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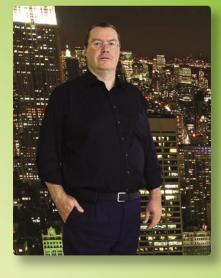
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对于《国际卫星电视》的订户来说,将 首次和杂志一起收到 'SatcoDX 套装软 件'的CD-ROM 。这是一套内容与SatcoDX 卫星图表一样的软件,在你的计算机里 面装载上全部的 SatcoDX 数据库,通过 于'SatcoDX 更新者',每隔一个小时更 新一次。一些'SatcoDX 套装软件'订阅 客户直接安装了这个数据库,而其他人则 通过手动输入数据。

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标准。使用这些信息,数据文件就很容易 定义成接收机数据库。当然, 'SatcoDX 更新者'也提供csv、xml 或 sdx 格式 的卫星图表。

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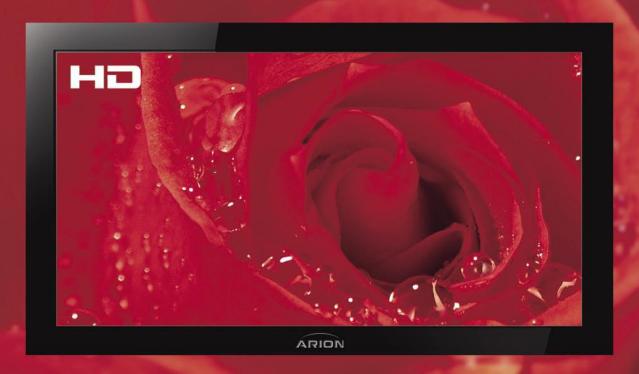








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New research from media analyst Screen Digest suggests that by 2012, only 20% of all European households with high definition (HD) displays will actually be watching in HD. By the end of last year 18% of the 165 million European TV households were equipped with HD displays, although less than 1% of these were fully HD-enabled (equipped with an HD set-top box and an HD subscription enabling them to watch HD broadcasts). The report identifies three "critical success factors" necessary for the technology to really take off in the region: penetration of HD displays, supply of HD content and the availability of HD broadcast platforms.

#### WORLDSPACE PARTNERS WITH STM FOR DIGITAL RADIO

STMicroelectronics has signed an agreement with WorldSpace Satellite Radio to develop, manufacture and distribute chips for European Satellite Digital Radio (ESDR) receivers planned for a WorldSpace pan-European and Middle East service offering, starting with Italy in 2009. The agreement between WorldSpace and ST is expected to lead to the first fully integrated device for channel decoding in ESDR receivers. ESDR technology enables WorldSpace to employ a hybrid satellite-terrestrial network.

#### **AUSTRIA**

#### **TELEKOM AUSTRIA PASSES 50.000 AONTV SUBSCRIBERS**

Telekom Austria has now reached 50.000 customers for its "AonTV" IPTV service. The operator is offering a basic package on AonTV for free for six months to subscribers who sign up before the end of September, as well as the set-top box for a discounted price of EUR 29.90.

#### **BALTICS EYE IPTV GROWTH**

The Baltic countries will enjoy significant growth in development of IPTV over the next five years, says a report released by industry analysts Screen Digest. According to the report, Estonia is set to lead the growth, as its Baltica DigiTV, which already occupies a significant proportion of the local pay TV market, is expected to reach 20% of Estonia's households by 2012.

#### **VIGINTA OPTS FOR WIDEVINE CYPHER PROTECTION**

Lithuanian telecommunications services provider Viginta has selected downloadable content protection from Widevine to secure content delivered over DTT, hybrid QAM (cable) and IPTV networks. Widevine Cypher will be used to manage the delivery of broadcast and video on demand content over its multiple networks delivery systems, which include MMDS, fibre rich Metro Ethernet and Hybrid Fibre Coaxial networks, to a range of consumer devices.

