

For the true big-screen home cinemalexperience, a quality **projector** is the only answer. The very best, able to deliver a breathtaking HD picture on a massive screen, have never been more affordable

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PROJECTORS £999 – £6500

Big-screen thrills made easy

PRODUCT OF THE YEAR

Infocus IN82

£3000

NOT CONTENT WITH taking this year's top honours in the £2000-£4000 price category, the IN82 is also this year's supreme projector winner. True, it has the same case-work, input socketry, lamp and video processor as its £500 cheaper sibling, the IN81, but it uses a newer, better digital micromirror device, or DMD. The IN82 gets the high-performance Texas Instruments DarkChip3, and that apparently small change sees its brightness and contrast levels increase sharply, to 4000:1.

This is a stupendous projector for the money. Colours look rich and vibrant, and contrast is amazing. With Blu-ray, the results are superb, *Training Day* looking as good as on many far more expensive rivals.

Affordability, flexibility and capability

You can also tweak it as much as you like: out of the box it's impressive, but delve into the set-up menus, and you'll find plenty to play with, including dedicated picture set-up modes accessible to Imaging Science Foundation (ISF) video technicians (ask your retailer).

It's this great blend of affordability, flexibility and (above all) capability that makes the IN82 so special. Nothing else we've tested at this price gets close.

VERDICT

A stupendous projector for the money, with a performance to put pricier rivals in the shade. An obvious winner

It looks like the cheaper IN81, but the picture is something else!

