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## PROJECTORS

### RUNCO SIGNATURE CINEMA SC-1

**SHOWPIECE:** This is the Big Daddy of home projectors, if you please. Consider this: a resolution of 2048x1080 pixels helps it retain the picture sharpness from a minimum of 6 feet to a maximum size of 40 feet. The Runco has a light output of 330 foot-Lamberts which translates into a staggering 9000 ANSI Lumens. A DLP (Digital Light Processing) projector, it comes with seven lens options.

**TECH-SPECS:** Well, it's a mini-sumo of a projector; it weighs in at 155 kg, measures 654x1454x433 mm (WxDxH) and it requires thorough pampering. This basically means it needs temperature and moisture control—between 5 degrees and 35 degrees C and a humidity range of 20-80 per cent. It comes with a two-year warranty for the projector and 1,000 hours or six months for the lamp, whichever is earlier.

**LIMITATIONS:** With a minimum option of a 1.6 kilowatt lamp, be prepared for a power guzzler in your home. Also, the lamp life, at 1,000 hours, leaves you feeling a little short changed when you get less powerful projectors with an average lamp life of 2,000 hours. Besides, the contrast ratio in the range of 1500-2800:1 is not bad, but at this price, not good enough.

HOW MUCH: **\$250,000** (Rs 1.03 crore)

WEBSITE: [www.runco.com](http://www.runco.com)

### 2. GRAND CINEMA SIM2 HT 5000

**SHOWPIECE:** This one deserves a standing ovation for the sheer picture sharpness and clarity delivered—thanks to a resolution of 1920x1080 pixels. It is equipped with a 300 watt lamp—dimable to 250 watt—which can last 2,000 hours in economy mode or 1,500 hours in normal mode. Comes with an option of six lenses that can deliver a picture size ranging from 50"-300". The projector tips the scales at a healthy 45 kg and measures 570x730x260 (WxDxH).

**TECH-SPECS:** Power packed with 3 chip DMD 0.95" 1080p DarkChip3 technology, it has high resolution optics with both motorised zoom and focus adjustments and motorised horizontal/vertical shift. A 10-bit format board with a built-in video processor, the HT 5000 has a contrast ratio of more than 5000:1 and has a power consumption of 400 watts.

**LIMITATIONS:** It's the colour wheel again!  
HOW MUCH: **\$75,120** (Rs 30.8 lakh)  
WEBSITE: [www.sim2.com](http://www.sim2.com)

## You could also opt for:

### 1. MARANTZ VP-11S1 FRONT PROJECTOR

**SHOWPIECE:** At two million pixels, this one's a showstopper like no other. The Marantz VP-11S1 BL 1080p DLP projector has been touted as the pinnacle of projector evolution. Encased in a die-cast aluminium chassis, it's the only one with a 200 watt DC Super High Pressure lamp assembly that gives a sharper picture resolution with a contrast ratio of 6500:1.

**TECH-SPECS:** It has a projection size of 70"-250" and is compatible with NTSC, PAL and SECAM; then it has a lamp life of 2,000 hours. Also available with an option of a long-throw lens.

**LIMITATIONS:** There's a view in certain quarters that the colour wheel could be done away with as it does produce a low audible whine.

HOW MUCH: **\$19,999.99-21,999.99**  
(Rs 8.2-9.02 lakh)

WEBSITE: [www.marantz.com](http://www.marantz.com)