#### **TEO ARRIVES TO 28.000 IPTV SUBSCRIBERS**

Lithuanian operator TEO has released its results for the first half of this year and states that it now

has 28 000 subscribers for its IPTV service, up. from 25.000 at the end of the first quarter of 2008.

#### **BELTELECOM LAUNCHES IPTV SERVICE IN MINSK**

Beltelecom has launched an IPTV service in Minsk and the new service will be deployed in other parts of the Republic from this autumn. General Director, Kanstantsin Tsikar, said that Beltelecom plans to charge a one-off payment of BYR 30.000 (USD 14) for IPTV subscribers, plus a monthly rental of BYR40.000. Beltelecom's IPTV offering currently carries 20 TV channels.

#### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

#### **O2 ARRIVES CLOSE TO 100.000 IPTV SUBSCRIBERS**

Telefónica O2 reached 98.000 subscribers for its O2 TV IPTV service by the end of the first half of this year, up from 87.173 at the end of March. Revenues from broadband-based services (ADSL, IPTV and content) rose 13.9% in the first half of this year relative to the same period of last year to reach CZK2 billion (USD133.5 million).

#### **FRANCE**

#### **HD LICENSES AWARDED**

French regulatory body Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel (CSA) has allocated an HDTV channel licence to Canal+ its pay-TV offering on DTT. CSA previously awarded free-to-air HD licences to TF1. M6. France 2 and Arte. Canal+ was the only payTV channel to apply for the HDTV licence.

#### FRANCE TELECOM IPTV **SUBSCRIBERS UP 76%**

France Telecom had a total of 1.54 million IPTV subscribers in Europe by the end of the first half of 2008, up 76% from 872.000 one year previously. The operator had 1.389 million IPTV subscribers in France alone, an increase of 65.9% by the same comparison.

#### **GERMANY**

#### **DEUTSCHE TELEKOM SIGNS IPTV DEAL WITH MTV**

Deutsche Telekom has signed a deal with MTV Networks Germany to offer the latter's content in the VOD library of the operator's IPTV service T-Home Entertain. Programmes cost EUR 0.99 for a 24-hour rental. T-Home Entertain customers will have unlimited access to all available content from Nickelodeon with a subscription to the 'Kids Selection' package, costing EUR 4.99 per month.

#### **LIECHTENSTEIN**

#### **ERICSSON TO UPDATE TELECOM** LIECHTENSTEIN'S NETWORK

Ericsson has signed an agreement with Telecom Liechtenstein to upgrade and expand their ADSL network with the new VDSL2 technology. VDSL2, based on Ericsson's advanced EDA1200 product, enables Telecom Liechtenstein wide deployment of multiplay services e.g. voice, video and data as well as HDTV, IPTV, Video on Demand, high speed Internet access and interactive gaming. Network deployment and integration has already started.

#### **POLAND**

#### TP TO LAUNCH ORANGE TV SERVICE

Poland will be the next country to get an Orange TV service under plans unveiled by Telekomunikacja Polska (TP), majority-owned by France Telecom. TP, which already operates the Orange mobile network in Poland, has now acquired rights to extend its usage of the brand across TV, internet access and other activities. TP said it would roll out the service in Poland within the next 12 months.

#### PORTUGAL

#### **MEO IPTV SERVICE REACHES** 100.000 SUBSCRIBERS

Portugal Telecom said its new Meo IPTV and satellite pay-TV service has reached 100.000 subscribers since its launch in April. The operator said Meo subscribers account for 15 per cent of its ADSL clients, adding that net subscriber additions in the second quarter have totalled over 53.000.

#### ROMANIA

#### **ROMTELECOM TO LAUNCH IPTV TRIAL**

RomTelecom will begin IPTV trials later this year, according to its TV business manager Miroslaw Smyk. The Romanian incumbent already offers pay-TV via a DTH platform with more than 500,000 subscribers.

