

WHAT IS BLU-RAY?

BLU-RAY IS THE NEXT FORMAT OF MOVIES ON DVD. IT'S HI-DEFINATION MEANING YOU WILL NEED A BLU-RAY PLAYER TO PLAY THESE MOVIES.

CAN YOU STILL PLAY YOUR DVD'S IN A BLU-RAY PLAYER?

YES YOU CAN STILL PLAY ALL YOUR DVD'S ON THE BLU-RAY PLAYER. THE BLU-RAY PLAYER WILL AUTOMATICALLY UP CONVERT THE DVD TO PLAY IN THE BLU-RAY PLAYER. BLU-RAY PLAYERS WILL ONLY PLAY MOVIES.

CAN A BLU-RAY PLAYER RECORD MOVIES?

BLU-RAY PLAYERS CANNOT RECORD ANYTHING ON A DISC. YOU WILL NEED A BLU-RAY BURNER WHICH CONNECTS TO YOUR COMPUTER. IF YOU INTEND TO BURN HI-DEF MOVIES THEN THIS IS CURRENTLY THE ONLY WAY.

DO YOU NEED ANY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR A BLU-RAY PLAYER?

YES YOU NEED A HI-DEF TV WITH A HDMI CONNECTION THAT IS CAPABLE OF PLAYING A BLU-RAY PLAYER. YOU DO NOT NEED A FULL 1080P TV FOR THE BLU-RAY PLAYER.

WHAT WILL PLAY IN A BLU-PLAYER ?

HI-DEF MOVIES AND DVD MOVIES WILL PLAY IN THE PLAYER. THE MOVIES HAVE TO BE REGION 1 OR A TO PLAY IN THE PLAYER. A MEANING ALL. 1 OR A ALSO IS FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND CANADA. BLU-RAYS WILL SAY ON THE BACK WHAT REGION IT IS LIKE A,B,C. IF IT IS A THEN IT PLAY FINE.

REGION ZONE

A REGION ZONE IS WHERE THE MOVIE CAN PLAY IN, FOR EXAMPLE A MOVIE THAT IS PURCHASED IN REGION 1 CANNOT PLAY IN REGION 2 UNLESS YOU HAVE A MULTI-REGION FREE BLU-RAY PLAYER. MULTI-REGION FREE PLAYERS ARE PLAYERS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF PLAYING ANY MOVIES FROM ANY PART OF THE WORLD, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE MOVIE NOT PLAYING IN THE PLAYER. BASICALLY THERE ARE NO WORRIES. SOME PLAYERS WILL ALSO PLAY PAL BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO READ THE FINE PRINT FIRST. AS SOME OF THEM YOU WILL NEED A CONVERTER .

ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL FEATURES IN A BLU-RAY PLAYER

NO. A BLU-RAY PLAYER IS JUST LIKE A DVD PLAYER IT PLAYS MOVIES BUT MAKE SURE THAT YOU READ THE MANUAL FIRST IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL FEATURE LIKE ZOOMING IN ON A PICTURE. MOST BLU-RAY PLAYERS COME WITH STANDARD FEATURES.

WHAT IS BD-LIVE?

BD-LIVE IS WHERE YOU CAN CONNECT YOUR BLU-RAY PLAYER TO THE INTERNET AND DOWNLOAD SPECIAL FEATURES FOR A MOVIE. ONLY CERTAIN MOVIES ARE BD-LIVE. YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THE BACK OF THE BOX TO SEE IF IT'S BD-LIVE OR NOT. REMEMBER YOUR BLU-RAY PLAYER HAS TO BE CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET TO ACCESS THE BD-LIVE CONTENT.

PLAYING MOVIES THAT ARE IN 3D

FIRST OFF MAKE SURE THAT YOUR TV IS 3D READY, IF NOT THEY WILL NOT PLAY. MAKE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR TV MAKER FIRST ON THE COST OF A 3D STARTER KIT. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT FOR EXAMPLE IF YOU HAVE A SONY 3D TV THEN YOU WILL NEED A 3D STARTER KIT FOR A SONY 3D TV. YOU JUST CAN'T GO OUT AND BUY ANY 3D STARTER KIT FOR A 3D TV. MOVIES MARKED BLU-RAY 3D ARE THE MOVIES THAT WILL PLAY IN 3D. THERE ARE SOME MOVIES OUT IN 3D BUT NOT MANY.

MULTI REGION FREE BLU-RAY PLAYERS

THERE ARE QUITE A FEW MULTI-REGION FREE BLU-RAY PLAYERS OUT THERE SOME HAVE WI-FI BUILT IN AND OTHERS DON'T. THERE ARE SOME ALSO THAT REQUIRE A SPECIAL ADAPTOR TO ACCESS THE INTERNET WIRELESSLY. PIONEER IS ONE COMPANY THAT REQUIRES THE USE OF AN APAPTOR. THE SPECIAL ADAPTORS COST AROUND \$120 AND CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED AS A STAND ALONE PRODUCT. MULTI-REGION FREE BLU-RAY PLAYERS START AROUND \$259 AND GO UP FROM THERE. SOME OF THE MULTI REGION FREE BLU-RAY PLAYERS WILL ALSO ONLY PLAY REGION A BUT YOU CAN PURCHASE ONE THAT WILL PLAY IN REGIONS A,B,C. AS WELL AS 0-8 FOR DVD MOVIES.