

# AI-01246 Repair vs Buy a New TV

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What is a good breakeven to repair a dead smart tv or purchase a new one?

Deciding whether to repair or replace a dead smart TV depends on several factors, including the cost of repair, the age of the TV, and the potential benefits of a new model. Here's a general guideline to help you make an informed decision:

## Cost of Repair

- **Minor Issues:** If the problem is minor (e.g., software issues, connectivity problems), repairs can range from **\$100 to \$400** A.
- **Major Issues:** For more significant problems (e.g., screen malfunctions, backlight issues), repairs can cost **\$400 to \$475** or more, depending on the extent of the damage and the make and model of the TV B.

## Cost of a New TV

- **Entry-Level Smart TVs:** Prices for new smart TVs start around **\$200 to \$500** for smaller, basic models C.
- **Mid-Range Smart TVs:** Mid-range models with better features and larger screens typically range from **\$500 to \$1,000** C.
- **High-End Smart TVs:** High-end models with advanced features, larger screens, and better picture quality can cost **\$1,000 or more** C.

## Break-Even Point

A good rule of thumb is to compare the repair cost to the price of a new TV. If the repair cost is more than **50% of the price of a new TV**, it's often more economical to replace the TV D. For example, if a new TV costs \$800, and the repair cost is \$400 or more, it might be better to invest in a new one.

## Considerations

- **Age of the TV:** If your TV is relatively new and still under warranty, repairing it might be the best option. However, if it's an older model that has already required multiple repairs, replacing it could be more cost-effective in the long run.
- **Features and Upgrades:** Newer smart TVs often come with improved features, better picture quality, and additional functionalities. If these enhancements are important to you, upgrading might be worth the investment.
- **Environmental Impact:** Consider the environmental impact of repairing versus replacing. Repairing can be more sustainable, but if the TV is very old and inefficient, a new energy-efficient model might be a better choice.

Ultimately, the decision depends on your specific situation and priorities. If you're unsure, consulting a professional technician for a detailed assessment can provide more clarity.

Does this help you decide what to do with your smart TV?