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# AOC 210V

SPECS

Price: \$399 Street Price: \$367  
Supplier: AOC  
Website: [www.aocmonitor-anz.com](http://www.aocmonitor-anz.com)  
Specifications: 22"; 1680 x 1050;  
5ms; 2000:1 dynamic contrast; 700:1 static contrast; 300cd/m<sup>2</sup>; 170/160° viewing angle; VGA and DVI inputs.

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It employs Chimei's CMO M220Z1 L01 panel, so if you were allured by Chimei's price and screen quality but wanted a better chassis build quality, then the 210V will certainly pique your interest.

The stand is solid, and the screen small enough that all that's delivered in terms of adjustment is tilt – you can easily rotate by shifting the whole monitor. The not-so-great vertical viewing angle makes us wish we had height adjustment though, in order to minimise the effect of the darkening/lightening screen as your head moves.

The 2000:1 contrast ratio is 'dynamic' – which supposedly makes dark colours darker, and light lighter (much like Cold Power), but as with most dynamic colour systems, it tends to screw things up (much like Cold Power), and so we simply


switched everything off – resulting in a 700:1 contrast ratio – and manually calibrated.

DisplayMate tests were passable, the monitor able to display the shades from 1 to 253 in the 255 greyscale tests, and colour gradients were excellent except for the green, which started to band noticeably towards the dark end of the scale. Movie watching and game playing was fine – we'd even go so far as to call this the perfect monitor for the gamer on a budget.

The OSD is annoyingly laggy and as a consequence is a pain to navigate, but it is heavily featured and should allow anyone but the craziest video nut to get a picture they're happy with. Fortunately most people will be able to set the features they want once and never touch it again.

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