#### **RUSSIA**

#### SISTEMA CHOOSES NDS FOR IPTV AND MOBILE TV

Sistema Mass Media (SMM) has selected the NDS Unified Headend to manage and protect TV content delivery to subscribers across both IP and mobile networks. The NDS Unified Headend integrates CA, DRM and third party applications, allowing operators to deliver secure broadcast and VOD services to a variety of devices - set-top boxes, mobile phones, PCs, Portable Media Players and digital video recorders.

#### **SCANDINAVIA**

#### **VERIMATRIX SECURES** TELIASONERA'S IPTV SERVICE

TeliaSonera has deployed the Verimatrix Video Content Authority System (VCAS) for the tier one telecommunications operator's successful IPTV services in the Nordic region, Estonia and Lithuania. Telia Digital-TV, which was one of the first IPTV services in Europe to launch in 2005, offers subscribers 70 channels such as Discovery and the Disney Channel and a 24-hour on-demand library of movies.

#### **TELIASONERA ARRIVES TO** 430.000 IPTV SUBSCRIBERS

TeliaSonera reached nearly 430,000 subscribers for its IPTV service across all markets by the end of the second quarter of this year, with total pay-TV customers including cable and satellite operations reaching a total of 816,000. The telco had 320,000 IPTV subscribers in Sweden alone by the end of the second quarter of this year, adding just 2,000 in the period, this gives a year on year increase of a respectable 162,000 customers. The number of IPTV subscribers in Norway alone doubled to 8,000 between April and June, while in Lithuania the figure rose by 10,000 to reach 35,000, and in Estonia the company added 4,000 subscribers to reach 64,000.

#### THOMSON TEAMS UP WITH TELENOR FOR IPTV DEPLOYMENT

Telenor has selected Thomson to provide services and hardware to assist it to deploy IPTV services in Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Thomson will providing Telenor with its SmartVision video services platform, which incorporates middleware, video on demand (VoD) servers and two ranges of IP set top boxes (the DBI2210 and the DBI8500 with integrated hard drive for personal video

recording). Additionally, Thomson is integrating a conditional access content protection application from Conax.

SLOVENIA

#### TELEKOM SLOVENIJE IPTV MARKET LEADER

Telekom Slovenije has seen its share of the national IPTV market fall by three percentage points year on year in the first quarter of 2008 to reach 60.4%, according to a report by the Agency for Post and Electronic Communications (APEK). Alternative operator T2 followed in second place with a gain of just under 1% to reach a 36.3% share of Slovenia's IPTV market, with Amis and Tus Telekom accounting for the remainder.

SPAIN

#### **GREEN LIGHT FOR HISPASAT TAKEOVER**

Several Spanish companies including Abertis won permission from the European Commission for a joint venture to control Spanish satellite operator Hispasat. The companies involved, besides Abertis, include SEPI, CDTI, and INTA. Although the Commission said the deal had raised questions about vertical overlaps because Abertis ran terrestrial transmitters for TV stations and also bought satellite capacity, it decided to authorise the deal.

**SWITZERLAND** 

#### NETSTREAM SELECTS ENTONE FOR IPTV DEPLOYMENT

Swiss ISP Netstream has selected customer premises equipment from US firm Entone for its high-definition IPTV service deployments in the country. Netstream is a provider of managed services and systems integration to a number of operators in Switzerland, and selected Entone's Hydra HD IPTV video gateway and Amulet HD IPTV receiver for the service deployments.

**TURKEY** 

#### **TURKEY PREPARES TWO NEW SATELLITES**

Having successfully launched Turksat 3A in June, Turksat is preparing to launch two others, Turksat 4A and 5A. The Turkish satellite operator will decide on the features of Turksat 4A in August and launch it in 2011. Turksat 4A will offer broadcasting services covering the Middle East, Central Asia, South Asia and Africa. Work on 5A will begin in Turkey and will be completely done by Turkish engineers, with plans for a launch in 2013 or 2014.

