

# Stepping into the world of HD TVs and accessories

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## A Ted Bit

Sometimes The Sidekick and I agree to NOT buy a gift for each other, opting instead to buy something for the house.

The last time was before Christmas— we agreed to buy a new TV. That was Christmas of 2012 I think.

I dodged the bullet for years, saying, “Let’s wait until after Christmas,” or, “Do we really need a new TV? The old one works fine.”

But after receiving a Christmas bonus, The Sidekick was not going to be swayed. Those crisp bills were burning a hole in her wallet. Adding to the pressure, one of her co-workers has a fiancé who is the general manager of a big box electronics store. At the office party, he was adamant.

“You guys want a new TV?” he said, “I’ll look after you.” That was too enticing for The Sidekick. Friday, we were near that store. We HAD to drop by. Once inside, we made our way to the TV display. Our new best friend, the GM, was as good as his word. After he learned our room size, he suggested a 40-43 inch TV.

“Let me see what’s in stock,” he said, tapping the keys on the computer. In minutes, he found

one. “You can have it for..”

My jaw dropped open— it was, well, cheap!

The Sidekick thought since our GM was in such a selling mood, maybe we should look around. She zeroed in on a Bose sound bar. A few more key taps and it too was quite reasonable— but the practical (a.k.a. cheap) side of me said we’ll wait.

We got home with our new 43-inch plasma TV, unpacked it and connected our Blu-ray player to try it out. IT WAS AMAZING!!

Sitting on the kitchen table, plugged into the receptacle on the stove, (that was the only place it could sit), we were mesmerized by the seductive High Def glow on the screen, seeing picture quality we’d only imagined.

However, that’s only half of the story. Going back decades, I was an ‘audiophile’, a person obsessed with high end audio equipment. I had it all. And that equipment is stored in its proper environment, a wall unit, (still in the den)— hundreds of pounds of equipment and a jungle of wires, cables, and ‘stuff’ that’s been hiding there for decades.

When I fired up our new TV Friday night, I re-

alized the new TV was only part of the upgrade. It couldn’t fit in the old cabinet. Saturday I checked online and found a TV stand we liked. Once at the store we learned they had none in stock. Seems someone hadn’t updated the web page.

Back to my smart phone, I checked other stores, and found the same model in another town. The online comments from 12 people agreed it was ‘great value, and well built.’ One said it was ‘amazing value, but with so many parts, required six

hours to assemble.’ (Sounded like that person was a bit ‘assembly challenged!’) I unpacked it Monday, with a zillion pieces. It was well designed, the instructions were clear, and it was built in the U.S.— a pleasant surprise. I started assembly— it didn’t take me six hours, but nearly two.

So we’re now up to date in the HD TV department, enjoying our new toy. But after all’s said and done, one thing keeps niggling at me.

That Bose sound bar was mighty enticing...

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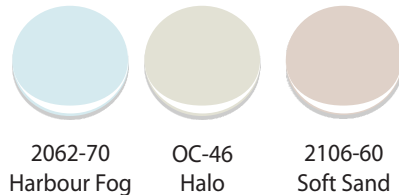
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