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welcome to Blu-ray



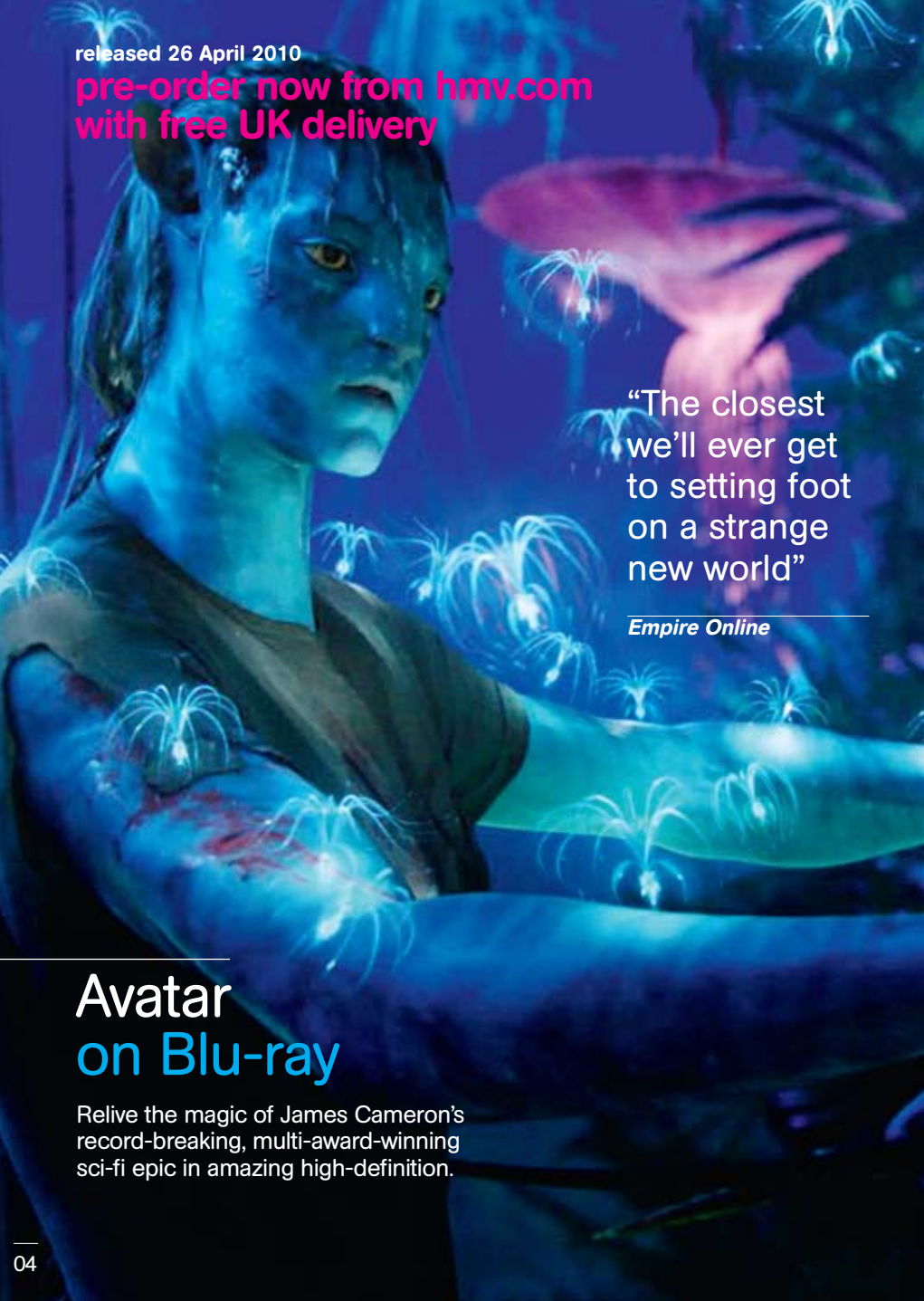
Are you ready to revolutionise the way you watch films and play games? Then say hello to Blu-ray – the undisputed leader of high-definition entertainment.

Armed with tons of technical advancements, Blu-ray will whisk you away to a whole new world of HD viewing and gaming. But don't worry if you're not familiar with the format – we'll tell you everything you need to know right here.

With Blu-ray you'll see sharper images, more vibrant colours and incredible definition of picture, not to mention a dramatic improvement in sound quality. The secret is in its name – while DVDs are read by a red laser, Blu-ray is read by a much finer, blue laser, opening up six times more content than your old DVDs – or nine hours of HD content.

HD is the new standard and, with the backing of all the major film studios, Blu-ray isn't just the format of the future – it's the format of today.

We've chosen the best Blu-ray titles available, each with outstanding features and Blu-ray quality. So, get ready to experience the very best of Blu-ray.



