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Stay tuned to your local stations for more information. You do not need to purchase new equipment or services to rescan. You do not need to purchase new equipment or services to rescan. If you are a cable or satellite subscriber, a rescan is not required. This process usually takes a few minutes to complete. If you have rescanning difficulties, you can usually find instructions by selecting the SetUp or Menu button on your television or converter box remote control. Consult the TV or converter box owners manual for detailed instructions on how to run a channel scan, or contact customer service for your TV or converter box manufacturer. For additional assistance, contact the FCC's consumer hotline at 18882255322 and press prompt number 6. This is a government call center not affiliated with TVAnswers.org. Click here for a list of local stations that are still working to transition to their final facilities. However, this mode keeps widescreen programs in the correct aspect ratio and fills the screen on widescreen TVs. Normal Keeps widescreen programs in their original aspect ratio, but adds black bars on both the top and bottom of the picture. Zoom Maintains the proper aspect ratio on 43 analog TVs, but crops out of the extreme right and left sides of the picture. Connectivity is standard on the DTVPal. There are two RFstyle F connectors, which are the connectors that have the screw threads on the outside and the small hole inside. One connector is an antenna input and is connected to the antenna using a coaxial cable. This means you can send analog video and audio from the DTVPal to your TV by connecting a coaxial cable. In addition to the F connectors, the DTVPal has a composite video output along with stereo RCA analog outputs the standard yellow, red, and white outputs. If your TV has the proper inputs, you should use this output as it offers superior audio and video quality compared with the RF connection. <http://dinskayarealty.ru/media/canon-4350d-manual.xml>

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For most people, the usefulness of this feature is fairly limited, as after February 19, 2009, almost all analog transmitters will be turned off. Sure, there will be still be a few lowpower location stations, or if you live close to the border with Mexico, you might be able to get some analog Mexican stations, but for the vast majority of people this feature just isnt that important. Still, its a nice convenience for people whod like to continue using analog stations until February 2009. The instructions are in the manual, but basically you need to connect a GLink cable from your TV Guide On Screen capable device, set up the IR blaster in front of the DTV Pal, and set the DTVPal to TV Guide On Screen mode. We didnt have any TV Guide On Screen capable devices on hand to test this, but its a nice extra for those who use the service. Theres the manual, a single RF cable, and a couple of AA batteries for the remote that's it. Thats pretty stingy, as we expect at least composite video cable with stereo audio cables the standard yellow, red, and white cables to be included with these boxes. Overall, its not a huge issue you can pick up a cheap composite video cable or better quality RF cable for a few bucks but it really should be included in the box. Theres no SVideo output, which can provide slightly better quality than composite. Theres also no port to connect a Smart Antenna which is an antenna that is able to automatically adjust itself to improve reception. Considering the high price of Smart Antennas weve seen so far, this isnt a big omission. From our Manhattan office, we were able to tune into all the major networks and rarely saw any breakups associated with a poor signal. We were also able to receive a whole host of additional channels, such as PBS from multiple cities, The CW, My 9, plus some religious and Spanish channels. Remember, youll only be able to tune into the free stations broadcast over the air that means no Comedy Central, CNN, and so

