

## Acer projector P1385W

The Acer P1385W projector is a versatile piece of equipment that can be used for showing videos, PowerPoints or photographs. It can connect to a wide variety of sources: CD players, DVD players, a variety of computers, external amplifiers and speakers. This note explains how to use it with a laptop for showing photographs or PowerPoints. If you want to be more ambitious, I'm happy to help.

In the past, there were many different types of connections between computers and displays. Now almost all laptops use HDMI connectors. For those that don't, such as MacBook Air, converters from its USB-C port are readily available (and cost less than £10).

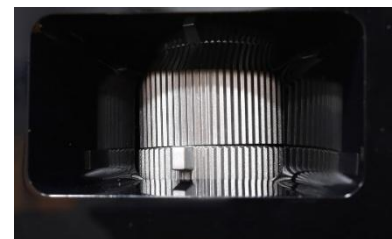


The above photo shows the back of the Acer projector. It is almost impossible to read the small text but, in the photo, the HDMI connector has been marked. There is a plastic lens cap at the front.

The control panel is on top of the projector. The ON/OFF button is top left on the panel. If the projector doesn't recognise the signal, press SOURCE until HDMI shows on the screen.



Once the image is where you want it on the screen, focus the lens using the knurled ring visible through the hole in the top of the projector (see lower photo on the right). You can zoom the lens with the second ring that has a lever.



Depending on the angle of the projector and the screen, the image can appear converging or diverging, as shown below. This is called *keystone distortion* and can be corrected by the buttons in the centre of the top row and the centre of the bottom row.

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