , largest number of online services, fastest software updates, broad compatibility with other devices, a very responsive remote and easy streaming of multimedia content from computers on the same network. Although it doesn't have built in Wi-Fi , you can easily get a USB Wi-Fi dongle for as less as 800.

Asus O!Play Mini



Aside from the somewhat silly name, the O!Play Mini actually manages to impress with superlative quality and performance in a small, lightweight and low-cost package. It has HDMI out, USB, a multi card reader (SD/MMC/MS/xD), composite A/V out and optical audio out (both the HDMI and optical can be used for 7.1-channel digital audio output). The only things missing here are internet connectivity and component video output. And it does earn some flak for having only one USB port, but that's the price you pay for the size. It's ideal if you just want a small, lightweight (175 grams) device to play back multiple file formats on a TV.