



42in LCD TV
LG 42LE7900
★★★★★
£ 1200

↑ FOR
Specification and looks allure; detailed, smoothly rendered images from all sources

↓ AGAINST
Struggles to deliver true black; iffy sound

→ VERDICT
Capable and covetable, this is well worth considering

LG continues its impressive TV form

FOR COMBINING SLIM good looks with full-fat specification, LG's new Infinia range takes a bit of beating. This 42-inch, LED-backlit LCD squeezes Freeview HD reception and wireless streaming from multiple sources into a frame just 34mm deep. It's as ergonomically competent as all recent LG offerings, too.

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The 42LE7900 does solidly professional work – bar with sound. 1080p Blu-ray images are colourful and detailed, with motion smoothly delivered, once the 100Hz 'TruMotion' processing is turned off. Edges are crisply defined, and even complex patterns remain solid and stable.

Any of the three high-definition channels the tuner can receive are enjoyable, and standard-def reception is on a par with our favourite sets of this size.

The LG's a fine upscaler of DVDs, too – details levels are impressive, and it's particularly adept with skintones and textures. Whites stay clean and bright, and the colour palette is natural and extensive.

There's not quite the depth to black tones we'd like, though, and so not the extremes of

contrast. The edge-lit LED backlighting is culpable, boil-washing blacks when it's disabled and rather spotlighting bright areas in otherwise-dark scenes when it's on. And sound is textbook slim TV: diaphanous and tippy. But overall there's plenty to enjoy here, and the price is only heading one way...



ALSO CONSIDER ?

SONY KDL-40EX503
★★★★★
£900
Not as slim or glossy as the LG, nor quite as big, but has all of the performance pluses and few of the drawbacks

PANASONIC TX-P42G20
★★★★★
£1100
Banish the LG's half-hearted blacks with the inky darkness only a plasma design can provide

