



Digital terrestrial receivers

A Digital Terrestrial (DTT) receiver can be used to receive digital TV through your aerial (either Freeview or Top-Up TV). Check online (www.freeview.co.uk) to see if you can receive it.

Top-Up TV: Indicates whether the box has a card slot suitable for viewing Top Up TV. Some older DTT adapters have a CI slot into which you can insert the Top Up TV CAM and card

Analogue UHF loopthrough: Passes standard analogue

PAL TV signals to a TV or VCR: PAL TV signals to a TV or VCR

Manual scan: Users can set a frequency to scan for a digital multiplex

Event timers: Set-top box can be programmed to turn on a specified channel

EPG (days): The amount of programme information

available in advance.

N+N = now and next information only

MHEG-5: Software required to view interactive services

Software update: Improvements/bug fixes are transmitted over the air using your PC's serial port or

by phone line

Letterbox mode: Allows the adapter to display widescreen programmes in their original ratio on 4:3 TVs

Parental lock: A four-digit PIN number can be used to lock certain channels

Make and model	Receiver price	Top-Up TV	UHF loopthrough	Manual scan	Event timers	EPG provider	EPG days	MHEG-5	Software update	Parental lock	Number of Scarts	S-video outputs	Letterbox mode	Stereo audio outputs	Digital audio outputs	UHF output range	Comments	Rating (%)	Tested
Audioline FTA300	£40	-	●	-	5	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	-	●	-	21-69	Cheap-as-microchips adapter ideally suited to a second TV setup	70	May 05
Digenius TV box ST6CI	£299	-	●	●	12	DVB	8	-	OTA	-	2	-	●	●	●	21-69	DTT/satellite combi provides fantastic picture quality but an unfriendly interface	65	Dec 05
Digitfusion FRT101T	£90	●	●	-	5	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	●	-	21-69	Top-Up TV box has good picture and audio but poor user interface	60	Feb 05
Echostar T-101FTA	£75	-	●	-	4	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	-	-	21-69	Lots of good features but connectivity is lacking	-	Feb 04
Ferguson FD1 Prism	£70	-	●	●	-	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	1	-	●	-	-	21-69	Novel design, but this Freeview box is lacking in features	65	Mar 06
General Satellite TE-7010	£49	-	●	-	5	DVB	8	-	OTA	●	2	-	-	-	●	21-69	Budget Freeview adapter with above-average connectivity and features	70	Mar 06
Goodmans GDB3	£99	-	●	●	5	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	●	-	21-69	Pretty average specs for an adapter, but good software and performance	-	Dec 03
Hauppauge DEC1100-T	£80	-	●	●	-	DVB	N+N	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	●	-	21-69	Provides excellent picture in weak signal areas, but single Scart and now-and-next EPG are limiting	62	Jan 05
Humax F2-FoxT	£99	-	●	●	-	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	●	-	21-69	The satellite veteran offers up a quality adapter with great performance	-	Jan 04
Humax DV1100T	£199	-	●	●	20	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	●	●	21-69	This Freeview/DVD combi is a great-looking and performing space-saver	-	Feb 04
Inverto IDL-3000T	£100	-	●	●	-	4TV	14	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	●	●	21-69	Easy to use adapter with 14-day EPG. Rather bland-looking, however	78	May 05
Mustek DVB-T202	£89	-	●	●	-	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	●	●	21-69	Lacklustre picture and no timer let down this Freeview/DVD combi	69	Mar 05
Netgem iPlayer+	£130	●	-	-	-	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	●	●	21-69	Newly upgraded adapter with internet, Top-Up TV, and (limited) - media streaming. Impressive	82	Aug 04
Pace DT-210F	£90	-	●	●	12	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	●	●	21-69	Successor to the DTVA, this is an excellent upgrade with a sensitive tuner	-	Jan 04
Panasonic TUJCT30	£99	-	●	●	-	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	●	-	21-69	Not the sexiest-looking adapter but easy to operate. No digital audio output, though	78	Sep 04
Philips DTR1500	£100	-	●	●	-	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	●	●	21-69	Polished first DTT effort from Philips. Excellent 'pulse killer' tuner	-	Nov 03
Pioneer DBR-TF100GB	£100	-	●	●	10	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	●	●	●	●	21-69	Great-looking adapter with good connectivity and useful features	-	Nov 03
Sagem ITD66	£90	-	●	-	6	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	●	●	●	●	21-69	Pictures prone to artefacting, but has a novel digital photo displayer	60	Feb 05
Sony VTX-D800U	£115	-	●	-	8	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	●	●	●	●	21-69	Excellent adapter from Sony with stylish vertical-standing case	-	Nov 03
Strong SRT-5000T	£99	-	●	-	8	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	-	-	21-69	Small with excellent operating system but lacking in some areas	-	Oct 03
Technisat Digital1	£100	-	●	-	8	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	●	●	-	-	21-69	Compact easy-to-use adapter, but its features don't justify the price	-	Oct 03
Thomson DT1 2300	£80	●	●	-	8	DVB	8	●	OTA	●	2	-	●	-	-	21-69	The best of the first generation of Top-Up TV-ready adapters	90	Nov 04