



buyers GUIDE

Make and model	Receiver price	Dig satellite tuner	Dig terrestrial tuner	Ana terrestrial tuner	No of tuners	Hard disc size	Hard disc video capacity	Rec quality levels	MP3 playback	Background rec	Live TV Cache	Pause recording	EPG provider	EPG days	Modem	USB port	Ethernet port	No of Scarts	S-video outputs	Digital audio outs	Dolby Digital	UHF tuning range	Comments	Rating (%)	Tested
Echostar PVR-5020	£469	●	-	-	2	80GB	60 hours	1	●	●	●	●	DVB	7	-	●	-	2	●	●	●	21-69	Not that cheap, but still an excellent twin tuner sat PVR	87	Jun 05
Eycos 550.12	£469/ 569	●	-	-	2	80GB	40 hours	1	-	-	●	●	DVB	7	-	●	-	2	●	●	-	21-69	Sat PVR with multi-stream recording, good features, but a bit complex	77	Mar 06
Finepass FSR-5000 TDR	£235	●	-	-	2	-	-	1	●	●	-	●	DVB	8	-	-	-	2	-	●	●	21-69	Add your own hard disc to a well-featured twin tuner PVR	87	Jul 04
Humax PVR 9100	£459	●	-	-	2	80GB	40 hours	1	●	-	-	●	DVB	7	-	●	-	2	-	●	-	21-69	Capable twin-tuner sat PVR. Niggling recording and playback issues	77	Mar 05
Humax PVR 9200T	£230	-	●	-	2	160GB	80 hours	1	●	●	●	●	DVB	8	-	●	-	2	-	●	●	21-69	Dual-tuner DTT PVR with huge hard disc. Superb value	85	Apr 06
Inverto IDL-7000T	£220	-	●	-	2	80GB	80 hours	2	-	●	●	●	4TV	14	-	-	-	2	●	●	-	21-69	Good value twin-tuner DTT PVR with 14-day EPG. Minor operating niggles	80	Aug 05
Kaon KVR 1000 Plus	€900	●	-	-	2	80GB	80 hours	3	●	●	-	●	DVB	8	-	●	●	2	●	●	●	21-69	PVR-ready receiver. Can also store and play back images and MP3 files	90	Jan 05
Kaon KTSC-N550H2	£399	●	●	-	2	120GB	60 hours	1	●	●	●	●	DVB	7	-	●	-	2	●	●	-	21-69	Versatile satellite/DTT PVR combi. Minor DTT/playback niggles	85	Oct 05
Kaon KVR1000 DAB	£499	●	-	-	1	250GB	130 hours	3	●	●	●	●	DVB	7	-	●	●	2	●	●	●	21-69	Twin-tuner sat PVR with DAB radio. Usability could be better	78	Jan 06
Manhattan ST-350	£190	●	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	●	-	●	DVB	8	-	-	-	2	-	●	-	21-69	Limited PVR features compensated for by two CI slots and Irdeto CAM	85	Dec 04
Manhattan ST-550	£250	●	-	-	1	120GB	60 hours	1	-	●	-	●	DVB	8	-	-	-	2	-	●	●	21-69	PVR facilities lacking, but blind search and antenna compatability	87	Feb 05
Sagem PVR 6240T	£130	-	●	-	2	40GB	20 hours	1	-	●	●	●	DVB	8	-	-	-	2	-	●	-	-	Budget twin-tuner DTT PVR. Let down by poor picture and no dual recording	68	Oct 05
Sagem PVR 7280T	£180	-	●	-	2	80GB	40 hours	1	-	●	●	●	DVB	8	-	-	-	2	-	●	-	21-69	Twin-tuner DTT PVR with Top-Up TV support. Cheap but basic	68	Feb 06
Panasonic TU-CTH100	£260	-	●	-	2	80GB	40 hours	1	-	●	●	●	DVB	8	-	-	-	2	●	●	-	21-69	DTT PVR. Useful editing features but noisy HD and control quirks	69	Oct 05
Technisat Digicorder S1	£279	●	-	-	1	80GB	60 hours	1	●	●	-	●	DVB	8	-	-	-	2	-	●	-	21-69	Good connectivity and setup but some features could be improved	73	Aug 04
Thomson DHD 4000	£199	-	●	-	2	40GB	26 hours	3	-	●	-	●	4TV	8	-	-	-	2	●	●	●	21-69	Great DTT PVR with ever-improving features	84	Aug 04
Topfield TF5800 PVR	£299	-	●	-	2	160GB	80 hours	1	●	●	-	●	DVB	8	-	●	-	2	●	●	-	21-69	Twin-tuner DTT with Top-Up TV and huge hard disc. A winner	85	Sept 05
Metronic (Re)Play box	£230	●	-	-	1	40GB	20 hours	1	-	-	-	●	DVB	7	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	21-69	Good pictures, but poor connectivity and PVR features	77	Sep 04