**UNITED KINGDOM** 

#### **BBC LAUNCHES HD TESTS ON FREEVIEW**

The BBC has begun DVB-T2 test transmissions from the Guildford transmitter southwest of London, in preparation for HD on Freeview. This follows the approval by the DVB Project of the DVB-T2 specification and this will be the first time signals compliant with the DVB-T2 specification will be broadcast. DVB-T2 is the next generation digital terrestrial transmission standard for new HDTV services on Freeview. DVB-T2 can provide more capacity and this will be essential for HDTV services to be launched on Freeview, currently planned for the end of 2009.

#### **BBC TO LAUNCH UHD TV TRIALS**

In conjunction Italian and Japanese public broadcasters RAI and NHK, this September the BBC will begin trials of Ultra High Definition (UHD) TV. UHD, also known as Super Hi-Vision, produces a resolution of  $7,680 \times 4,320$  pixels which is around four times as wide and four times as high as existing High Definition TV. With 4000 Scanning Lines, NHK is promising consumers an experience which feels close enough to reality to make them want to reach out and touch the on-screen action.

#### BT ENDS FIRST HALF WITH 282.000 IPTV SUBSCRIBERS

British Telecom has signed up 68.000 customers to its pay-TV service BT Vision during the three months to June 30. The company, which launched the IPTV service commercially last summer, ended June with 282.000 BT Vision customers. While customers can sign up to BT Vision without actually taking a monthly subscription, to make the service profitable, BT needs customers to take out regular subscriptions.

#### NORTH AMERICA

#### **IPTV SUBSCRIBERS TOP 1.8 MILLION IN 2007**

The number of IPTV users in the Americas surged to 1.8 million by the end of last year, up 257.1% from 501,000 in December 2006, according to a recent report by iSuppli. The majority of that growth came from



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two leading U.S. telecom operators, AT&T and Verizon, which continued to expand their fiber-optic IPTV networks throughout 2007, and collectively served almost 1.2 million IPTV customers by year's end. This represents growth of 294.9%, from a mere 296.000 subscribers at the end of 2006.

#### **ESPIAL TO ACQUIRE KASENNA**

Canadian IPTV middleware vendor Espial Group said it will acquire Kasenna, a competitor based in California, in a USD6.5 million move that will aid consolidation in the fragmented IPTV middleware sector. According to Espial, the combined company will have more than 100 service provider customers supporting about 2.4 million IPTV customers. Kasenna customers include Cavalier Telephone, CenturyTel, Fast-Web. Kentucky Telephone. SaskTel. Tennessee Telephone, Time Warner Cable, Charter Communications and Knology. The IPTV middleware market also includes companies such as Minerva Networks, Innovate Systems, Quative, Thomson, Nokia Siemens Networks and many others.

#### CANADA

#### HDTV SIGNS EXCLUSIVE DEAL WITH **SMITHSONIAN NETWORKS**

Canadian HD broadcaster High Fidelity HDTV Inc. and Smithsonian Networks of the USA have signed an exclusive programming agreement under which programs from the US service Smithsonian Channel HD will be broadcast on Oasis HD. Equator HD and Treasure HD, three of the all-HD channels operated by High Fidelity in Canada.

#### **UNITED STATES**

#### **DISH NETWORKS OFFERS HDTV IN 61 MARKETS**

Dish Network said it now offers local HD channels in 61 markets, accounting for 68% of the country. The company will also add local HD in 22 additional markets by the fall, including Albany (NY) and Scranton (Pa). Eric Sahl, a Dish senior vice president, said the company is "aggressively moving forward with plans to reach 100 HD local markets and 100 national HD channels."

#### MONSTER CABLE OFFERS HDTV TRANSMITTER

Monster Cable will offer a wireless transmitter for HDTV signals that will connect a home theater's TV set with a digital signal box or DVD player. The wireless system is comprised of a receiver that plugs into the HDTV's HDMI port along with a transmitter unit that will hook up with the signal source. Called Monster Digital Express HD, the set-up will also upscale non-HD signals to HD resolution. The system is able to transmit a video signal up to 30 feet away using the ultra-wideband (UWB) technology from Sigma Designs.

