

WARNING!

READ THIS BEFORE BUYING A TELEVISION

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There are many factors that need to be considered BEFORE purchasing a new television for your hotel. Please consult your television service providers to make sure that your television will be compatible with their service. Here are some issues that need to be considered:

- ✓ **HDTV PROGRAMMING** - Buying a LCD or Plasma HDTV does NOT mean that you will receive HDTV programming. You will need to acquire HD programming from your service provider.
- ✓ **COMPATIBILITY** - Is the television compatible with HD VOD services and free-to-guest programming? Does it have the required tuners and decoders, including MPEG-2 and MPEG-4? Does it have the required number of input types (HDMI, component, etc.)
- ✓ **SECURITY** - Does this monitor meet the security requirements of the VOD and free-to-guest content providers? Does it require built-in decryption?
- ✓ **COMMERCIAL TELEVISION** - Benefits of commercial television models includes: volume limiting, menu lockouts and synchronization with set-top boxes.
- ✓ **DISPLAY TECHNOLOGY** - LCD vs Plasma vs other technologies. Compare picture quality, burn-in potential and life span.
- ✓ **SCREEN SIZE & VIEWING ANGLE** - Calculating the appropriate screen size that best fits the room, taking the guest's viewing angle and distance into consideration.
- ✓ **INTEGRATION** - Support of other technologies including a set-top box communication connection, convenient connectivity panels, premium sound systems and interoperable configuration of devices.
- ✓ **CONFIGURATION** - Remote configuration and monitor cloning is very important for hospitality as well as advanced channel mapping.
- ✓ **MOUNTING / CABLING** - Location and mounting of television, including functional and aesthetically pleasing furniture, physical connections of devices, structural wall-mount considerations, cabling, proper ventilation or cooling, damage protection and theft prevention.
- ✓ **INSTALLATION** - Selection of qualified project management, installation personnel and electrical power requirements.