

# Black magic

**Product** LaCie LaCinema Black MAX

**Price** £380 ([www.play.com](http://www.play.com))

**Web** [www.lacie.com](http://www.lacie.com)



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The LaCie is stylish  
and luxurious

The perfect media streamer is difficult to find, especially if you're ready to embrace the high definition revolution. The main problem is that many streamers don't offer support for HD formats such as MKV and H.264 – however, the Black MAX does.

The ultimate streamer, the LaCie LaCinema Black MAX offers everything. It's an HD streamer that can handle all the latest formats, and the interface is as gorgeous as its sleek black lines. Not only does the MAX stream but you can record Freeview

channels on to its huge 500GB hard drive, too, using the built-in tuner for playback later.

While the LaCie has all the makings of a top streamer, its £380 price tag doesn't. If you're serious about streaming HD content, this is a must-buy, but alternatively a simple player such as the Western Digital Media Player handles the same formats without the luxury of streaming across your home network. It would also be nice to have some server abilities to back up the 500GB drive, such as

BitTorrent clients and remote access, but the Black MAX stays true to being a dedicated media mogul and does the job beautifully.

## Our verdict

**Buy it if...** Money's no object

**Don't buy it if...** You can live without streaming or HD

### The bottom line

If you want an HD streamer, this is the best quality option by a country mile