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we’ll ever get
to setting foot
on a strange
new world”

Empire Online

Avatar on Blu-ray

Relive the magic of James Cameron’s
record-breaking, multi-award-winning
sci-fi epic in amazing high-definition.

all you need to know about Blu-ray

The answers to all your questions about the latest in high-definition entertainment



What is Blu-ray?

Blu-ray looks a lot like a DVD, but comes packed with a whole host of benefits. A huge leap forward in viewing and gaming, Blu-ray offers crystal-clear, high-definition images for the ultimate in home entertainment. It boasts six times the picture resolution of DVD and the best audio possible – up to 7.1 channel cinema-level surround sound. You'll also find a mass of extra features and interactive content that you don't get on DVDs.

Will I need to buy anything?

To play Blu-ray, you will need to have either a Blu-ray player or a PlayStation 3. You'll also need to have an HD-ready television (most new LCD and plasma screens are already HD-ready) and you might wish to consider a surround-sound system to make the most of Blu-ray's amazing audio quality. Once you've got these, you can enjoy all your favourite films, TV shows and games in high definition.

What about all my DVDs?

Don't worry – you can still play DVDs on your Blu-ray player, so there's no need to throw your existing collection away. What's more, certain players are even able to enhance the quality of the DVD using advanced graphical processing powers so your old DVDs will look even better.

Why can't I get high-definition from a DVD?

Blu-ray has a much larger storage capacity than DVD (up to five times), meaning they can hold all that space-sapping, high-definition content. All this extra space means they can also store extra interactive content, like BD-Live.

What's BD-Live?

BD-Live gives you access to a staggering variety of up-to-date, interactive content via the Internet. With BD-Live you can download interviews and featurettes, watch trailers, play interactive games with fans the world over and more. BD-Live only works on Blu-ray players with network adaptors that are connected to the Internet.

Does Blu-ray offer a wide range of content?

Yes. Not only does Blu-ray have the support of some of the biggest names in electronics, computers, video gaming and music, it also has the backing of major film studios. To find out what titles are available or for more information, visit thisisbluray.co.uk

Blu-ray special features

Take home entertainment to a whole new level with Blu-ray's added extras

Picture-in-Picture (PiP) or BonusView

Allows you to access special features without interrupting the movie. Use it to see storyboards, behind-the-scenes footage, commentary and more in real-time at the relevant place in the film.

Picture-in-Graphics (PiG)

Reduce the picture size to reveal additional graphics and text, so you can increase your movie knowledge.

Blu-meter

The Blu-meter graphic timeline lets you know exactly where you are as you fast-forward and rewind through the film.

Bookmarks

Use Bookmarks to make a note of where you are or mark your favourite parts of the film. Your Bookmarks will stay put even if you eject the disc.

Photo Gallery

Find concept art, on-set stills, behind-the-scenes images and more.

Blu-ray Disc Index

Want to look up a person or place? Use this feature to search for your keyword and jump directly to that part of the film.

Blu-wizard

See all the special features in one sitting, create your very own playlist or let the Wizard take you in and out of the film while you're watching.

Digital Copy

Transfer the bonus digital copy of your favourite Blu-ray film to your portable device (for example, a PSP) and enjoy it where and when you want.

Pop-Up Menus

Allow you to navigate through the features without leaving the film.

Added/Deleted Footage Markers

The Footage Markers point out the differences between extended cuts and original theatrical versions.

Cinechat

Using BD-Live, cinechat allows you to talk with friends around the world while you're watching your film. To make the most of cinechat, you'll need a web-enabled Blu-ray player and a cinechat-enabled Blu-ray disc.

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The Lord Of The Rings on Blu-ray

Blu-ray brings the cinema into your living room – and cinema doesn't get more epic than *The Lord of the Rings*. Peter Jackson's stunning trilogy is awash with celebrated scenes so give your HD television the cinematic treat it deserves with this Blu-ray transfer. Not only will you get to see the battle of Helm's Deep, Gandalf's heart-stopping encounter with the Balrog at the Bridge of Khazad-dûm and Saruman's army of mean, malformed orcs in striking high-definition, you'll also be treated to a bumper-pack of bonus features. Find a trilogy supertrailer, Sean Astin's (Samwise Gamgee) short film *The Long And Short Of It*, behind-the-scenes previews and more.

