

# Mitsubishi DV172



to get a run in the *Atomic Labs*, but can it match the beauty of the Hitachi CML174SXW we wanted to procreate with last month?

The screen quality compares favourably (if not in its favour) with the Hitachi model: you'll need a dark pair of sunnies as its 500:1 contrast ratio and 260cd/m<sup>2</sup> brightness make it incredibly bright. This 500:1 contrast ratio is superior to the CML174SXW, which is rated at 400:1. Both monitors have an identical pixel size of 0.264mm, and run at a native resolution of 1,280 x 1,024, which is the sweet spot for owners of high-end video cards such as the RADEON 9700 PRO and GeForce FX. Unfortunately, the display looked woeful running at 1,600 x

**I**nnovation in technology is a grand thing. Without it, we'd all be stuck with blurry TFT monitors that totally sucked when gaming. Not any more. Thanks to the release of 16ms pixel response time TFT monitors, flat panel screens are now cool. The Mitsubishi DV172 is the latest of these beasts

1,200, with much distortion of the onscreen text and images.

We gave the DV172 a quick bash in DisplayMate, and it passed all the image quality tests with flying colours, bar one. Its dark-grey scale test only scored a 7/10, as the darker greys tended to merge into the black background. Other than this small complaint, the DV172 was visually impressive: the colours were brilliantly vibrant, while pixel accuracy was breathtaking.

Games looked absolutely crisp and clear, with only the slightest hint of blurring in fast, bright games. For most games, you won't even notice you're playing on a TFT. DVD quality was likewise perfect, perhaps even slightly more impressive than the gaming performance.

If there was ever a time to seriously consider upgrading to a TFT, that time is now. And at a \$100 cheaper than the Hitachi, we happily give the DV172 the big thumbs up. □

## Specifications:

1,280 x 1,024 Pixel Thin-Film Transistor LCD panel; 16ms pixel response time.

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