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When we compared it directly with the Zenith DTT900, it came up a bit short on total channel count, but only by a few. Also remember that our testing environment is urban, and performance will vary greatly depending on local terrain. We compared it headtohead with the Zenith DTT900 using the composite video input, and we found the DTVPal to be a tad softer, with more jaggies and other image imperfections. It was nearly as bad as the GE 22730, and more comparable to the image quality of the RCA DTA800. We noticed these differences on an HDTV where the quality differences are more pronounced so users of standard analog TVs will notice fewer differences. Lets round up some of its best. Lets round up Amazons best gems. We delete comments that violate our policy, which we encourage you to read. Discussion threads can be closed at any time at our discretion. To calculate the overall star rating and percentage breakdown by star, we don't use a simple average. Instead, our system considers things like how recent a review is and if the reviewer bought the item on Amazon. It also analyzes reviews to verify trustworthiness. See All Buying Options Add to Wish List Disabling it will result in some disabled or missing features. You can still see all customer reviews for the product. I dropped my DISH satellite service recently due to higher prices in a tough economy and also realized I wasnt watching that many cable channels. After noticing that most TV stations are sending multiple digital channels over the air, I had close to 40 channels in my area. After connecting the DVR, it automatically located all the channels. It even adds channels automatically when stations add more digital channels. I use two simple antennas with a TV amp in the attic, pointed at right angles to each other for best signal reception of all stations. The farthest stations are about 65 miles away, but theyre on a mountain top, and have a great signal. There is a signal strength meter on each channel.

Nice feature about digital TV is signal looks great great until almost gone. However bad weather does affect the higher frequency TV channels, much like satellite TV. I notice brief signal lapses when bad weather or heavy storm clouds come through my area. As others have said, this product is really a duplicate version of the DISH satellite DVR without the satellite tuner, since its made by the same vendor. The internal TV Guide only updates itself about 24 hours in advance on a daily basis by each station, which is a negative compared to satellite TV, but users can look at their weekly newspaper TV and program the DVR for the special TV programs one or two weeks in advance if needed or leaving town. But overall the TV Guide still works nicely for recording weekly programs. You only set it once for recording weekly programs. There are many extra features that you may not use, but I still use my large screen standard def TV. When it fails, Ill switch to HDTV, so I wont need any new DVR as this handles both formats. The remote control is also a duplicate of their DISH satellite product. Still very intuitive for new users with many features as well. There is some extra programming that needs to be done on the DVR compared to their satellite product for your favorite weekly TV programs, but once set, it works great. Overall, Im happy with this DVR product and I dont miss the cable channels that I used to watch. The instruction manual was easy to use and had some great tips for best signal and recording. Ive had the DVR for one month. I can still watch most of my favorite cable channel programs on the Internet. I believe more programs will be viewed using the Internet. I noticed more HDTVs are adding the Internet interface for TV services like Netflix and Blockbuster, Hulu TV and others. Since the different networks and cable channels are broadcasting their week old programs on the Internet, new products are evolving for those services.

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Youll just need a faster Internet service to handle all these different TV services. I can record what I dont have time to watch at time of show. Please try again later. From the United States I dropped my DISH satellite service recently due to higher prices in a tough economy and also realized I wasnt watching that many cable channels. Youll just need a faster Internet service to handle all these different TV services. Please try again later. Please try again later. Steve 4.0 out of 5 stars At that

time, they were being sold with an SD tuner installed as well, so I could still record broadcast TV shows on my old VCR. I only watch broadcast TV; I live in a rural area that has poor cable service and I didn't want to pay for satellite since I don't watch that much. At the same time, I'm not home when a lot of the shows I like are on the air, so I need a recorder. I thought I could get by with a converter box hooked up to my old VCR, but that only works when you're there to control it. Since the VCR is no longer tuning the channels, you have to be there to change channels on the converter box. Not a great solution, although it has limited use. For a long time the only option available was TiVo. But I already know what I want to record; I already know when the shows are on. Why should I pay TiVo a monthly fee to tell me what I already know. Overall I'm very satisfied with it. I see no difference between the broadcast show and the recorded show. Very easy to set up recording. If you want to record a show onetime, you can just select it when you're in the programming guide, and press the record button. If you want to set it up to do a repeat recording daily, weekly, etc. it's only a few easy additional steps. The programming guide is far superior to the onair guide my HDTV provides. This DVR gets its program information from the onair broadcasts just like the TV, but the presentation and ease of browsing is much better. I love the ability to pause, rewind, fastforward.

