



# AOC 2436Vwh

## Is 23.6 inches the new 24 inches?

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www.aocmonitor-anz.com   
\$239

HDMI; bargain price; strong colours.   
Plain shell; poor speakers;   
basic stand.



The current trend towards 1,920 x 1,080 screens is a wondrous thing. Not only does it give us 16:9 ratios on our PCs; the same panels can be used in TVs, bringing down the price. The AOC 2436Vwh sports not only a Full HD resolution but also an HDMI port for plugging in your console.

You get dual-link DVI and

VGA ports to handle PC connectivity, while a USB hub makes plugging in your flash drive slightly less of an under-desk chore.

The 2436Vwh won't win any design awards for the plain black bezel, but on the flip side it will blend seamlessly into any home or office environment. We do love the front-mounted touch-sensitive OSD

and power buttons. Not only do these look sleek, but they are much easier to use than awkwardly mounted side or bottom controls.

Under the guise of work we fired up some Far Cry 2 and Avatar on Blu-ray. The results were pleasing, with no visible ghosting thanks to the 5ms response time. Colour reproduction is decent, and with a little tweaking it's comparable to much more expensive

monitors. Minor light bleed is evident, though not particularly noticeable during normal use. The matte screen performs well in bright environments, though it's worth backing off the brightness if you plan to predominantly use the AOC in a dark room. The 60,000:1 dynamic contrast ratio keeps the blacks surprisingly deep.

The internal speakers are useless for anything more than watching random YouTube videos. You only get basic angle adjustment on the stand, so don't throw out your phone books just yet. The 2436Vwh is frugal with power, only 36W during use and under 3W on standby.

The AOC 2436Vwh is a budget monitor that's not trying to compete with higher spec models. It has a few flaws but how can we complain when all 23.6 inches are available online for under \$200.

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