

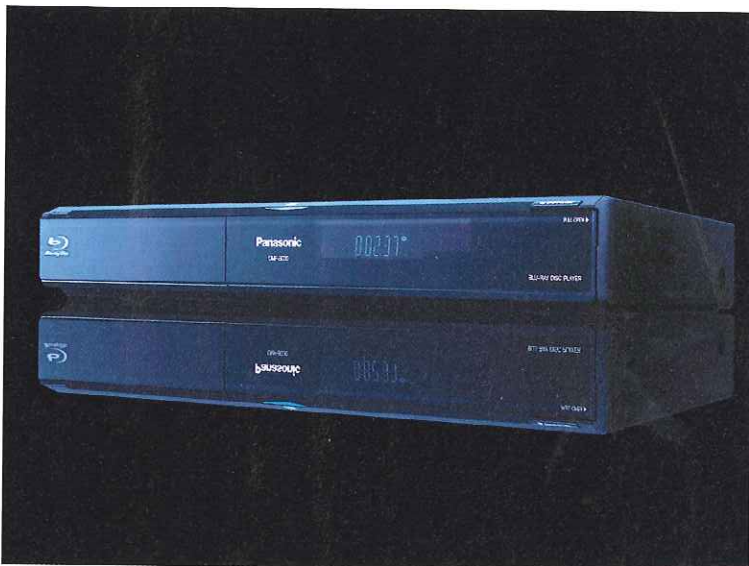
Out of the Blu

Panasonic DMP-BD30 Blu-ray Disc player

PLAYING SLOTS Whether your video is on a disc, a drive, or a card, the bits don't care. Case in point: the SD card slot on Panasonic's DMP-BD30 Blu-ray Disc player. As long as your video is recorded in the AVCHD codec, which (what a coincidence!) Panasonic's HD camcorders use, the player will render it in full 1080p through its HDMI output. Even Blu-ray Discs can't do better.

SCENE AND NOTED In 1080p/24 playback mode, the player does its best impression of a film projector, displaying images at 24 frames per second. That means no 2:3 pulldown with compatible TVs, so your video stays pure. Pure is good.

Price: \$500 • panasonic.com, 800-211-7262



The Big One

Crestron Adagio AIP media system

CENTER OF THE WEB Crestron's Adagio is a truly massive component that puts even the biggest flagship receivers to shame. Not only does it have 11 high-def inputs, Audyssey MultEQ audio processing, and 700 watts of total power, but it can bestow sounds to four remote zones simultaneously. That's either an impressive multiroom system or one hard-working DJ.

SIGNAL SAUCE Whatever video you put into this thing, it comes out the HDMI port in 1080p format, the champagne of high-def. PIP is built-in to let you watch two sources at once. And when it comes time to adjust things, the onscreen menu appears translucently over whatever you're watching — a classy touch.

Price: \$11,000 • crestron.com, 800-237-2041



Cable dancing

Tributaries HC100 component-video-to-HDMI adapter

EXTREME SIGNAL MAKEOVER Older HDTVs and HD equipment used component-video connectors for high-def; now everything's HDMI. But no worries if you need to go from one to the other... at least, not with Tributaries' HC100 adapter. Y/Pb/Pr goes in one end, HDMI 1.2 comes out the other. (Both sides are shown below.) Even my receiver is impressed.

FOR ITS NEXT TRICK The adapter has an input for optical digital audio, converting and integrating it into the HDMI signal. The sucker is even compatible with 1080p! Look for the HC100 to possibly sweep the Best Adapter Oscars in 2008.

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Price: \$300 • tributariescable.com, 800-521-1596

