

What You Need To Know About HDMI

Learn about the different versions, buying, and installation of the current king of cables

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HDMI cables are a great way to simplify your set. They're the perfect solution for carrying high definition video AND audio, which means less cable work and hassle. In our About Mounting section there's a great guide for learning more about video and audio cables, comparing their strengths and weakness, but let's look at the most important points when buy HDMI cables.

There are really only two versions of the cable you should consider— 1.3 and 1.4. HDMI 1.3 cables cover everything you need now with standard hi-def sets and components, while 1.4 cables allow provisions for 3D, higher than 1080p resolutions, and home networking. If you're buying a 1.3 cable, look for one of the versions with a letter behind it (i.e. 1.3a, 1.3b, 1.3b1, or 1.3c), for the most up to date specs and compatibility.

Here's what you gain with HDMI 1.4 cables over 1.3 cables:

- 3D at 1080p video support
- Support for a lot higher resolutions (won't be relevant for a while)
- Built-in Ethernet (growing importance with more connected homes)
- Audio return channel and more color support

Beyond that, BE CAREFUL when buying HDMI cables. If you're running cables under 20 feet, there's going to be no difference in a budget or mid-range HDMI cable over a \$100 "professional" HDMI cable. Luckily, HDMI is all digital. This means the "1's and 0's" that are pumping through the cables aren't nearly a finicky as an analog cable. Don't get lured in by false "professional HDMI" cables' promises. Instead, pick up a decent HDMI and instead "invest" your time in [TV calibration](#). The calibration will give you a FAR greater return than any "pro" cable can over a generic or mid-range HDMI.

Try these links learn more and maximize your home theater's impact:

[HDMI Wiki Page](#) (a ton of info and overviews on the HDMI versions)

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