



Philips 200W6

PRICE £332 (£390 inc VAT)

SUPPLIER www.lowestonweb.com (code: 200W6CS)

VERDICT Offering a great combination of quality and low price, the Philips walks away with the Labs Winner award.

Being the only widescreen display in this Labs, the Philips 200W6 stands out from the crowd. We didn't give it extra points because of the wide aspect – it's down to your preference whether this is an advantage or not.

The resolution of 1,680 x 1,050 pixels means it has fewer pixels than most 20in TFTs, but lets you place two A4 documents side-by-side. Obviously, it also suits movie playback, and we found DVDs played smoothly and retained plenty of detail. It's not a gamer's TFT, though, as it didn't score highly in response-time tests.

The 2W speakers sound tinny, but there's plenty of volume. You'll also find a headphone jack and USB upstream hub port round the back. Philips has installed just a single downstream port, conveniently placed on the left side of the bezel.

In our quality tests, the Philips was great at showing subtle detail with low saturation greys over white, but it was lacklustre near black using sRGB. This took the edge off its performance and it can't match the expensive Eizo for quality. However, a colour setting called 'original colour' balances things properly and so does the price: it's £244 cheaper.

The 200W6 still has one more trick up its sleeve: SmartManage. IT departments will appreciate this, since it not only allows the monitor to be remotely switched on and off but also prevents use if stolen.

If you need height adjustment and pivot capability look elsewhere, but at just £332 the Philips is a steal.



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FEATURES & DESIGN	★★★★★
VALUE FOR MONEY	★★★★★
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