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Get The Most Out Of Your HDTV Experience

(NAPSA)—On February 17, 2009, the U.S. conversion from analog to digital television will be complete. HDTV, or high-definition television, is the best that digital television has to offer, including spectacular pictures and stunning surround sound that create the most realistic home-entertainment experience available. To get true HD, you need a high-definition program delivered in HD and displayed on an HDTV or HD monitor. Of course, this means that your accessories should be high quality as well, to ensure that you realize the true benefits of HDTV.

If Your World Is Flat...

A growing number of consumers enjoy the flat-screen experience by purchasing HDTV sets that can hang on the wall in the form of LCD or plasma displays. There are a variety of accessories to affix the set to the wall, along with racks and cabinets for the components. You may also choose a TV stand or console from companies that specialize in furniture for electronics.

The Right Sound

You aren't experiencing the full benefits of HDTV without surround sound, which completes the home theater experience. Stand-alone digital processors or digital surround built into A/V receivers will complete the experience if your set doesn't come with the capability. Visit www.greataudio.com to learn more about how to choose speakers that meet your budget and lifestyle.

Connections Are Key

High-quality connectors are essential to getting the best possible HD experience. For instance, HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) combines the uncompressed audio and video



Having the right accessories can help ensure you get the best sound and picture from your HDTV.

signals into a single cable with a compact jack. DVI (Digital Visual Interface) is similar to HDMI but only transfers video signals. Component, separate red, green and blue analog inputs, FireWire (1394) cables and coax cables can also be used to seamlessly output high-definition content.

Manage The Power

If you've ever wondered why your HDTV doesn't look as great at home as it does in the store, the answer is in the power. For HDTV owners who want peak performance, it is necessary to look beyond the power strip. Power line conditioners (PLCs) have long been the component of choice used to address insufficient and "polluted" power, and also protect your TV from unexpected power spikes and surges. New developments in parallel wiring will deliver even better performance for your HDTV.

CEA provides a wealth of knowledge on HDTV and many other consumer electronics topics at www.DigitalTips.org.