

SOUND & VISION®

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FEATURES CHECKLIST

	HITACHI DV-PF73U (\$180)	PANASONIC DMR-E50 (\$500)	INTEGRA DPS-8.3 (\$1,200)
PLAYBACK CAPABILITIES (in addition to DVD-Video discs and standard music CDs)			
DVD-Audio	—	—	✓
SACD	—	—	✓
CD-R/RW	✓/✓	✓/✓	✓/✓
MP3 CDs	✓	✓	✓
WMA CDs	—	—	—
Video CD	✓	✓	✓
DVD-R/RW	✓ ¹ /—	✓/✓ ²	✓/✓
DVD+R/RW	—/✓ ²	—/—	✓/✓
DVD-RAM	—/—	✓/✓	—/—

¹ Could not play DVD-RW discs recorded in the editable VR mode, only in the standard DVD-Video mode.

² Not rated to play these discs but was able to play those in our lab tests.

VIDEO OUTPUTS			
Composite-video	✓	✓	✓(2)
S-video	✓	✓	✓(2)
Progressive-scan component-video ³	✓	✓	✓(2)
RF	✓ (VCR only)	✓	—

³ All component outputs are switchable between interlaced and progressive-scan formats.

VIDEO INPUTS			
Composite-video	✓ (2, VCR)	✓ (3; 1 on front panel)	—
S-video	—	✓ (3; 1 on front panel)	—
RF (antenna)	✓	✓	—

AUDIO OUTPUTS/FEATURES			
Stereo (two-channel)	✓ ⁴	✓ ⁵	✓(2)
Multichannel analog	—	—	✓
Digital (coaxial/optical)	✓/—	—/✓	✓/✓(2)
Virtual surround sound	✓	✓	—

⁴ Also stereo input for VCR. ⁵ Also three stereo inputs (one on front panel).

DVD-SPECIFIC FEATURES			
Fast-scan speeds (forward/reverse)	4/4	5/5	3/3
Slow-motion speeds (forward/reverse)	3/3	5/5	4/6
Frame-step (forward/reverse)	✓/—	✓/✓	✓/✓
Resume playback from stop point	✓	✓	✓
Bookmarks	10	5 (999 for DVD-R)	1 (up to 5 discs)
Cueing (title/chapter/time)	✓/✓/✓	✓/✓/—	✓/✓/—
Repeat (disc/title/chapter/A-B)	✓/✓/✓/✓	—/—/—/—	✓/✓/✓/✓
Picture zoom (levels)	✓ (2)	—	—
Digital video noise reduction	—	3-D, block, mosquito	brightness, color, mosquito, block
Picture modes	—	Soft, Fine, Cinema	Progressive Scan, PureCinema
Picture controls	—	Y/C separation, VBR resolution, still mode	sharpness, detail, white level, black level, gamma, hue, chroma
Dolby Digital/DTS decoders	—	—	✓/✓

OTHER FEATURES			
	VHS Hi-Fi videotape recorder	DVD-R/RAM recording, VCR Plus+, Time Slip, Chasing Playback (begin playback of a program while you're still recording it)	THX Ultra-certified, bass management, speaker-distance compensation, dual surround outputs, Last Memory, multichannel-output level settings