

Blu-ray Review: Stunning Transfer of ‘Star Trek: The Next Generation – Season One’

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CHICAGO – For the release of “Star Trek: The Next Generation,” CBS Films and Paramount went back to the original films (the show was shot on film) and remastered it directly with updated special effects and enhanced audio. It is, without question, one of the most impressive TV Blu-ray releases to date. Marketing teams love to say that a release is “*like you’ve never seen or heard it before*” but it’s 100% true here. This is “The Next Generation” like you never thought you’d see it on your HD TV.



Rating: **4.0/5.0**

Words simply don’t do it justice. Watch the clip at the bottom of this review to slightly appreciate the HD transfer of “Star Trek: The Next Generation.” I say slightly because it’s not really just the special effects that are truly amazing here. It’s the little things. It’s the remastering of every scene, even the ones without notably enhanced special effects. Just watching Picard on the bridge looks amazing. And the remastered sound is incredible. Finally, the show has held up dramatically in ways I hadn’t remembered as well. Right from the very beginning, “The Next Generation” was delivering the kind of intellectual, engaging sci-fi screenwriting that is just too rare in today’s TV market. It would be popular and spectacular if it debuted today, 24 years after it actually started. And it would look just about this good.



Star Trek: The Next Generation — Season One was released on Blu-ray and DVD on July 24, 2012

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Synopsis:

For the first time ever, you can experience all 25 season one episodes in glorious 1080p high definition, with true high definition visual effects and English language digitally remastered 7.1 sound - or with the original audio. You'll witness new picture detail and depth and enjoy spectacular visual effects that have been painstakingly re-created from the original film elements... not upconverted from videotape! Join Captain Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) and the entire crew of the Enterprise on a voyage to the next generation... of Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Special Features:

- o 95 Minutes Of New Documentaries Features
- o All New Cast and Crew Interviews
- o Energized: Taking the Next Generation to the Next Level
- o Stardate Revisited: The Origin of Star Trek: The Next Generation
- o Original Episodic Promos
- o Archival Launch Footage
- o Featurettes

“Star Trek: The Next Generation — Season One” stars Patrick Stewart, Michael Dorn, Brent Spiner, Jonathan Frakes, Marina Sirtis, Wil Wheaton, Gates McFadden, Denise Crosby, and LeVar Burton. It was released on Blu-ray on July 24, 2012.



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