



Digital frames

We pick Best Buy digital photo frames to display your pictures

The spread of digital cameras has revolutionised photography. Instead of keeping pictures stored away in dusty albums, many of us now save our photos on memory cards or transfer them to computers. Digital photo frames are a great way of sharing these images, as they allow you to create a slideshow displaying all your favourite snaps.

We've tested 20 of the latest frames. We were happy to find that prices have dropped in the last couple of years, and most of the models we looked at cost less than £100. The overall quality was reasonably high, and we found five Best Buys, but some models were less impressive. We uncovered one Don't Buy that should definitely be avoided.



66% Philips 7FF2FPAS/00 £90

This affordable 7-inch frame is a fairly basic model that is simple to operate using an intuitive menu system. Like the Toshiba, the frame's aspect ratio is quite unusual (3:2). Its image quality is OK, but it could be better. It's good for those who don't want to spend a fortune, and don't need extras such as videos and music playback. It's cheapest at John Lewis.

WORTH KNOWING At just 8MB, the internal memory is small, so you'll probably need to add a memory card.

Available John Lewis Resolution 720x480 Internal memory 8MB Memory type Standard plus CF and xD Remote control No Wall mountable No



ONLINE
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71% Toshiba TekBright £100

The Toshiba TekBright has an excellent 7-inch screen. Image quality from the 720x480 pixel display is very impressive. Colours and whites are accurately reproduced, and there's a good slideshow feature. However, the frame's aspect ratio is quite unusual (3:2), so make sure you use this setting on your camera. It's cheapest at John Lewis.

WE LIKE Unlike some frames, it has a proper off-switch, allowing you to turn it off completely when it's not in use.

Available John Lewis Resolution 720x480 Internal memory 64MB Memory type Standard plus CF and xD Remote control No Wall mountable Yes



66% Kodak EasyShare M820 £90

This 8-inch digital photo frame is easy to use and offers reasonable image quality. It can play videos and music, although there's no remote control. On the plus side it can be wall mounted. Organising and editing pictures and slideshows is straightforward and it can accept most memory cards and USB sticks. It's cheapest at Comet.

WE LIKE With Kodak's 'quick touch border' you can navigate easily through your pictures, keeping fingerprints off the screen.

Available Comet and Argos Resolution 800x480 Internal memory 128MB Memory type Standard plus CF and xD Remote control No Wall mountable Yes



66% Samsung SPF-72H £72

Image quality on this 800x480 resolution screen is impressive, but it can't play videos or music and doesn't come with a remote control. The navigational buttons are located on the side of the frame and are pretty easy to use, which is just as well, as Samsung provides a CD of instructions instead of a full written manual. Power consumption is low, but there's no off-switch. It's cheapest at Amazon.co.uk.

WORTH KNOWING It doesn't accept Compact Flash memory cards.

Available Amazon.co.uk Resolution 800x480 Internal memory 128MB Memory type Standard Remote control No Wall mountable No



66% Sony DPF-V700 £130

This 7-inch widescreen digital frame can display photos, but not videos. Picture quality is good, with the contrast especially impressive. However the screen is reflective, so don't position it in bright sunlight. It's easy to use and is also quick. It has a large 400MB of usable memory – but not quite the 512MB Sony claims it has. It's cheapest at Argos, Currys, PC World and Jessops.

WE LIKE There's also an HDMI socket, ideal for connecting your HDTV for giant-screen slideshows.

Available Argos, Currys, PC World and Jessops Resolution 800x480 Internal memory 400MB Memory type Standard plus CF and xD Remote control Yes Wall mountable Yes

USING THE TABLE

The more stars the better.

Specification

Price For Best Buys we give the cheapest widely available high-street price as we went to press. If we couldn't find them at major high-street retailers, we give the most common online price. Prices for other models are a guide. For the latest prices, go to www.whichcompare.co.uk.

Screen size Diagonally from corner to corner, as measured by our testers.

Resolution The number of pixels the screen displays.

Internal memory 256MB is enough to store around 100 photos (depending on the file size). **Memory Card** The

types of memory card the frame can access. Standard includes the most common formats: SD, MMC and MS.