The Lord Of The Rings

Cinema-level surround sound thrusts you into the thick of the action as the battle for Middle-earth reaches boiling point



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**The Lord Of
The Rings Trilogy
box set**

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The Wizard Of Oz

Dorothy's magical adventure is brought right up-to-date with crystal-clear 1080p picture resolution

classic movies on Blu-ray

The greatest stars of the silver screen deserve the red-carpet treatment that you only get with Blu-ray. Relive those iconic movie moments whatever the genre as you build your collection of classic films on Blu-ray, from Stanley Kubrick's pioneering sci-fi adventure *2001: A Space Odyssey* to Frank Capra's festive heart-warmer *It's A Wonderful Life*. Special mention must go to the grande dame of animated movies, *Snow White*, who, at the ripe old age of 73, looks better than ever thanks to a first-class digital restoration. The result is crystal-clear visuals and, for the first time, high-definition 7.1 channel surround sound. A timeless treat for the eyes and ears.



The Wizard Of Oz

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Gone With The Wind

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It's A Wonderful Life

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Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs

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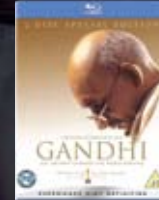
North By Northwest

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How The West Was Won

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Gandhi

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2001: A Space Odyssey

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District 9

In stunning hi-def, the mothership isn't just reactivated – it picks you up and takes you home

classic sci-fi on Blu-ray

Like tea and biscuits, Blu-ray and sci-fi movies were made for each other. Just think about those expansive shots of deep space and the extraordinary visuals of futuristic settlements and ultramodern spaceships, then imagine how much better they'll look in high-definition. And we haven't even got started on the audio – up to 7.1 channel surround sound will immerse you even deeper into those brutal battle sequences. So step aboard the *USS Enterprise* and see what life is like when aliens inhabit the Earth in super-sharp hi-def.



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Serenity



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Moon



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Star Trek



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Terminator: Salvation

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2012 on Blu-ray

Terrifying tidal waves, devastating volcanic eruptions and heart-stopping earthquakes – the end of the world has never looked so good as the famous landmarks come tumbling down in Roland Emmerich's apocalyptic adventure.



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“Bigger, louder, crazier and more wildly exhilarating than anything previously attempted”

2012

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Blu-ray players



Philips
BDP3000 £109.99

With Dolby TrueHD sound quality, DivX Ultra playback features, and DVD Video upscaling tucked firmly under its belt, this is a serious piece of kit, all accessed with one easy-to-use remote.



Sony
BDP-S360 £149.99

Enjoy sharper picture quality, Deep Colour technology and 24p True Cinema for a larger-than-life cinematic experience in your own home.



Samsung
BD-P4600 £209.99

Ultra-slimline, wall-mountable, and with 1GB of storage, the BD-P4600 boasts full HD Blu-ray playback with BD-Live and BonusView capabilities for online features.



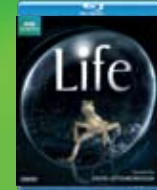
HDMI cable
HDC-1015, 1.5m £9.99

Links your HDTV to your Blu-ray player, supports standard and HD video resolution, and transmits crisp audio quality from stereo to eight-channel digital surround sound.

Want to get closer to life on Earth? Blu-ray's extra storage capacity serves up more bonus features than ever before

top TV titles on Blu-ray

Finally, television is as good as you always dreamt it could be. If you thought the beautiful people and places of your favourite TV series looked good before, just wait until you see them on Blu-ray. Our hand-picked selection of shows gets you closer than ever to the natural beauty of *Planet Earth*, the sexy world of 1960s advertising, the heartbreak and heroism of WWII combat and much more. Prepare to be amazed...



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Life



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24
Season 7



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Mad Men



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Planet Earth



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True Blood



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Battlestar Galactica



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Lost The Complete Fifth Season



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Band of Brothers

Disney/Pixar on Blu-ray

Hold on tight, because Blu-ray's going to grab you by the hand and pull you right inside the action. With their spellbinding plot lines, uplifting scores and spectacular visuals, it's hard to imagine a better format for CGI than Blu-ray. This selection of family-friendly favourites will transport you to a magical world where rats can cook, toys can talk, robots fall in love and houses can fly. That celebrated and enchanting first half-hour of *Wall-E* looks even more impressive as our retro robot goes about his business on a deserted and trash-filled planet Earth. And just wait until you see the detail this format brings to the huggable heroes of *Monsters, Inc.*



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Up



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Ratatouille



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Monsters, Inc.



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Wall-E

Up

With five times the picture resolution of DVD, Carl and Russell's epic adventure really takes off



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Toy Story 3D



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Toy Story 2 3D

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hi-def heroes on Blu-ray

What could be better than getting up close and personal with some of cinema's finest strongmen? Whether it's watching Jason Bourne racing through the streets of Tangiers or Maximus fighting fellow gladiators in the Colosseum, superheroes deserve super high-definition. Your favourite leading men can be seen and heard in all their glory with this collection of adrenaline-fuelled, action-packed titles. And with more added-extras than Batman's utility belt, you'll be enjoying these again and again.