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Even watching live TV. My TiVo friends were all extolling the virtues of TiVo because it offers these features. The very first thing you should do after the initial setup is complete is go out to the web page and download the latest version of the DVRs operating system. Mine had several annoying issues that were resolved by updating the software, but when you do that you lose all the channel and programming information though not any recorded shows and it all has to be reconfigured. Update the software right after you plug it in. I will give em this it is very easy to update. The Guide supposedly stores a weeks worth of programming info, but in reality it only goes forward about 12 hours. You don't want to do this at a time when you would be watching or recording, because it interrupts everything, so I set it to 2 am. Its annoying. The software should give me the option of disabling that, but as far as I can tell, I can't. It started up one evening with time set to 12 noon. The next day it was back to being correct, and it DID NOT mess up the scheduled recordings, but still that indicates an instability in the operating system. This next one is particularly annoying, but requires some explanation. There are two HD tuners in the DVR so that you can record two shows simultaneously. This really is great, I love it. That's not the annoying part. You can also set a system default to start all recordings a few minutes early and end a few minutes late you can select the number of minutes. This is also a great feature. The broadcasters clocks don't always coincide with mine. However, when recording two backtoback programs on the same channel, it temporarily uses both tuners for the 12 minutes of overlap most users set. It is recording the same show on both tuners. If you have another show on a different channel set to start recording at the same time as the second show on the first channel, one of them will not record because there are only two tuners.

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And it doesn't just not record the first few minutes because of the overlap. Once it detects that there are effectively three shows set to record at the same time, it cancels one of them and never starts it back up. Now that I have figured this out, I can live with it, but the software should be sophisticated enough to do this for me. I keep getting an annoying onscreen popup message that the ethernet connection has been lost, and it can't check for updates. This happens once per night. There is no offswitch no kidding. The only way to turn it off is to unplug it. If your entertainment center is like mine, the outlets are all hidden behind the furniture. But a big problem for this DVR if you ever need to turn it off. Yes, you can hit the power button on the remote, but the hard drive runs continuously and the unit is always putting out a noticeable amount of heat. Also, twice before I updated the O.S. it has frozen up. If you read the users manual, it tells you that the only way to reset it is to unplug it for 30 seconds, then plug it back in. FORTUNATELY, that is apparently not true. It behaves like a

locked up PC. If you hold down the power button on the remote for about five seconds, it will reboot itself without having to unplug it. Its just a signal. Im watching what Im watching. Keep recording whatever Im watching. I may want to go back to what I was watching isnt that the point of recording it. This DVR is not attractive. Hire someone to design a decentlooking case.Please try again later. Please try again later. jjinnc 5.0 out of 5 stars The video quality, in my opinion is great. The guide is really sweet. It goes to sleep on its own and handles DVR recording like a VCR only better. I was late recording the Mentalist the other night because I was wrapped up in a movie and it recorded the whole show, in spite of me being late by about ten minutes. You can zoom in your view to fill the whole screen on older tvs and the picture quality is still excellent.

The HDTV picture quality on tvs fed by HDMI is unreal. The sound is incredible when you use it this way also. I am not sure about durability yet but I will comment later if anything changes. I covered this with a extended SQUARE TRADE warranty, which I feel was a good idea considering the technology used on this thing. All the features are well thought out, even without PIP you still get a great viewing experience. My old DISH 301 remote also controls this thing. I have a UNIVERSAL remote that controls it as well, only the POWERBLASTER does not resend the signal for some reason. I am looking into this right now and will report back if I get it working with this DVR. I am very pleased with this DVR and may even cancel my sattelite subscription if it proves to be consistent in delivering.Please try again later. Please try again later. LESchwartz 5.0 out of 5 stars The guide comes from the broadcasters signal, so if there are issues with the guide complain to your local station. If you want a one year warranty, buy the Channel Master branded version CM7000DVR for a hundred dollars more. HDD is only used for storing recorded programs so if theres not enough space for you, swap in a bigger HDD once the warranty period is over. Pros NO MONTHLY FEE. Quality is head and shoulders better than my old DVRs. Easy to use. 1080 HDMI output. Dual tuners. Good remote. Keep in mind that its likely at least some of your local OTA broadcasts are true HD, whereas your cable or satellite provider probably charges extra for true HD programming. It would also be nice if they could use the Ethernet port for something besides just software updates.Please try again later. Please try again later. scr 4.0 out of 5 stars The only thing we missed was the convenience of the DVR we had through Verizon. The DTVPal is a wonderful replacement. True it might not be as fancy as the Verizon box but after being without a DVR for a month, the DTVPal sure fills the gap. Setup was easy.

