

SOUND & VISION

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features checklist

| | JVC DR-MV1 (\$800) | LG LGXBR342 (\$650) | TOSHIBA D-VR3 (\$499) |
|---|--|------------------------|--|
| PLAYBACK CAPABILITIES (in addition to DVD-Video discs, audio CDs, and CD-R/RW discs) | | | |
| DVD+R/RW | ✓/✓ ¹ | ✓/✓ | ✓/✓ ¹ |
| DVD-R/RW (Video and VR modes) | ✓/✓ | ✓/✓ | ✓/✓ |
| DVD-RAM | ✓ | — | ✓ |
| Video CD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| DVD-Audio/Super Audio CD | —/— | —/— | —/— |
| MP3/WMA/JPEG | ✓/—/✓ | ✓/—/✓ | ✓/—/✓ |
| RECORDABLE DISC TYPES | | | |
| DVD+R/RW | —/— | —/— | —/— |
| DVD-R/RW | ✓/✓ | ✓/✓ | ✓/✓ |
| DVD-RAM | ✓ | — | ✓ |
| CD-R/RW | —/— | —/— | —/— |
| AUDIO/VIDEO CONNECTORS | | | |
| Progressive-scan component-video input/output | —/✓ ² | —/✓ ² | —/✓ ² |
| S-video inputs/outputs | 2 ³ /1 ³ | 1 ³ /1 | 1 ³ /1 |
| Composite-video inputs/outputs | 2/2 | 2/1 | 2/1 |
| Antenna (RF) input/output | ✓(2)/✓(2) | ✓/✓ | ✓/✓ |
| FireWire port for digital video (DV) | ✓ (input only) | ✓ (input only) | ✓ (input only) |
| Digital audio outputs (coaxial/optical) | 1/1 | 1/1 | 1/1 |
| Multichannel analog audio output | — | — | — |
| Stereo analog inputs/outputs | 2/2 | 2/2 | 3/1 |
| Front-panel A/V input | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| DVI port | — | — | — |
| DVD RECORDING FEATURES | | | |
| Record during playback | ✓ | — | ✓ |
| VCR Plus+ | ✓ | — | ✓ |
| Self-adjusting bit rate for timer recording | ✓ | — | — |
| On-disc timer recording | ✓ | — | — |
| PLAYBACK FEATURES | | | |
| Virtual surround sound | ✓ | ✓ | — |
| Video noise reduction | ✓ | — | ✓ |
| Selectable black level | — | — | ✓ |
| Preset picture modes | 4 | — | — |
| Playback picture controls | — | — | — |
| Other special features | Preprogrammed remote controls TV, cable box, automatic satellite program recording | — | Plays S-VHS tapes with standard resolution |

¹ Not rated for either +R or +RW but played samples of both in our lab tests. ² One set of component-video jacks switchable between interlaced and progressive-scan output. ³ S-video connections only for DVD recorder.