Iron Man

It's not just Iron Man's skills that will impress you. With high-def surround sound, this rip-roaring movie is a must-buy



Iron Man

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The Dark Knight

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Wolverine

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Watchmen

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The Bourne Ultimatum

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Kill Bill

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join the Blu-ray revolution with PlayStation3

If you thought the PS3 was only good for gaming, think again. There's a world of entertainment waiting for you in this sleek package: you can play all the latest Blu-ray discs, store and listen to your favourite tunes, keep your personal photos and videos safely stowed away and play online for free using the PlayStation Network. And it's not bad for gaming, either...



movies

PS3 comes with an in-built Blu-ray player, so you can watch your favourite films in HD. We're talking sharper images, better definition, superior sound and more vibrant colours than ever before. And since Blu-ray can squeeze six DVDs' worth of information onto one disc, you'll also get loads more content and access to the Internet using BD-Live. Oh, and it will play your DVDs too.

gaming

With the same crystal-clear hi-def images you get with your movies, gaming has never felt so real. So whether you're steering anti-gravity ships to victory, taking on the best of the best in professional football or fighting mortal enemies from across the galaxy, you'll be fully immersed in the action.

music

It's easy to store your tunes on PS3. Just pop in your CD and within seconds your tracks or albums will be on the cross-media bar. You can also listen to tunes from your own MP3 and access the music collection on your PS3 with your PSP via Remote Play. The music visualiser will provide the perfect visual accompaniment. Playstation's Vidzone also allows you to stream thousands of music videos for free.

PlayStation network

The interactive destination that opens up a whole new world of entertainment opportunities. Join the PlayStation Network for free. Surf the Internet, download free game demos, high-definition movie trailers, bonus content and more, and link up with gamers around the world.

photos

Store, organise and display all your photos on PlayStation3. Simply plug in your mobile, digital camera or USB and transfer the lot onto the hard disk drive. Once they're stored, you can organise all your snaps into folders, view them in slideshows and share them with friends on the PlayStation Network.

PSP connectivity

Ensure your PSP and PS3 are talking the same language with the invisible bond of Wi-Fi. Using a wireless connection from any location, you can find any file on your PS3's hard drive and stream it straight to your PSP, from music and movies to photos.



“Heavy Rain is an incredibly original and compelling thriller that’s unlike anything else out there”

Gamesmaster 91%



Blu-ray collector's checklist

From *Avatar* to *Zodiac*, our experts have compiled a list of the top titles available at [hmv](#) to get your collection off to a flying start, each with outstanding Blu-ray quality



- 24: Season 7
- 2001: A Space Odyssey
- 2012
- 300
- Avatar
- American Gangster
- Angels & Demons
- Band Of Brothers
- Batman Begins
- Batman: The Dark Knight
- Battlestar Galactica Complete Series
- Blade Runner The Final Cut
- The Bourne Trilogy
- Casino Royale
- Cloverfield
- The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button
- The Departed
- District 9
- Fast & Furious
- Fight Club
- Flags Of Our Fathers/ Letters From Iwo Jima
- Gandhi
- Gladiator
- The Godfather Trilogy
- Goodfellas
- Gran Torino
- Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince
- Harry Potter Year 1/2/3/4/5/6 box set
- Heat
- Heroes Season 3
- How The West Was Won
- I Am Legend
- Ice Age 3: Dawn Of The Dinosaurs
- Independence Day
- Inglourious Basterds
- Iron Man
- It's A Wonderful Life
- Kill Bill Volume 1/2
- King Kong
- Leon: Director's Cut
- Let The Right One In
- Life box set
- The Lord Of The Rings box set
- Lost Season 5
- Mad Men
- Madagascar
- The Matrix Trilogy
- Monsters, Inc.
- Monsters Vs Aliens
- Moon
- No Country For Old Men
- North By Northwest
- Pan's Labyrinth
- Pirates Of The Caribbean 1/2/3
- Planet Earth
- Public Enemies
- Quantum Of Solace
- Rambo: The Ultimate Collection
- Ratatouille
- Rocky 1/2/3/4/5/6 The Complete Saga
- Sin City
- Sleeping Beauty 50th Anniversary
- Slumdog Millionaire
- Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs
- Speed Racer
- Spider-man Trilogy
- Star Trek
- Terminator: Salvation Director's Cut
- There Will Be Blood
- This Is It
- Toy Story
- Toy Story 2
- Toy Story 3
- Transformers
- Transformers 2: Revenge Of The Fallen
- True Blood Season 1
- Twilight
- Underworld Trilogy
- Wall-E
- Watchmen: Director's Cut
- The Wizard Of Oz
- X-Men Origins: Wolverine
- X-Men: Quadriology
- Zodiac: Director's Cut