A few cables to the tv and a few setup screens once the DVR was powered on and I was up and running in no time, recording our shows, pausing and rewinding live tv, etc. Somehow the box updated itself to the latest firmware after it was powered up so I didnt even have to bother with that. The HD picture on my 37 inch LCD looks great. The programming guide is impressive even though it only goes about 24 hours into the future and setting up events for recording our favorite shows is a snap. The remote is similar to most cable company remotes so its easy to get use to. If youre like me and are making the transition to OTA television, the DTVPal is a great way to recreate the cable television experience.Please try again later. Please try again later. CBRGuy 5.0 out of 5 stars It has been working great and there has been no complaints from us. I think there was 1 issue at one point, but I was able to resolve the issue by unplugging the unit and reseting it. Havent had a problem since.Please try again later. Please try again later. Eileen 5.0 out of 5 stars Work well and east to hook up. Would buy another if neededPlease try again later. Please try again later. Jayme Harris 5.0 out of 5 stars Please try again later. Please try again later.It was reasonably priced, easy to set up and intuitive to use. Functionally identical to the more expensive Channel Master DVR. Had some issues with the remote control signal getting interfered by the TV in power saving and daylight modes, but no problems once these features were disabled. No more commercials. This saves about 20 minutes out of every hour of TV watching. Priceless.Please try again later. Please try again later. Jose Aragon 5.0 out of 5 stars Please try again later. Please try again later. For a better experience, please enable JavaScript in your browser before proceeding. It may not display this or other

websites correctly. You should upgrade or use an alternative browser.

I have a Guide Plus device Philips HDRW720 that displays TV Guide On Screen information decoded from the analog vertical blanking interval. With the digital transition coming soon this very nice feature will stop working when the local analog PBS station stops its analog transmission carrying the Gemstar TV Guide data. Recently, I purchased a DTVPal Plus with high hopes that it would solve my Guide Data issue on my DVR. The Guide Plus makes its very easy to program. The Philips HDRW720 was an excellent piece of equipment aside from the Guide Plus warts and crashing from time to time. Although the last firmware update made it much more reliable. The TV Guide is freely received over the air compared to TIVO. Basically, it makes the DTVPal Plus respond to Scientific Atlanta IR remote control commands from the GLink cable. When I set up the Guide Plus according to the manual and turn it off I can see the Philips DVR sending channel commands searching for a host channel much like it does with my cable box, but it never seems to find a host channel to get the program guide information which the book eludes the DTVPal is capable of providing. I would think it must be converting the PSIP data or some part of the digital signal to analog signal format for this to happen. I notice that the digital channel numbers are converted to what an ancient analog box can command ex. Unfortunately, there is no documentation in the manual that explains how the channels are mapped. I get about 12 channels in Decatur Alabama with rabbit ears with the DTVPal Plus in the normal mode, but when I switch to the Guide Plus command mode I can only see 6 channels when I scan from channel 199 and it seems to be lacking the PBS and CBS stations that could possibly provide the data needed. Is there any way to remap the digital to analog channel mapping in the DTVPal Plus, because my Philips HDRW720 is limited to channels 199. Thanks in advance.

