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LCD Television **Mounting Tips**

Mounting can play a key role in maximizing the utility and enjoyment of your flat panel TV. While small and mid-size LCD TVs are easier to handle on your own, if you are planning to mount a large flat panel TV (40 inches or more), you may wish to hire a professional.

Here are a few tips to think about when considering how to mount an LCD TV:

THINK AHEAD:

There are many mount styles available – such as flat, tilting, pivot or articulating – that offer limitless viewing angles and allow you to place the flat panel up and out of the way of household activity when not in use. Also, be sure to select the location of the TV carefully. If possible, view the TV from the position you wish to mount it first to make sure you'll have a good viewing experience. (For more information on considerations for where to locate your TV read our feature article.)

CONSIDER POWER AND CORD MANAGEMENT:

Consider where the power cable will come from and how the necessary audiovisual (AV) cables will be addressed. Do you want the cords running down the wall or cabinet or tucked inside the wall? Integral cord management systems are available at the mount level to hide unsightly wires and cables, however, you may need to consult with a professional installer to add a power outlet or run the cables through the wall or ceiling. Remember, it's always a good idea to use a surge protector to provide added protection for your television.

HANDLE THE FLAT PANEL PROPERLY:

Always refer to the manufacturer's instructions on how to properly handle the TV when attaching the mount. Manufacturers ship flat panel screens in the upright position to avoid damaging a display. In most cases, you can gently lay the screen face down to attach the mount, but do so for as little time as necessary.

CHOOSE QUALIFIED MOUNTS THAT ARE EASY TO INSTALL:

Select only UL listed mounts to make sure the display can be safely supported well beyond the rated load capacity. Mounts that are VESA Compliant conform to all the mechanical requirements of flat panels to further ensure reliability. Manufacturers are making mounts easier for non-technical consumers to install. Many mounts for small and midsize flat panels already come preassembled, which saves time and effort. Make sure universal mounts include a fully sorted fastener pack with clear directions so you can quickly and easily locate the necessary hardware.

CHECK SPACING AND CLEARANCES:

If the mount's adapter plate slides into hooks onto the wall plate from the top, make sure there is enough space above the mount for easy placement. Also, verify there will be space remaining above where the top of the television will reach when it is sitting on the stand. If you are installing an articulating arm mount, check the clearance for full movement of the arm. Mount manufacturers can provide technical specifications to assist you to select the proper fixture.

DON'T ADD COMPONENTS OR ALTER THE MOUNT:

If you alter the mount or add components you will most likely void the manufacturer's warranty. You also risk exceeding the stated maximum load capacity, which could jeopardize the safety of the mount. Install the mount as it was designed, using the fasteners provided. Only add accessories that the manufacturer indicates work with that particular mount.

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