

Product Reviews

Logitech Harmony 900 Review

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Score Details

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Touchscreen display; supremely easy to program; rechargeable battery; RF feature and

IR blasters allow you to keep your gear out of sight

Expensive; not as sexy as the pricier Harmony 1100; free telephone tech support limited to 90 days

Summary



[Harmony 1100](#) universal remote last April. But the reality is that while that touchscreen device is supremely easy to program and drop-dead sexy to boot, it costs as much as the small HDTV or entry-level A/V receiver you might use it to control.

On the flip side, Logitech's Harmony 900 has a smaller touchscreen, and its bulkier form factor renders it something of a wallflower compared to

offers the same easy programmability, includes robust RF capabilities that are optional on the 1100 model, and is priced \$100 lower, making it a much better value overall.

Design

The Harmony 900's rectangular design and physical transport-control buttons and numeric keypad make it look much more like a typical remote control than the square [Harmony 1100](#). In some ways, however, the dedicated buttons (which are backlit to render them usable in a darkened room) make the 900 just a little more intuitive to use. If you're watching TV and wish to change channels, for instance, you don't need to call up a numeric keypad on the touchscreen, you just press the buttons.



But we think the 900's RF features are what really make it a better value than the pricier model 1100. In our home theater, all components other than the video projector are mounted in a built-in entertainment center, hidden behind plywood doors that an infrared signal can't penetrate. We use a Niles Audio Remote Control Anywhere kit, which consists of an IR receiver that we mounted on the outside of the entertainment center and five IR emitters for the gear inside the cabinet. This works great, but you must be in the room for the remote to function.

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