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AOC Q2770PQU

All function, no form.

Forget flashy features and sexy designs crafted by German artists; the Q2770PQU is a plain, utilitarian display that aims to deliver a quality product at a rock-bottom price. It might look like it was designed a decade ago, but for those who favour functionality over form, this is a strong contender.

The thick plastic stand allows for height and angle adjustment, but can't rotate, and uses good old-fashioned screws to ensure the display is held in place. At the rear of the display are the VGA, DVI, HDMI and DisplayPort inputs. The 27-inch screen uses an IPS panel, and it's housed in one of the thicker frames in the roundup.

The native resolution of 2,560 x 1,440 makes pixels very hard to identify, and is just right for a screen of this size.

Proving that you should never judge a book by its cover (or a display by its chassis) our image quality

tests showed that the IPS panel used within is a rather good performer. It smashed the contrast ratio test out of the park, with a whopping 579:1 result. Yet luminance remained at 160cd/m², which is spot on. Average overall colour accuracy was also perfect, though the maximum variance was a little high. If there was one issue, it was with the screen uniformity, with each segment quite dark compared to the middle, with the worst value 13% darker. However, if you're looking for a very affordable 2,560 x 1,440 display of this size, the price makes the AOC Q2770PQU hard to resist.

Verdict

It might look rather ugly, but turn it on and the excellent image quality impresses almost as much as the low price tag.