#### AT&T LAUNCHES HDTV STREAMS

AT&T Inc's U-verse IPTV service has started offering concurrent high-definition (HD) video streams to residential consumers in some markets. Other IPTV services, including Verizon FiOS, already support concurrent HDTV streams, allowing users to view one program in HD, while recording another on a DVR at the same time.

#### **COMCAST TO INTRODUCE** DIGITAL BOXES FOR HDTV

Comcast is expected to order up to six million digital converter boxes this year in an effort to create more space for High-Definition channels, according to Multichannel News. Comcast plans to use the digital converter boxes to eliminate the need to transmit analogue signals. The converter boxes will be issued to customers who now own

analogue sets. The operator hopes to switch over 20 per cent of its entire subscriber base to all-digital in 2008. Next year, the cable operator will likely order another 12 million converter boxes to continue its phasing out of analogue signals.

#### **GLOBECAST INVESTS IN HDTV UPGRADES**

GlobeCast has completed the next phase of its U.S. HD strategy with the installation of stateof-the-art encoding and converting equipment at its broadcast centre in Culver City, California. Using gear that includes MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 HD decoders as well as the Snell & Wilcox Alchemist Ph.C HD standards converter with motion compensation. GlobeCast can receive and process HD signals into any international format. GlobeCast can also down convert to SD and deliver the signal worldwide using a combination of MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 HD/SD compression. GlobeCast also offers advanced modulation standards such as DVB-S2 to maximize capacity.

#### **IPTV NETWORK SERVICES SELECTS LATENS**

IPTV Network Services, a consortium of several IPTV service providers in the state of Utah, has successfully deployed the Latens ECOsystem (ECO) to enable its IPTV offering. Latens ECO provides IPTV Networks with a single platform comprising next generation middleware and Latens' highly regarded Conditional Access for the secure delivery of advanced content services. The affiliates of IPTV Network Services have been offering telecommunications services to over 45,000 residences and businesses in many counties.

#### **VERIZON TO MAKE AVAILABLE** 150 HD CHANNELS IN NYC

Verizon Telecom has launched FiOS services with 100 high-definition channels in parts of New York City, announcing the availability of 150 HD channels by the end of this year in sections of New York City and some other areas of the US. FIOS TV service packages start at USD 94.99 per month with 54 free HD channels.

#### **ECHOSTAR XI SATELLITE LAUNCHED**

DISH Network Corp's plan to roll out more highdefinition video channels received a boost on July 16 after the successful launch of the company's EchoStar XI broadcast satellite. DISH needs to roll out more HD channels to be able to compete with larger rival DirecTV Group, as well as cable and phone companies' video services. DISH said it would add another 17 national HD channels, bringing its total to 100 ahead of its original year-end target. DirecTV has said it will have 150 HD channels by the year-end. DISH also said it would introduce TurboHD, an all-HD programming package.

#### **XM SATELLITE AND SIRIUS COMPLETE MERGER**

XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio have completed their long-pending merger. The combined company will use the name Sirius XM Radio Inc and expects cost savings of about USD 400 million in 2009 and to post EBITDA of more than USD 300 million. The new company said it has 18.5 million subscribers

#### LATIN AMERICA

#### **COLOMBIA**

#### **ETB TO LAUNCH IPTV IN MARCH 2009**

ETB plans to start tests of an IPTV service in November of this year and launch by March of next year, according to new company CEO Fernando Panesso. He said that the telecom operator will invest COP87 billion (USD51 million) in the roll-out of IPTV in Colombia, despite regula-

tory uncertainties. ETB does not have a pay-TV licence as required by the National Television Commission, but does have a licence to operate IPTV as a value-added service, as directed by the Colombian Communications Ministry.

#### **UNE-EPM LAUNCHES IPTV SERVICE**

Une-EPM Telecomunicaciones has launched IPTV services in the capital Bogotá and also Medellin, according to local newspaper La República, becoming the country's first IPTV operator. The service includes 105 video and 50 audio channels, as well as PPV and VOD, with films costing between COP 3.500 (USD 1.95) and COP 4.700. Subscription plans cost COP 90.000 to COP 244.000 per month in Bogotá.

