

RADIO ROUNDUP

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and helpful tips



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IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT BUYING A HIGH-DEFINITION TELEVISION, SOME EXPERT ADVICE MIGHT HELP PUT THE SUBJECT IN FOCUS. FOR EXAMPLE, MANY PEOPLE WONDER IF H-D-T-V IS THE SAME AS DIGITAL TELEVISION. ACCORDING TO JIM BARRY, THE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION'S DIGITAL ANSWER MAN, H-D-T-V IS A HIGH-DEFINITION FORM OF DIGITAL TELEVISION, ALSO KNOWN AS D-T-V. DIGITAL BROADCAST SYSTEMS SEND PICTURES AND SOUND AS COMPUTER CODE WHEREAS THE OLD "ANALOG" SYSTEM SENT THEM AS MAGNETIC WAVES. IS H-D-T-V REALLY THAT MUCH BETTER? YES, SAY THE EXPERTS. IT'S FIVE TO TEN TIMES AS SHARP AND CLEAR—ESPECIALLY IN LARGER SCREEN SIZES, IN WIDE-SCREEN WITH DIGITAL SURROUND SOUND. SETS WITH SMALLER SCREEN SIZES NOW SELL FOR AROUND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS. WILL EVERYONE HAVE TO BUY H-D-T-V EVENTUALLY? NOT EXACTLY, BUT SOON EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO BUY DIGITAL TELEVISION. THE F-C-C WILL REQUIRE THAT ALL T-Vs SOLD IN THE U-S MUST INCLUDE A DIGITAL TUNER BEGINNING IN 2007.