Test Performance

Picture quality Includes panel ratings and technical measurements. **Versatility** Includes the speed of displaying images, plus the screen's compatibility with memory cards and other devices. **Energy use** Based on energy consumption and if it can be turned fully off or just switched to standby

Score

Ignores price and is based on:
Picture quality **55%**
Ease of use **25%**
Versatility **15%**
Energy use **5%**

Don't Buy

Argos 8.5 Inch Silver Digital Photo Frame

Scoring just 16%, this Argos own-brand digital photo frame (21) is one to avoid.

Though it's fairly easy to operate, image quality from the 8.5-inch screen is awful.

Photos lack clear colours or contrast and

there's no uniform brightness across the screen; instead there are different shades and spots in the corners.

The frame's speed is also a letdown, and there's no internal memory and no remote



control. It can be wall mounted, but forget about advanced functions such as Bluetooth, Wi-Fi or even USB connections.

Contacts

Agfaphoto 020 8231 4985
www.agfaphoto.com

Argos 0845 640 3030; www.argos.co.uk

Cibox www.cibox.tn.fr

eStarling www.estarling.com

Jessops 0800 083 3113; www.jessops.com

Kodak 01442 261122; www.kodak.com

Philips 0870 900 9070; www.philips.co.uk

Polaroid 0870 911 0025; www.polaroid.com/uk

Samsung 0845 726 7864; www.samsung.co.uk

Sony 0870 511 1999; www.sony.co.uk

Toshiba 0870 442 4424; www.toshiba.co.uk

*See www.which.co.uk/digitalphotoframes for up-to-date memory card compatibility details

MODEL	SPECIFICATION					WHICH? TEST PERFORMANCE				SCORE %
	PRICE (£)	SCREEN SIZE (in)	RESOLUTION (wxh)	INTERNAL MEMORY (MB)	MEMORY CARD	PICTURE QUALITY	EASE OF USE	VERSATILITY	ENERGY USE	
1 TOSHIBA TEKBRIGHT	100	6.5	720 x 480	64	Standard, CF, XD	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	71
2 KODAK EASYSHARE M820	90	8.7	800 x 480	128	Standard, CF, XD	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	66
3 PHILIPS 7FF2FPAS/00	90	6.5	720 x 480	8	Standard, CF, XD	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	66
4 SAMSUNG SPF-72H	72	7	800 x 480	128	Standard	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	66
5 SONY DPF-V700	130	7	800 x 480	400	Standard, CF, XD	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	66
6 KODAK EASYSHARE M1020	100	10.1	800 x 480	128	Standard, CF, XD	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	65
7 PHILIPS 8FF3FPB/00	139	8	800 x 600	0	Standard, CF, XD	★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	65
8 SONY DPF-V900	150	8.5	750 x 480	400	Standard, CF, XD	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	64
9 AGFAPHOTO AF5080M	101	7.9	800 x 600	128	Standard, CF, XD	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	63
10 JESSOPS 8 INCH LCD FRAME	80	7.9	800 x 600	256	Standard, CF, XD	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	63
11 KODAK EASYSHARE P720	60	6.9	480 x 234	0	Standard, XD	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★	60
12 ESTARLING 8 INCH WI-FI	125	7.8	800 x 600	256	Standard, CF	★★★★	★★★	★★	★★	59
13 DIGVIEW V101	40	10.2	640 x 480	128	Standard, CF, XD	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★	58
14 SONY DPF-D70	100	7	800 x 480	256	Standard, CF, XD	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	55
15 AGFAPHOTO AF5075	50	6.9	480 x 234	0	Standard, XD	★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★★★	52
16 CIBOX C109D	60	8.9	Not stated	0	Standard, XD	★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★★	48
17 PHILIPS 7FF3FPB/05	50	6.9	480 x 234	0	Standard, CF, XD	★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	37
18 POLAROID XSU-00770B	40	6.9	480 x 234	0	Standard	★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★★	33
19 POLAROID XSU-00750B	56	7	480 x 234	128	Standard	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	30
20 ARGOS 8.5 INCH SILVER	50	8.4	480 x 234	0	Standard, CF	★	★★★	★★	★★★★	16