

Firmware Update Information for Owners of Toshiba HD DVD Players

Models: HD-XE1, HD-EP10 and HD-E1.

Firmware Update Version: 2.8

Overview:

As part of our commitment to provide world-class service to our customers, Toshiba is supplying this firmware update for use by purchasers of Toshiba HD DVD Player models listed above. This firmware update improves support for 1080p/24Hz OUTPUT and auto mode(for HD-EP10 and HD-XE1), improves network connectivity supporting the download of web-enabled network content associated with certain HD DVD discs, and also addresses certain disc playback and HDMI/DVI related issues identified by Toshiba. In addition, this firmware update provides High Bit Rate Audio functionality for the HD-XE1 player. When integrated through the HDMI connection to a 7.1 capable multi-channel A/V receiver, High Bit Rate Audio has the potential to offer the latest in high definition surround sound.

Important Note:

- **Certain HD DVD discs may contain or have the capability of downloading studio-provided, web-enabled network content. To minimize any potential compatibility and/or connectivity issues, before viewing such content, it is recommended that you perform the firmware update process to ensure that your HD DVD player is using the latest firmware version.**

How to obtain and install the firmware update:

1. If you have broadband internet service, you may obtain the firmware update over the internet using the Ethernet port on the back of your HD DVD Player. Instructions for configuring the Ethernet port and downloading the firmware update can be found in the owner's manual and Update Procedure sheet for your HD DVD Player. Here is an overview of the process:

- **BEFORE BEGINNING THE FIRMWARE UPDATE PROCESS, BE SURE TO REMOVE ANY DISCS FROM YOUR HD DVD PLAYER**
- Please configure the Ethernet port. You may need to turn on DHCP and DNS.
- After you have configured the Ethernet port, follow the directions in the owner's manual to check for a firmware update.
- If a firmware update is available for your player, it will take about 20 minutes to download and install.
- Once the firmware update download process has finished;

1. A message will appear, and the firmware update will automatically start.
2. When the firmware update is completed, the player will automatically turn itself off.

For the HD-XE1 player only, please also follow steps 3 through 6.

3. Power up the player again.

4. The player will display a message that another update will start.
5. Read the message and press OK. The message will disappear, and the second firmware update will automatically start. Please be patient during this process. (During the update, "VERUP" will flash on the display of the player.)
6. When the firmware update is completed, the player will automatically turn itself off.

- **DO NOT UNPLUG, TURN OFF, OR USE ANY OTHER FEATURE OF YOUR PLAYER DURING THE FIRMWARE UPDATE PROCESS.** Doing so will cause the writing of the firmware update to the player to be halted and the player may no longer operate properly. If the player stops working, please contact Toshiba Customer Service at 13 30 70.
- If no firmware update is available, the player will quickly exit the update process.
- Please refer to the owner's manual and Update Procedure sheet for additional details.

2. If you have a PC with a CD-RW drive that is connected to the internet, you may be able to download an ISO image file of the firmware update to your PC and copy it to a blank CD-R or CD-RW disc.
3. If you are unable, or prefer not, to obtain the firmware update by one of the methods described above, you may contact Toshiba Customer Service on 13 30 70 and request that a firmware update disc be sent to you by mail. You can update the firmware using the firmware update disc by following the instructions provided with the disc.

Please note that if you sent Toshiba the Firmware Update Request card included with your player, you will receive an update disc by mail from Toshiba as soon as it becomes available.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Q1. What does this update do?

A1. This firmware update adds support for 1080p/24Hz output and auto mode to the HD-EP10 and HD-XE1 players. For the HD-E1, HD-EP10 and HD-XE1 players, it adds more on-screen language display options. In addition, this firmware update improves network connectivity for supporting the download of web-enabled network content associated with certain HD DVD discs, and also addresses certain disc playback and HDMI/DVI related issues identified by Toshiba.

Q2. Why do I need to turn on DHCP and DNS?

A2. Turning on DHCP causes the player to automatically detect its IP address and other network information from your internet service provider's DHCP server. Turning on DNS causes the player to automatically detect the DNS server address associated with your internet service provider.

Q3. I purchased an HD DVD disc that contains/has the capability of downloading web-enabled network content. What do I need to do to view this content?

A3. First, be sure that you have properly configured the player's Ethernet port. If your Ethernet port is properly configured, perform the firmware update process to update the player's firmware to the latest firmware version. Once you have updated the player with the latest firmware, follow the

directions that came with the HD DVD disc or that appear in the menu of the HD DVD disc. Should you experience problems viewing such content, please contact Toshiba Customer Service on 13 30 70.

Q4. When I connect my HD DVD Player to my HDTV or HD Monitor using a HDMI to DVI adaptor cable or a HDMI to DVI adaptor, the output resolution of the player remains fixed at 480i. Does the new firmware address this issue?

