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heads-up display noun

plural heads-up displays

: a system that projects information onto a usually transparent surface that sits directly in a user's line of vision

The "*heads-up display*," or "HUD," projects an image of the speedometer, fuel gauges and other controls onto the windshield, so that a motorist could read them without looking away from the road.

— Warren Brown

... helping to develop flight simulators and *heads-up display* helmets that let airplane pilots see gauges and flight data without having to look down at the instrument panel ...

— Sabra Chartrand

→ abbreviation *HUD*

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— Mitchell Clark, *The Verge*, 15 Mar. 2023 [↗](#)

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