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Meet TLP-X200U, Toshiba's (And World's) First Talking Projector

Easy guidance for less-technical people

A lot of consumers out there tend to keep things simple, and that's the reason why they tend to avoid very complicated products and choose more user-friendly devices, despite the fact that they typically provide less-advanced features than their higher-end counterparts. In order to somehow take care of this issue, Toshiba has just unveiled the TLP-X200U projector, a device that will actually guide users through the operating instructions and even provide system alerts by using voice technology.

Thus, the device from Toshiba will actually be able to "voice" its opinions and advice regarding its various functions and even inform users when something has gone wrong by using the built-in 1 W mono speaker.

The optical features of Toshiba's projector are fairly mainstream ones, since the 3LCD technology of the device enables it to attain a maximum resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels and 16.7 million colors, plus a 600:1 contrast ratio and 4:3 native aspect ratio. The device can create images with maximum diagonal sizes of up to 300 inches at distances of up to 35.9 feet (which translates into a throw ratio between 1.48 and 1.77:1).

The TLP-X200U uses a 180W lamp, which generates up to 3000 ANSI lumens for up to 2000 hours. The projector lens is standard (F = 1.6 - 1.76, f = 21.5 – 25.8mm), but, for easier usage, the device also supports 1.2x manual zoom and manual focus.

Connectivity-wise, the TLP-X200U is pretty average, since it comes equipped with a D-sub 15-pin (shared as Component Video) interface, RCA for composite video, S-Video, HDMI, stereo mini-jack, RJ-45 networking terminal and a USB port, just to name the most important. It also features a built-in IEEE 802.11 b/g module, which allows it to be easily added to a wireless network, thus making presentations a lot easier.

The business-grade, voice-guided projector from Toshiba can be purchased for around 1,800 US dollars, which is by no means a small sum, but, then again, no "world's first" devices have ever been affordable, have they now?

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