

LCD Projector FAQ

When I rent an LCD projector how bright a bulb should be in the projector?

No one LCD projector fits all situations. All LCD projector rental companies should ask you several questions before making a recommendation on the appropriate projector for your situation. The most important questions are: a) how large is the audience or how large of a room will the projector be used in? b) What are the lighting conditions of the room? Can you manually adjust the lighting in the room? The larger the audience and the brighter the room conditions, the brighter bulb you will need in the projector for a clear picture.

Should I rent a LCD Projector or a DLP Projector?

Most projector rental companies carry LCD projectors in their inventory instead of DLP projectors. When the two types of projectors were introduced to the market, DLP projectors were much more expensive than LCD projectors. Since that time, the price of DLP projectors has come down significantly relative to the cost of LCD projectors with similar features. The top technical experts in the world still debate which of the two is the best projector for various situations. The experts admit there are no simple answers. We agree and tell our clients that either projector will do an acceptable job for virtually all presentations.

I turned on my laptop and the LCD projector and get no picture from the projector. What should I do?

This is a common problem with many possible causes. We will share the two most frequent solutions: a) turn off and restart your laptop. During the startup process the laptop will search for attached devices and should discover the LCD projector connected to the video port. If this does not take care of the problem then b) Press the Fn key on the lower left hand side of the laptop keyboard and the appropriate function key (F1 – F12) on the top row of the keyboard at the same time. The appropriate function key to press is different for different makes and models of laptops, but it usually has the letters LCD/CRT or the picture of a monitor and a laptop. This keystroke sequence tells the laptop to send a signal to the video port of the laptop. Usually you will now have a picture being projected from the projector and a blank computer screen. If you press the Fn key with the same function key a second time you should have a picture showing on both the laptop screen and the projection screen. Pressing the Fn key and the function key a third time results in a picture showing only on the laptop. If after trying solution a) and b) the picture is still not being projected you should call your LCD projector rental company for other solutions.

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