#### ASIA & PACIFIC

#### 2008 KEY FOR HDTV IN ASIA

Major pay-TV operators in the Asia-Pacific, Middle East and Africa expect to carry more than 340 HD television channels by 2013, up from 32 channels currently, according to a new Euroconsult report commissioned by Malaysian satellite operator Measat. By the end of the year, 70 per cent of the 25 platforms surveyed - including 21 in Asia - expect to be offering HD content, the report found. According to the report, 12 per cent currently offer HD services. The number of HD channels being offered by the platforms is forecast to reach 107 by mid-2009, 226 in 2011, and 341 in 2013. Over the next three to five years, HD will expand from between three and five channels to an average of 15 channels.

#### **AUSTRALIA**

#### **FOXTEL INTRODUCES NEW HD STB**

Foxtel has rolled out a new service, Foxtel HD+, to old and new customers with five dedicated 24/7 HD channels along with HD movies on demand, powered by a new set-top box - the iQ2. The new digital box has a 320GB hard drive to fit up to 30 hours of HD content and up to 90 hours of standard definition programs. Four tuners are aboard the iQ2. Two enabled at launch will allow for simultaneous recording and viewing, one is reserved for Foxtel On Demand and the fourth is listed by Foxtel to be "enabled in the future". New channels and on-demand HD movies are broadcast in 1080i, except for ESPN HD in 720p.

#### CHINA

#### **CCTV LAUNCHES TERRESTRIAL HDTV**

CCTV's HDTV channel started broadcasting in Shanghai in June, using the national standard single-carrier wave technology developed by Shanghai HDTV and Jiaotong University. Preparation is underway for similar broadcasts in Tianjin, Shenzhen, Qingdao, Shenyang, Qinhuangdao, and Guangzhou.

#### **CHINA TELECOM WITH 940.000 IPTV SUBSCRIBERS**

China Telecom has in excess of 940.000 subscribers for its IPTV service, and expects to pass a million subscribers very soon. The service, provided in cooperation with Shanghai Media Group (SMG), has been available in Shanghai, Jiangxu. Guangdong, Zhejiang and Shaanxi since 2005 and offers broadcast and on-demand content, as well as information services. Rival China Netcom, meanwhile, offers IPTV services in six cities including Beijing, Harbin and Shenyang, with a reported 100.000 subscribers as of May 2008.

#### **ZHONGXING-9 SATELLITE LAUNCHED**

China on June 9 launched a French-built communications satellite that was used for live TV broadcast

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of Beijing Olympics in August. The Zhongxing-9 satellite was built by Thales Alenia Space for China Satellite Communications Corporations (Satcom), one of the six basic telecommunications operators in the country under the Ministry of Information Industry.

INDIA

# AKSH LAUNCHES IPTV WITHOUT BROADBAND CONNECTION

Aksh Optifibres in association with telecom firm MTNL has launched country's first IPTV service which can be viewed without any high speed broadband connection. The company plans to invest around Rs 150 in its icontrol IPTV platform in Mumbai and Delhi, which would provide more than 100 channels to its customers. It carries all the major popular entertainment channels from the Star and Sony group and sports channels from Neo and Ten Sports. Aksh has also entered with an agreement with telecom giant BSNL and MTNL, aiming for a strong presence in urban and rural areas where the government-controlled telecom firms have vast subscriber base.

# BHARTI AIRTEL LAUNCHES IPTV WITHOUT AUTHORISATION

The Information and Broadcasting (I&B) ministry has asked the Department of Telecom (DoT) to initiate action against Bharti Airtel for launching IPTV services without obtaining the requisite approvals. While, Bharti in its response has said it has not launched commercial IPTV services, but was only doing pilots, the I&B ministry has told the DoT that private telcos have not been cleared to offer this service.