I have yet to hear from anybody who has a DTVpal Plus feeding their Analog Guide Plus device with programming information. I assume there are no success stories from all that I have read on the Web. Synopsis of Dish emails 1. They recommended attempting to add the CBS channel manually with vague detail on how to do it. The local CBS channel is 191 and 192. Channel 192 was assigned to channel 59 on the DTVpal Plus. I have confirmed that both my TV and DVR send commands through the GLink IR Blaster by watching it be decoded by a Scientific Atlanta cable set top box. The DTVpal clearly handles channel 269 differently than all the other channels. It appears to map all the "major number/highest minor number" digital stations only. For example, the DTVpal Plus maps 192 to channel 59, but it does not map channel 191 in the 269 range. It will map 254 to channel 24, but it does not map 241, 242, or 243 in the 269 range. Any channel the DTVpal finds when it is initially turned on will be mapped in the range 269, but it only maps the highest minor number of the major number channel. This is clear, but Dish does not explain it. Further, they stated that if my TV must read the channel as a analog channel it is not possible. Huh Clearly, somebody does not know how their product works. Dish stated that the DTVpal Plus passes TVGOS TV Guide on screen information, but the person said they were unsure how it is compatible with Guide Plus. They recommended contacting the TV manufacturer. I suspected they were just tossing the monkey on somebody else's back. I contacted both RCA TV model F32650 and Philips DVR model HDRW720 and they both knew nothing about the Dish DTVpal and confirmed what I knew about how their devices work. Both the RCA and Philips Guide Plus systems will scan channels 299 on the DTVpal box through the GLink, but they never find a host channel. 3. The third response got to be a little strange in content.

The representative explained that the DTVpal Plus would be much more expensive and much larger if it worked the way I thought. Clearly, there is some misinterpretation here. The DTVpal Plus is a converter that outputs a signal to channel 3 or 4 to an analog TV or outputs composite video. When a SA remote control sends the channel 59 command it goes to channel 59 and the TV displays it is channel 192 59 on the TV. Clearly, channel 59 is a mapped channel. Something clearly maps channel

sequence 59 to digital channel 192. Also channel 292 is mapped to digital channel 192. This is the only way an analog TV is going to view digital channels. The question remains, does the DTVpal provide Guide Plus data to Guide Plus devices or not. So far, it has not worked for me. The Guide Plus devices are working as expected by scanning channels 299 on the DTVpal. My next step is to put a scope on the CBS and PBS signals and look at VBI 14 to see if it is there or not. BTW, my local CBS station confirms they carry the Macrovision signal. Only the highest minor channel of the major digital channel is mapped major:minor. For example, digital channels 251, 252, 253, and 254 are available, but only digital channel 254 is mapped in the channel 269 range. Digital channels 251, 252, and 253 are not mapped in the channel 269 range. This is true for all major digital channels. The 3 digit digital channel number equates to a digital channel number in the "mmn" mapping method where 2 digit major followed by 1 digit minor channels can be accessed. The first digit of the sequence is always subtracted by 1, where the channel sequence 291 equates to 191 and 292 equates to 192. For channel sequences above channel 999 4 digit channel numbers, the mapping is similar but there are some deviations. Their support only states there is no mapping, but I think it is a matter of interpretation.

