

# The Difference Between HD & HDMI

## A Smart-e Cheat Sheet

### HD

HD (High Definition) is a generic term used to describe any video format that has a higher resolution than the usual 625 lines PAL or SECAM video signal. It is generally used today to describe any video signal that has either 720 progressively scanned (720P) or 1080 lines either interlaced (1080i) or progressively scanned (1080P). Progressive scanning redraws an image all of its lines in a frame when refreshing each image. Interlaced scanning draws only half the image (odd lines) during the first image refresh operation, and then draws the remaining half (even lines) during a second refreshing. HD TV can be connected either via an HDMI connector (which carries the audio signal) or via Component (YprPb) connector which needs additional cabling to carry the audio signal.



### HDMI

HDMI (High Definition Multimedia Interface) is a compact interface for transmitting uncompressed digital data. In a single cable/connector format it can support High Definition video, up to 8 channel digital audio, Consumer Electronics Control connection and Ethernet connectivity (on HDMI V1.4). Its main benefits are that there is only one compact cable/connector for both video and audio but the cable lengths are limited to 15m due to instability of the digital signals but more usually are only 5m in length. The HDMI connector is also quite fragile and prone to breaking in certain conditions.



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