

Re: How do I clean a rear projection Zenith 55 inch TV?

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- > *I need some advice on cleaning and adjusting my Zenith 55 inch*
- > *rear projection TV. It's about 5 years old and we haven't done*
- > *anything to it, but turn it on and watch.*
- > *Cleaning seems straight forward, blow out the dust vacuum up*
- > *the mess. Are there any cleaning sprays that could be used?*
- > *Should I use non alcohol products to clean the lens?*
- > *Could I setup a mirror and adjust the image from behind?*
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- > *Thanks*
- > *TP*
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Never, NEVER, remove the top part of the back of a projo TV. That's where the mirror is. DO NOT remove the top part of the back of a projo TV.

As to cleaning it, it's done from the front of the set, by removing the screen. Cleaning is best done using warm water and a bit of dishwashing liquid, a very soft sponge wrung almost dry (NO DRIPS!), then wiping with newspaper. A soft bristle brush is handy also, for removing small dead bugs from awkward places. Canned air, and/or a small vacuum cleaner will also help.

Keep in mind that some mirrors are what they call first surface mirrors, that means that the silvering is on the side you're cleaning, not on the back, like a regular mirror. Scratch it badly, and it's toast. Also some sets don't have a glass mirror, but instead have a sheet of tightly stretched mylar.

If you can't figure out how to get the screen off, you shouldn't be trying to clean it. If you do manage to get the screen off, DO NOT try to take the screen itself apart without some serious markings as to how to put it back together EXACTLY. Same goes for the lenses on top of the CRTs. Cleaning time (I do mine once a year, usually in the fall) is also a good time to check the level and condition of the cooling liquid.

If yours hasn't been cleaned in 5 years, and you manage to clean it without destroying it, you'll be in for a pleasant surprise. Dust, cooking smoke,

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and cigarette smoke

take a terrible toll on picture quality. Good Luck!