

Luvia has lots to love

AOC ticks all the boxes with this LED monitor

The monitor market is a tough one in which to stand out. The shelves in electronics shops are packed with displays which look and perform much the same as each other.

AOC, however, has managed to produce the Luvia monitor (available in 21.5in and 24in screen-sizes) which has a number of good selling points.

Design. Unlike the standard monitor-on-a-stick design, AOC's gone for a clear 'photo frame' surround that sits directly on your desk. A small leg at the back provides the ability to tilt the screen for the best viewing position.

The back of the display is smooth and white, so it looks good from the rear as well, and the Luvias also come with three decorative panels that you can stick on to the clear lower bezel.

Size. The Luvias are LED-backlit, which means they're super-slim. Towards the bottom, at the back, is a compartment that's about 3.5cm thick; but the rest of the unit is just 2cm thin.

Performance. The display is crisp and easy on the eye, helped by a dynamic contrast ratio of 20 million:1. It's not quite up to Apple standards, but it's a pleasure to use, and the 5ms response time proved to be fine for gaming.

The Luvias are packed with features, such as the i-Care Sensor System, which adjusts the monitor brightness according to the level of ambient light.

Also, along the lines of Philips' Lightframe technology, the Luvias include a light to prevent eyestrain in low-light conditions. In this case, it's an adjustable blue light that shines down onto the desk between the monitor and your keyboard. If you need to, you can push your keyboard right up against the Luvia to illuminate the keys.

Australian Macworld's buying advice. The AOC Luvia monitors are not only a pleasure to use, they're good to look at as well. My review unit was stuck in a corner against a partition, and I couldn't help thinking it deserved to be on display on a desk where it could be seen from front and back. The price is good, too, for an LED monitor of this quality. 

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Pros Great looks; nice to use; good price

Cons None at this price

RRP From \$269

