



Interactive Whiteboard Review – May 2009

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Key: S=Software, P=Price, Q=Quirks, GS = Guarantee/Service A=Aesthetics (all rated out of 10)

* indicates Promethean Inspire Software is downloaded separately (estimated cost €200)

	Board	Company	Price	S	P	Q	GS	A	%	Review Summary
1	Traceboard*	Lennox	€2650	10	8	8	8	8	84%	Reduced price announced on March 20 th on Anseo.net and we have a new contender!
2	TouchIT*	Resources 4 Learning	€2800	10	7	8	8	8	82%	Great all-round IWB which allows touch-based interaction but also doubles up as a normal whiteboard.
3	Vosa iBoard*	MRP	€2100	10	10	5	8	7	80%	Based on eBeam technology. Good service and price. Probably best value pen-based IWB
	TouchIT	Resources 4 Learning	€2600	8	8	8	8	8	80%	Great all-round IWB which allows touch-based interaction but also doubles up as a normal whiteboard.
	Teamboard*	Sight and Sound	€3700	10	5	8	9	8	80%	Not sure about price so this is an estimate. If price is lower, this could be an even more excellent product.
	Hitachi Starboard (Short Throw)*	Interactive Classroom	€3875	10	4	9	8	9	80%	Only IWB with multi-finger touch, expensive but excellent technology.
	Hitachi Starboard (Ultra Short Throw)*	Interactive Classroom	€4467	10	2	10	9	9	80%	Only IWB with multi-finger touch, expensive but excellent technology. New lower price for short throw projector
8	Hitachi Starboard (Long Throw – no installation)*	Interactive Classroom	€3000	10	5	7	8	9	78%	Only IWB with multi-finger touch, expensive but excellent technology. This option is a long-throw projector. Short throw is even more expensive.
	Hitachi Starboard (Long Throw)*	Interactive Classroom	€3445	10	4	8	8	9	78%	Only IWB with multi-finger touch, expensive but excellent technology. This option is a long-throw projector. Short throw is even more expensive.
	Smart T20*	Various	€3700	10	5	7	8	9	78%	New Projector doesn't warrant higher price but fine IWB from Smart
11	BoardWiz*	C-IT and Bach Marketing	€2150	10	9	5	7	7	76%	Clone of Promethean but at much better value.
	Hitachi Starboard (Short Throw)	Interactive Classroom	€3675	7	5	9	8	9	76%	Only IWB with multi-finger touch, expensive but excellent technology. New lower price for short throw projector
	Hitachi Starboard (Ultra Short Throw)	Interactive Classroom	€4267	7	3	10	9	9	76%	Only IWB with multi-finger touch, expensive but excellent technology. New lower price for short throw projector

14	BoardWiz	C-IT and Bach Marketing	€1950	8	10	5	7	7	74%	Clone of Promethean but at much better value.
	Promethean Fixed (64" Long Throw)	Promethean	€2100	10	9	4	6	8	74%	Best value Promethean product with the best software. A good purchase for Promethean fans.
	Hitachi Starboard (Long Throw – no installation)	Interactive Classroom	€2800	7	6	7	8	9	74%	Only IWB with multi-finger touch, expensive but excellent technology. This option is a long-throw projector. Short throw is even more expensive.
	Hitachi Starboard (Long Throw)	Interactive Classroom	€3245	7	5	8	8	9	74%	Only IWB with multi-finger touch, expensive but excellent technology. This option is a long-throw projector. Short throw is even more expensive.
	Smart T20	Various	€3500	7	6	7	8	9	74%	New Projector doesn't warrant higher price but fine IWB from Smart
	Clasus*	Screenflex	€3500	10	5	5	8	9	74%	Promethean clone with good customer service, height adjustable
20	Traceboard	Lennox	€2450	4	9	7	8	8	72%	Reduced price announced on March 20 th on Anseo.net ups the board to a new level.
	Promethean Fixed (78" Long Throw)	Promethean	€2500	10	8	4	6	8	72%	Great value Promethean product with the best software. A bigger board than the €2100 option
	Promethean Reseller	Promethean	€2500	10	8	4	6	8	72%	Great value Promethean product with the best software. A good purchase for Promethean fans.
	Promethean (64" Short Throw)	Promethean	€2995	10	7	5	6	8	72%	An extra €895 for short throw projector? Perhaps worth it for convenience sake
24	Ebeam Wireless*	Resources 4 Learning	€2400	10	8	5	7	5	70%	Have become less popular now due to massive decreases in prices. However, it is still a fine product
	Mimio Wireless*	Diskovery	€2400	10	8	5	7	5	70%	Not available as all-in solution so this price is an estimate by adding up various components. Mimio is a decent product comparable to the Ebeam.
	Promethean (78" Short Throw)	Promethean	€3350	10	6	5	6	8	70%	An extra €850 for short throw projector? Perhaps worth it for convenience sake
	Teamboard	Sight and Sound	€3500	4	6	8	9	8	70%	Not sure about price so this is an estimate. If price is lower, this could be an even more excellent product.
28	Vosa iBoard	MRP	€1900	4	10	5	8	7	68%	Based on eBeam technology. Good service. Comparable to Rainbow Education package and Cleverboard
	Rainbow IWB	Rainbow Education	€2500	9	8	4	6	7	68%	Ebeam technology with decent software. A bit pricy unless bought in bulk.

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	Promethean (78" Boom Arm)	Promethean	€3995	10	4	5	6	9	68%	An expensive model compared to reseller product. Has a short throw projector
	Promethean 78" Height Adjustable with Boom Arm	Promethean	€4995	10	3	6	6	9	68%	Unless you have children in wheelchairs, this is an unnecessary luxury.
33	Mimio Wired*	Diskovery	€2100	10	8	4	7	4	66%	Not available as all-in solution so this price is an estimate by adding up various components. Mimio is a decent product comparable to the Ebeam.
	Ebeam Wired*	Resources 4 Learning	€2100	10	8	4	7	4	66%	Have become less popular now due to massive decreases in prices. However, it is still a fine product
	Cleverboard 3*	Shaw Scientific	€3199	10	4	4	7	8	66%	Overpriced IWB with little quirks, uses Mimio technology.
	3M with Short Throw projector*	3M	€4200	10	3	6	7	7	66%	Ebeam technology and very pricy
37	Clasus	Screenflex	€3300	4	6	5	8	9	64%	Promethean clone with good customer service, height adjustable
38	Ebeam Wireless	Resources 4 Learning	€2200	4	9	5	7	5	60%	Have become less popular now due to massive decreases in prices. However, it is still a fine product
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