#### MTNL PROVIDES 74 IPTV CHANNELS

MTNL is currently providing as many as 74 channels through their IPTV service, compared to just around 26 free-to-air channels during launch. The company has signed up a deal with Time Broadband Services and its Israeli partner Optibase for developing and handling the content delivery network for its IPTV services. They are currently using Optibase's IPTV MGW 5100 platforms for its digital IPTV headend operation at the company's network operating centre. Time Broadband is now preparing to deploy IPTV services on both TV & PC delivery.

#### MINISTRY ACCEPTS IPTV RECOMMENDATIONS

India's Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has accepted recommendations from the Telecoms and Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for IPTV, according to local reports. The uplinking/downlinking norms will be amended to enable all broadcasters to provide signals to all distributors of TV channels, including IPTV operators, TRAI has also received a consensus from broadcasters to adopt non-discriminatory price regime on the composition of channel bouquets and the pricing of channels on an a-la-carte and bouquets basis for IPTV services.

**INDONESIA** 

#### BNS TO DESIGN HD IPTV PLATFORM FOR PT

IP solutions provider BNS has been appointed by Indonesian telecommunications provider PT. Multi Kontrol Nusantara (MKN), a subsidiary company of Bakrie Group, to design and procure a turnkey HD & SD IPTV service platform. BNS's IPTV Service Platform design will enable MKN to deliver high and standard definition video services, including multicast, VOD, Network PVR, Time-Shift-TV, eShopping, games and others.

ISRAEL

#### **SPACECOM TO PURCHASE AMOS 5 SATELLITE**

Spacecom Satellite Communications will buy the Amos 5 communications satellite from Russia's JSC Academician MF Reshetnev Informa-

tion Satellite Systems for USD 157 million. The Amos 5 satellite is scheduled for delivery and launch by March 31, 2011, and is due to operate for 15 years. Spacecom can cancel the agreement to buy the Amos 5 up to the launch if the satellite cannot be delivered, if it is found to be flawed during ground tests, or if it is lost after launch.

**JAPAN** 

#### SKY PERFECT JSAT CONSIDERS HDTV

Sky Perfect JSAT Corp. is exploring the option of expanding its satellite television business by launching a broadcasting-satellite-based digital service in 2011 to complement its communications-satellite TV offerings. In the communications-satellite TV service, the company plans to start offering 12 high-definition TV channels in October. By 2011, the number is expected to be raised to nearly 100, roughly half the firm's communications-satellite TV channels. "We aim to become one of the top high-definition TV broadcasters in the world," said Chairman Masanori Akiyama.

# JAPANESE COMPANIES AGREE ON IPTV STANDARDS

Telecoms companies Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT), KDDI and Softbank BB have teamed together with technology vendors including Sony, Matsushita Electric Industrial, Toshiba, Sharp and Hitachi, as well as the country's five major commercial TV broadcasters and public broadcaster NHK. The companies expect to draw up unified IPTV standards and urge local IPTV operators and consumer electronics manufacturers to develop compatible technologies and equipment.

**KAZAKHSTAN** 

#### **KAZSAT-1 LOST**

Kazakhstan's sole communications satellite, used by many of the country's TV broadcasters, is out of control due to a computer glitch and is likely to be lost altogether. Kazakhstan launched the Russian-built KazSat-1 satellite in June 2006, the first of four which it aimed to have in orbit by 2020 and which it said would establish the Central Asian country as a global space power. The head of Kazakhstan's National Space Agency, Talgat Musabayev, said the satellite has been out of touch since June 8 and could no longer be controlled from a space command centre in neighbouring Russia.

MALAYSIA

#### **TELEKOM MALAYSIA TO LAUNCH IPTV IN 2009**

Telekom Malaysia is to launch IPTV commercially in the second quarter of next year, as part of its drive to increase the usage of broadband services in the country, the company's CEO Datuk Zamzamzairani has said. Telekom Malaysia has reportedly been conducting trials in 400 homes in the Klang Valley, as well as in Kulim and Penang. When asked about channel offerings on the new service, the executive said that this is still in development.

