

Digify your TV

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You may have a lot of digital photos and videos, but there's no direct way to play them on your TV. That's where digital media players come in, and the new Amkette Flash TV is the smallest one we've seen yet. Far from making floppy discs and other storage media, Amkette has now branched out into consumer electronics.

The Flash TV is a 720p media player with one USB port and a slot for SDHC cards. It's really tiny (about 3/4th the size of a deck of cards) and comes with proprietary cables for composite and component output. The connection to a TV with a component cable is not automatically recognized. When we connected it to a HD panel, we saw some weird colours and an overall fuzzy picture. You have to manually go to the settings page and change the output. The supplied infrared remote control is not very sensitive, and you may find yourself pressing a button several times to get it to work. Video quality is passable for standard quality digital videos. It can't cope with high bit rates or even 720p HD files.



Overall, it's a quick, easy and fairly inexpensive way to play standard quality digital video files on your TV. If you need something that supports a lot more formats, does full HD video playback and upscaling and works faster, get the Western Digital TV HD Media Player (Rs 7500).

<p>Amkette Flash TV Rs 2,995</p>	<p>Performance ★★☆☆</p> <p>Coolness ★★☆☆</p>
<p>Pros Small, Low power consumption</p> <p>Cons Sluggish interface & remote control</p> <p>Sold by Amkette India, www.amkette.in</p>	<p>Specs USB 2.0 and SDHC card input, composite & component output (proprietary), supports NTFS & FAT32 hard drives, infrared remote control, 5W power consumption</p> <p>Verdict BUY DO NOT</p>