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AOC's Razor monitor lives up to its name.

After reviewing the excellent AOC Luvia monitor for the January issue I mentioned that it was a shame to be giving it back, so AOC's PR agency suggested I move straight on to the Razor.

Well, how could I pass up the chance to test-drive the 'world's slimmest LED monitor'? So I've been using the a2343F model for the past month.

The Razor is certainly slim – at 1.3cm thick its screen is as svelte as an iPad. It achieves this by housing all its bulky processing bits in the stand and using an external power brick.

The stand itself is easily wall-mountable (it's VESA-compliant), and the short stalk holding the screen swivels up to give the best viewing angle. This leaves you with access to the unobtrusive touch-sensitive control icons on the front of the stand. This arrangement is great for freeing up much-needed space if your desk is against a wall.

The Razor is predominantly glossy white, with a black screen surround and stand base. Design quality is mostly a personal thing, and while the Razor certainly looks slick, I much prefer the AOC Luvia's clear 'photo frame' design – and the way it sits on the desk rather than on a stalk.

Build quality is top-rate, as always with AOC, but the screen's front-and-back movement is a little fragile. It's fine for normal use, but I wouldn't put it on a kid's desk.

Screen quality is good, with nice colour handling and pleasingly high contrast levels (though it's hard to grasp AOC's claim of a dynamic contrast ratio of 50 million:1). However, I found it wasn't as sharp as the Luvia.

Response time is 5ms, which was plenty fast enough for my gaming needs.

The Razor's green credentials are sound. Besides the fact that the screen is lit by mercury-free LEDs, which consume 50 percent of the power used by a 4CCFL LCD panel, it has an 'e-Saver' low-power mode and environmentally friendly packaging.

Australian Macworld's buying advice. The AOC Razor is 'look-at-me' slim, nice to work with and very reasonably priced. But, overall it's not in the same class as the Luvia. 🖱️

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AOC Razor

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Pros Super-slim; wall-mountable

Cons Not as sharp as the AOC Luvia; a little fragile

RRP \$189 (18.5in); \$199 (20in); \$229 (21.5in); \$269 (23in)

