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Your guide to

Recording equipment and the digital TV switchover



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Will your VCR or analogue DVD recorder be affected by switchover?

If your equipment is not digital then it **will** be affected by switchover. It will still be able to record and playback programmes from a digital TV or box, but it will not be able to record one channel while you watch another.

To be able to do this, you will need a digital TV recorder.

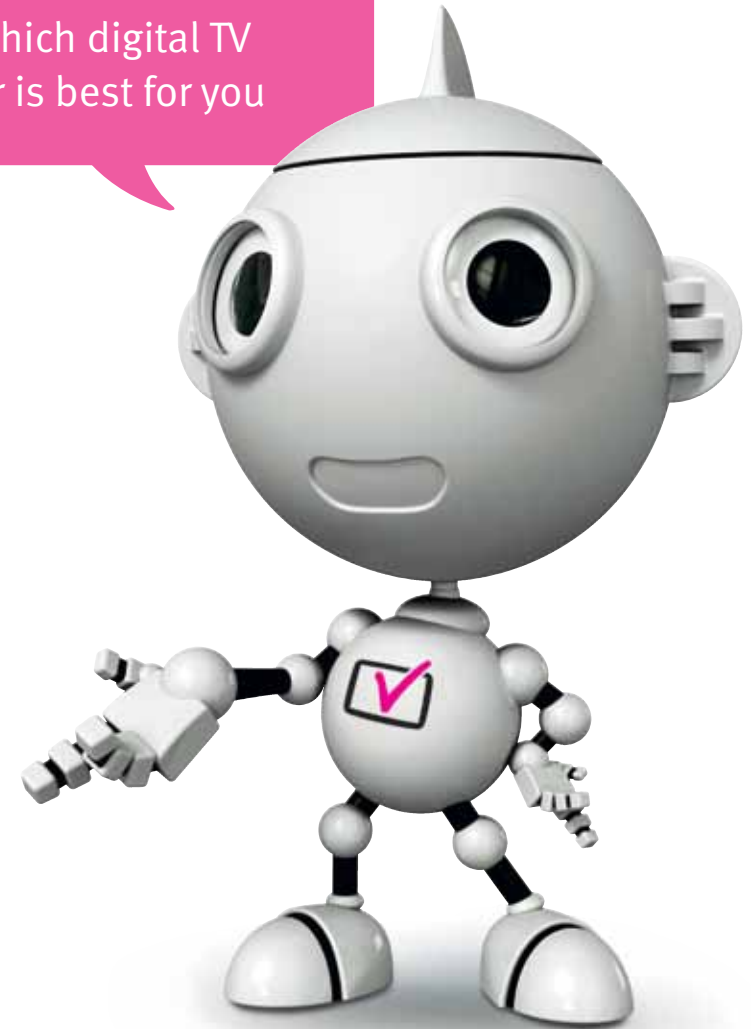
If you buy a digital TV recorder with a 'twin-tuner' it will also convert your TV to digital.

What are the benefits of getting a digital TV recorder?

A digital TV recorder with a 'twin-tuner' allows you to:

- Convert your TV to digital without the need for extra equipment
- Record at the touch of a button, no tapes or timers required
- Pause and rewind live TV
- Record a whole series at once
- See what TV programmes are on or coming up via the on-screen guide

We recommend you speak to a local electrical retailer about which digital TV recorder is best for you



How to choose which digital TV recorder is best for you

There are several types of digital TV recorder that offer different functions. To choose your best option, think about how you use your recording equipment.

Types of digital TV recorder are as follows:

1 Hard disk recorder

Best if you regularly record, watch and erase TV programmes. All main digital TV providers offer a hard disk recorder; see the table on page 6.

- If it has a 'twin-tuner' it will convert your TV to digital at the same time
- Records onto the hard disk, no tapes required
- Some models allow external hard disks to be connected if you want to store and transfer recordings



2 Digital DVD recorder (only Freeview models available)

Ideal if you like to record programmes onto removable discs.

- Plays pre-recorded or personal DVDs
- Records onto DVDs
- Some models have a combination of DVD and VHS tape recording









3 Combi recorder

Ideal for recording onto hard disks and DVDs.



Hard disk recorder options

	Provider	Cost*	Contact
ONE-OFF PAYMENT		Freeview+ box costs from £79.99 – £250. No contract, no set-up costs.	www.freeview.co.uk
		Freesat+ HD box costs from £189.99. No contract, no set-up costs.	0845 313 0057 www.freesat.co.uk
MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION		Sky+ box costs £49, installation £30 (for new Sky TV customers). Sky+ box costs £99, installation £60 (for existing Sky TV customers). Sky+ HD box costs is free with a HD subscription at £10.25 per month (installation as above). All installations are one-off costs.	08442 410 285 www.sky.com
		V+ HD box is free with extra large TV and £5 a month with medium+ and large TV packs. One-off HD activation cost of £49.95.	0800 052 2525 www.virginmedia.com
		Vision+ box costs £90 with no subscription. Or it's free with an on-demand subscription at £12.50 a month. One-off activation cost of £30. BT Broadband is also required.	0800 678 1984 www.bt.com/tv
		Top Up TV recorder costs from £99.99. No installation costs or contract required.	08442 125 050 www.topuptv.com

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* Prices correct at time of printing, February 2011. † This is a predictive coverage database and should be used as a guide only.

Do you want to record and watch in high definition (HD)?

- If you want to record in high definition you will need an HD recorder. You can buy an HD recorder from Sky, freesat and Virgin Media
- To record and watch in HD you need an HD ready TV with an HDMI connection

You don't need an HD TV or recorder to be ready for switchover



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