

**fact:**

This film frame is in a *widescreen* format. **It is displayed as it would be in the theater.** The black spaces are merely unused space that the picture doesn't fill. This type of presentation is also known as letterboxing.

**fact:**

This film frame is in a *pan and scan* format. **It is not displayed as it would be in the theater.** The black spaces are gone because the sides of the film have been cropped off to allow the film to completely fill a standard TV screen.

**Q:**

**Do those "black bars" you see along the top and bottom of some videos annoy you?**

Does it seem like they squish the picture you see on your TV?

Have you ever wondered what they really do?

**A:**

If you answered yes to any of these questions you've already been introduced to widescreen video.

Look inside and discover why widescreen is the best and most theater-like way to view a film at home.

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