The 4 digit channel numbers support the "mmnn" digital channels or simply the 2 digit minor numbers 10 through 99 for each major digital channels 199. The channel sequence 1000 equates to digital channel 110, 1089 equates to digital channel 199, 1090 equates to digital channel 210, and 9999 equates to digital channel 9999. They continue to scan in an infinite loop from channels and repeats itself. It does not map 191 in the channel 269 range. Basically, YOU CANNOT MAP the channels as the DTVpal has its own mapping. There is an exception I found through experimentation and that is if you delete the minor channels through the DTVpal menu system. In this case if you delete channels 254, 253, and 252 then and only then will 251 get mapped in the channel 269 range. Neither setting made any difference in the Guide Plus devices. Charter Communications must have changes their PBS feed from analog to digital in Decatur, Alabama during the October 15 channel lineup because it stopped working on my cable. This is what led me to the DTVpal Plus. It works quite well in the standard mode of operation. Although, I do like my colorful Guide Plus screen better. More information will be posted when Dish responds to my latest communications. What I have learned about email communication with Dish is it is a slow process and things get misinterpreted which can take another day or a week to get them back on the right track. It receives signals from all the major networks very well. In order for the TV Guide on my Guide Plus TVGOS devices to receive this type of data, the DTVpal Plus needs to be passing the Gemstar data through its output on the vertical blanking interval of the analog NTSC signal. It is the Guide Plus TVGOS devices that were working on the cable, but still work on an Over the Air antenna. Today, the Dish support folks stated the PSIP is not decoded and sent in Guide Plus format to the TV. The TVGOS mode simply passes the information.

It was suggested that I use the DTVpal's internal guide information. This sounds like double talk to me. But yet, they go on to say the DTVpal TVGOS mode passes the information. That is all that is known to be working and that is not sufficient to satisfy any Guide Plus device for programming information. My local CBS station confirms they carry the Macrovision distribution. This is what the folks at EchoStar stated. The phone support and live help support at Dish has been absolutely useless. They simply apologize and tell you they cannot help you. Devices that have worked flawlessly on the Analog television feeds and continue to work on the OTA Analog TV feeds. EchoStar needs to train their staff on this issue, but I do realize these are new issues that have overloaded manufacturers in the transition. EchoStar may have finally pinned the tail on the donkey by pointing their finger at Macrovision. I guess you will get lucky pointing the finger at somebody else eventually when you do not understand how your own product works. EchoStar stated in early February that a Macrovision representative would contact me about the issue. Nobody from Macrovision has contacted me about the DTVPal Plus issue to date. Today, I received a response

from Macrovision indicating that the Guide Data was down in my area, but this is in response to an issue I reported to them back in October 2008 when Charter Communications changed the local PBS and CBS analog feeds to digital feeds. Macrovision states they expect to resolve the issue within the next 6 weeks while they work to install equipment at the broadcast station. I believe the DTVPal Plus simply passes a digital broadcast station signal and that digital feed is converted to an NTSC format with the data placed at the appropriate VBI just like the Closed Captioning data would be passed. So, I guess I will wait with my fingers crossed and see what happens in a few months.

Since my last communication with EchoStar in early January 2009, I have called and visited numerous stores who handle HDTV's with the TV Guide feature, mainly Sony Televisions since they advertise the TV Guide feature. Nobody Sears, HH Gregg, Best Buy, Circuit City now history, REX, etc. could demonstrate the feature. Most of the stores say they have a satellite feed and they cannot demo the feature. I have asked each and everyone of them if I could hook up a pair of rabbit ears overnight to see if it actually works or not. None of the stores were willing to attempt receiving an OTA signal to see if it would work. Why would anybody purchase a TV with a feature that cannot be seen. What has happened to sales people. Are sales people really just cash register attendants these days. If you want to sell something you should be prepared to demo it. How can a company like Sony allow retailers to get away with this type of attitude as it does not promote their TV over anybody else's TV. The marketing people have missed their calling. Will Macrovision let TIVO once again take the lead in the digital transition due to ignorance. Sony should mandate their resellers have the ability to demo their features or pull their product from unqualified retail stores. Perhaps, nobody really cares. Why put any features in a product if there is no return on the investment When I turned the TV off it started sending the channel commands via the GLink cable every 60 seconds to the DTVPal Plus as normal to scan from channel 299 looking for a host channel. A few hours later I checked on the TV and notice the TV was no longer sending commands to change the channel on the DTVPal Plus box. This is very evident because the LED on the DTVPal does not flash when there are no commands send to it via the GLink cable. Of course, my blood was pumping with excitement since that means the TV found a host channel or the firmware has crashed.

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