A4. This firmware update addresses the issue. Should you continue to experience problems, please contact Toshiba Customer Service on 13 30 70.

Q5. The HDMI output does not work or works intermittently with the HDMI or DVI input on my HDTV or monitor. Does the new firmware address that issue?

A5. The firmware update addresses and improves HDMI and DVI connectivity issues. If you still experience such issues, try disconnecting and reconnecting the HDMI cable. Make sure your display input is set to HDMI (or DVI). If your display has more than one HDMI/DVI input, make sure that all connected HDMI/DVI source devices are powered on (even if not in use). If none of these solve the issue, please turn off the TV and the HD DVD player. Check all connections. Disconnect and reconnect the HDMI cable. Turn on the TV first and then turn on the HD DVD player. Should you continue to experience issues, please contact Toshiba Customer Service on 13 30 70.

Q6. During HD DVD playback I sometimes experience pixelization, block noise or audio dropouts. Sometimes playback freezes or stops. Sometimes, playback is not smooth. Does the new firmware address these issues?

A6. This firmware update addresses various playability issues. You should also check to be sure that the disc is clean and, if the disc will not operate at all, that you are inserting the disc with the right side up. In the event that playback freezes or stops, press and hold the ON/STANDBY button on the front of the player for approximately ten seconds. This will cause the player to turn off. After the player turns off, turn the player back on by pressing the ON/STANDBY button, and then press the OPEN/CLOSE button to remove the disc. Should you continue to experience issues, please contact Toshiba Customer Service on 13 30 70.

Q7. Do I need to install prior firmware updates before installing the current firmware update?

A7. No. The current firmware update includes all of the prior firmware updates.

HD DVD player HD-XE1 / HD-EP10

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Thank you for updating your HD DVD player firmware.

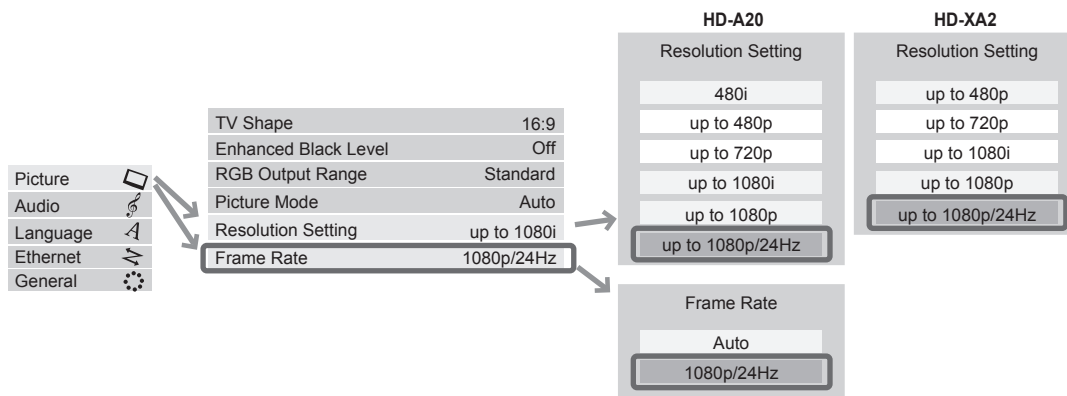
1080p/24Hz output selection for enjoying movies in their native frame rate

For HD-XE1 / HD-EP10

Most movie HD DVD contents are captured at a frame rate of either 24 frames per second (24Hz), the same as the original film's, or 60 frames per second (60Hz). Optimum reproduction of these discs are expected if their signals are output at the same frame rate as when they were captured. A recent firmware update has enabled 24Hz output on your HD DVD player. Now this update further provides a selection of automatic 24Hz/60Hz detection mode and fixed 24Hz mode. Automatic 24Hz/60Hz detection mode is for future use. This option will detect frame rate of disc content. Because current HD DVD discs do not contain information to identify frame rate, this option is not effective at present. Use this option when discs become available in the market in the near future.

To take advantage of this feature, a 1080p/24Hz compatible TV is necessary. Connect such a device to your player, then make the following setting.

- 1 From the SETUP MENU, select "Picture" > "Resolution setting" > "up to 1080p/24Hz", then press OK.
- 2 Select "Frame Rate" > "Auto" or "1080p/24Hz", then press OK.



Notes

- For HD DVD contents captured at 60 frames per second (60Hz), we recommend that "up to 1080p" resolution setting is used. If "up to 1080p/24Hz" is used then the playback may have lower smoothness and/or reduced vertical resolution.
- For HD-XE1, "up to 1080p/24Hz" disables all of noise reduction features.
- "Frame Rate" is available only when "Resolution Setting" is set to "up to 1080p/24Hz".

Language code change

Language	Old		New
Indonesian	IN	→	ID
Hebrew	IW	→	HE
Yiddish	JI	→	YI
Javanese	JW	→	JY

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