

# SANUS SYSTEMS VMPL

"The Perfect Plasma Mount"



I received the Sanus Systems VMPL mount unsolicited. It simply showed up at our offices several months ago with a short message—something to the effect of “try this out and let us know what you think.”

So it sat for several months in my garage until we made the move up to Northwest Montana. I had visions of a “lifestyle theater” in my head. In-wall speakers centered around a 50 to 60-inch plasma. (See PhaseTech install/review in this issue for the outcome.)

Contrary to popular belief, we (reviewers) do not get to keep everything we review—especially the “cool” stuff. So my “lifestyle theater” would need a mounting system that would be easy to change out plasma’s first and foremost. Second, it would need to have the ability to tilt the plasma depending on where we were viewing. See, in my lifestyle theater, I have plans for a billiards table behind my seating area. So when we’re entertaining or playing a game of billiards I can tilt the plasma accordingly.

I had nearly overlooked the fact that the perfect plasma mount my already be sitting in my garage...

## Unique Features

What is perhaps most unique about the Sanus Systems VMPL plasma mount is the ability to tilt the plasma on a solid platform up to 15-degrees plus or minus. This is achieved by two simple knobs that are used to tighten or loosen the action and a pair of moveable arms fastened securely to the plasma display. (More on the

functionality in the installation notes below.)

The entire mount is made from a heavy gauge steel and powder coated with a satin black finish (also available in silver) and is almost a shame to hide behind the display. The arms feature poly bushings that insure that the positions are adjusted smoothly and without metal-to-metal contact—nice touch.

## Installation/Setup/Ease of Use

Probably the highlight of the Sanus Systems VMPL mount is the ease of installation. From the time I unpackaged the mount to the time it was installed on the wall may have taken 10-minutes. A quality stud-finder, a drill or “screw gun” a level and a pencil are all that is required here along with a bit of do-it-yourself common sense.

The VMPL attaches to the studs in the wall using only four heavy screws. Once the base-



◀ The Hitachi 57S700 uses three 7-inch wide-neck HD hybrid CRTs with automatic or manual convergence options.

plate is fastened and level, simply attach the pivoting arms to the threaded holes (found on the back of all plasma displays) and “hang” the plasma by inserting the notches in the arms into the rail of the base plate. Centering the plasma is as simple as sliding it left or right. Then securing the location with a single bolt. Quite frankly, this process could not be any easier even if you hired someone to do it for you.

## Final Take

In the vast world of consumer electronics junk, it is refreshing to discover a company clearly committed to quality products. Indeed, the Sanus Systems VMPL tilting plasma mount is perfect for my needs. I have changed out two plasmas over 140 pounds each and an LCD. Display swaps take just minutes, and the attachment to the wall remains secure. I am certainly using the mount more than the intended use may have been designed for.

Your personal needs may call for a mount that pivots left to right as well as tilts. The Sanus VMPL is not designed for that use but rather for flat walls with direct viewing.

The VMPL holds the display just 4 inches or so off the wall making the installation as less intrusive on the room. The VMPL tilting display mount not only supports my plasma display but also supports my lifestyle theater needs. ●

— By Clint Walker



## Sanus Systems VMPL

Compatible Screen Size: 32 to 60-inch

Max Display Weight: 175-pounds

Size: (WxDxH) 32 x 3 x 20-inches

Tilt Range: +/- 15-degrees

Available Finishes: Black or Silver

MSRP: \$249

## VMPL

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