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BEATING AT THE heart of this thousand pounder is Onkyo's outstanding 7.1 receiver. HD surround sound decoding, a Faroudja chip to upscale interlaced video to progressive and five HD inputs (2x HDMI, 3x component) are all superb for the price. At 140W, it doesn't have wall-shattering power, but it's great for rooms that aren't big enough to swing an elephant in.

Budget Blu-ray players don't yet exist, so we've gone for Cambridge Audio's superb upscaler. Whack in any old disc and the DV99 will hump it out in 1080p glory. Black levels are spot on and pictures are more stable than a concrete outhouse. It'll even play DivX movies from a USB key. How neat is that?

KEF's egg-shaped KHT 1005.2 speakers add a serious degree of style and cope admirably with Onkyo's 140 watts. A grand well spent.

ONKYO TX-SR605 £400

www.eu.onkyo.com

CAMBRIDGE AUDIO DV99 £150

www.cambridgeaudio.com

KEF KHT 1005.2 £400

www.kef.co.uk

LOVE All round upscaleability, compact speakers

HATE Eighties looks, not super powerful

T3 ★★★★★

WE SAY Serious value for money in every field

And a display to match...



SAMSUNG LE32A656 £690

www.samsung.co.uk

Four HDMI's, support for 24fps Blu-ray players and scoops of style

