

LG's StanbyME is a so-so TV on a stellar stand

LG's StanbyME is one of the most unusual TVs I've ever used, and that's saying something: I've tested Samsung's raft-like Odyssey Ark gaming monitor as well as the nearly square LG DualUp. Those are both relatively normal by comparison. The StanbyME is a 27-inch battery-powered touchscreen TV on a wheeled pedestal base. That might not sound like next-level innovation, but until I tried it, I didn't realize how rare LG's stellar stand design is – or that I suddenly kind of wanted one.

If you prioritize picture quality, you can do a *lot* better for your \$999 than the StanbyME's 1080p 60Hz IPS panel. But it's more than just an oversize tablet on a fancy stand. While it's true that you can replicate the “take a screen around the house” experience with an iPad and a music stand (for example), and you can find *much* better screens to stick on a rolling TV mount, the stand is the selling point here. This was a gadget that I was ready to poke fun at, but it turns out to be in a class of its own. Most wheeled TV stands are enormous, unwieldy, ugly as sin, and prone to rolling over toes – not something you'd put in your home if you could help it. The StanbyME's low-end specs won't appeal to AV snobs, but its tasteful go-anywhere design and small footprint could make it surprisingly useful for some people.





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LG StanbyME

\$ 996.99

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The Bad

- The TV is low-res with so-so viewing angles
- It uses non-standing mounting
- I wish it had more ports
- Weirdly small battery capacity

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the best-looking one on the market. (I'd love to be  
proven wrong.)
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The StanbyME could also be an obvious choice for entertaining kids without giving a giant TV a permanent home in your living room – or to prevent them from monopolizing the big TV. It could also be a useful bedside or couchside display for people with limited mobility. Once you have a 27-inch screen on wheels, you start seeing opportunities to use it.

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gray-63">The StanbyME (left) rotated
90 degrees into portrait mode. Next
to it is LG's very similar (but
battery-free) 27-inch model.

You can use the StanbyME in landscape
or portrait mode, and it has plenty
of adjustment points. The screen can
go as high as 50 inches off the
ground and as low as 42 (measured
from the top of the screen in
landscape mode). It can swivel 65
degrees to the left or right, and it
can tilt up or down by 25 degrees.
It's not difficult to change the

height, angle, or rotation, and I've found that using two hands to move the display limits the base's wheels from moving around too much. Still, there's usually a little unintended movement that you may need to correct.

I spent a few hours getting cozy with the StanbyME at our office, pulling it up next to me on the couch and angling it so that I don't have to crane my neck. Watching TV shows in that relaxed position immediately felt natural, and while I'm not one who usually falls asleep with the TV on, I did come close.

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looks pretty good on
this display – far
better than I had**

expected a 1080p picture to look. You can navigate most interfaces with the touchscreen.

Its two-channel side-firing speakers punched above my expectations, with full-sounding audio and great dialog clarity. If it's not booming enough for your liking, you can add a Bluetooth speaker (it

has Bluetooth 5.0), either subbing in for the display's integrated speakers or supplementing them as a rear or front channel. It worked perfectly with both a Sonos Roam and a JBL Charge 5. The feature also lets you tweak the latency to compensate for inherent audio lag, making this a must-try feature if you

want louder audio or better spatial sound.

Unfortunately, there's no complimenting the StanbyME's drought of a port situation. It has a single HDMI 1.4 port for gadgets like streaming boxes or consoles, and next to it is a USB-A 2.0 port for media storage or peripherals like a keyboard or

mouse.



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are a few rubberized
buttons on its rear
(power, volume up,
volume down).**

**The StanbyME runs webOS
6.0, LG's smart TV
operating system, and it**

comes with 8GB of eMMC storage for apps. (USB flash drives and low-power portable hard drives can also be used to store apps in case you run out of storage on the TV itself.) The homescreen offers shortcuts to all of the major players in streaming, like Netflix, Disney Plus, Apple TV, YouTube, and Hulu as

well as apps like LG Fitness, a web browser, and more. I even got Nvidia's GeForce Now installed, which lets me play my Steam games over the cloud with a DualSense controller. I was surprised how well it worked via Wi-Fi, but keep in mind that this service is best experienced with a wired connection, which isn't

possible here.

You can stream content to the StanbyME from your PC or phone on the same Wi-Fi network. The display has AirPlay 2 support, so connecting iPhones and other Apple products is simple. On Windows, hitting the Windows + K is the first and only step to connecting. However,

it's a little more cumbersome to pair with non-LG Android phones. Instead of offering a simple cast option, you instead have to physically tap your phone via the NFC tag on the back of the StanbyME, then follow the on-screen instructions to add the display to your LG account via its ThinQ

mobile app.



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***package, the StanbyME
looks sharp. It's both
eye-grabbing and subtle,
though your cat may take
an interest in clawing
its clothbound display.***

It's very easy to get a

better, cheaper TV or monitor. Smart TVs with a 27-inch touchscreen are a little harder to find, but LG sells a similar countertop model with more ports and VESA mounting holes (but no battery) for \$209. The stand is the real selling point here, and I was surprised how hard it was to find a truly comparable one. Sure,

you can get a much better rolling VESA TV stand. It'll probably be sturdier, and it might hold more stuff, but it will also be uglier and have a much wider footprint. Or you could get a rolling tablet stand, if you don't mind being stuck with tablet screen sizes.

On that note, it's a

shame that LG doesn't sell the stand separately and that it uses a nonstandard mounting mechanism, rather than VESA. You'd have to do a lot of work to mount a different display to the stand, and even if you could, putting an all-black or silver monitor on LG's stand would compromise its slick design and

potentially imbalance the thing. It would be a waste if there was no way to upgrade the screen in a few years. I asked LG whether it has an upgrade plan, and I'm still waiting for it to respond one way or the other.

If you already own a laptop or a monitor that you like, wheeling it

around on a TV stand or a media cart is cheaper. It's most likely the route that I would take if I needed a moveable screen. And there are plenty of tablet stands (and plain old music stands) out there. But LG's StanbyME fits a niche for people who want an elegantly designed portable display that doesn't

have to be plugged in all the time, is bigger than a tablet, and doesn't look like a DIY job. After all, you wouldn't want to embarrass your hedgehog.

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Continue: LG StanbyME

Every smart device now requires you to agree to a series of terms and conditions before you can use it – contracts that no one actually reads. It's impossible for us to read and analyze every single one of these agreements. But we started counting exactly how many times

*you have to hit “agree”
to use devices when we
review them since these
are agreements most
people don’t read and
definitely can’t
negotiate.*

**By setting up the LG
StanbyME, you’re
agreeing to two
mandatory agreements:**

- Terms of Service**

·Privacy Policy

It's technically possible to bypass these agreements, but doing so will disable you from being able to install apps and updates via LG's webOS store.

There are also optional permissions you can grant, including the Viewing Information agreement, which allows

LG to collect info about how you interact with the StanbyME. Another optional one is the Interest-Based & Cross-Device Advertising agreement that allows LG to tailor apps, services, and other content to your interests as well as use that info to customize what you see on other devices.

Final tally: two mandatory agreements and two optional agreements.

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