**NEW ZEALAND** 

#### SKY TV TO INVEST USD 17.5 MILLION IN HDTV

SKY TV, which is controlled by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, will spend \$NZ22 million (USD17.5 million) over two years on high-definition broadcasts. The broadcaster said it aimed to get 80,000 set-top boxes installed. The new high-definition set-top boxes would cost \$NZ599, or may be rented for \$NZ15 a month. Sky TV's HD content is via a My Sky HDi set-top box that is identical to that offered by Foxtel. Sky TV subscribers also have access to five channels; Sky Sport 1 and 2, Sky Movies, Sky Movies Greats and free-to-air channel TV3.



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#### **SINGAPORE**

#### MIO TV TO AIR CONTENT FROM HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

Disney-ABC, Warner Bros. and 20th Century Fox will air more than 50 series on Singapore's Mio TV IPTV platform in a first-of-its-kind syndication deal with the country's dominant telecom, SingTel. The exclusive deal with the one-year-old platform will see series air as early as 24 hours after their U.S. broadcast. Financial terms of the licensing agreements were not disclosed. The exclusive on-demand window will last five to six months.

#### STARHUB TO ADD FIVE HDTV CHANNELS

Pay-TV operator StarHub plans to be offering five high-definition channels on its digital cable platform by the end of this year, including a sports service. HD5 and Sports HD have already joined the the existing National Geographic Channel HD and Discovery HD. A fifth high-definition channel will be up and running by year end.

#### **SOUTH KOREA**

#### **CABLE OPERATORS CRITICISE IPTV ACT**

Cable TV operators have protested against the IPTV Act prepared by the Korea Communications Commission, saying that it is disappointing to cable TV and the entire broadcasting industry as the Act is biased in favor of certain communications operators, especially KT. The KCC's IPTV Act confirms accounting separation that all backbone operators are subject to is enough to prevent them from transferring their dominating power. In addition, the IPTV act also includes PAR or Program Access Rule that cable networks have opposed, citing that the rule might cause infringement on content providers' property rights and disrupt the nation's content industry, the companies said.

#### THREE IPTV OPERATORS SELECTED FOR PILOT PROJECT

Korea Communications Commission has selected KT Consortium, Hanaro Consortium and LG Dacom Consortium for a pilot project of convergence of broadcasting and telecommunication. The selected consortium, run with 3 billion won of the public and private matching fund, plans to provide contents owned by national and public institutions to subscribers so that they can see the contents at home through IPTV. It will kick off pilot service for 600 households in December.

SRILANKA

#### SRI LANKA TELECOM PICKS UTSTARCOM IPTV SOLUTION

UTStarcom has signed a contract with Just In Time Holdings to supply its RollingStream end-to-end IPTV solution to Sri Lanka Telecom (SLT).SLT will use the RollingStream platform to bring IPTV services to its growing customer base throughout Sri Lanka. SLT, with more than 87 per cent market share and a subscriber base of more than 1.300.000 customers, expects to grow its residential and commercial business through its increased triple play capabilities now available with this IPTV deployment.

#### AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

#### **MULTICHOICE LAUNCHES HDTV**

MultiChoice launched HDTV in the South African market in July, the first of its kind in Africa. The Beijing Olympics were the first event to broadcast in HD format at the beginning of August. A new M-Net HD channel will launch at the end of August when HD PVR decoders will go on sale at major retail stores throughout the country at the price of R2499.00 (for a limited period only). To view DStv channels in HD, a customer will need a DStv decoder.

#### WORLD

#### **AFN TO GO HD BY 2014**

American Forces Network won't convert its satellite broadcast to a system that's compatible with high-definition television until 2013 for Pacific viewers and 2014 for viewers in Europe, according to Larry Sichter, Defense Media Center public affairs officer. AFN's current digital compression system packs 10 channels into a slither of satellite broadband. AFN will announce and publicize the exact details of its conversion plans sometime within the next 12 to 18 months.

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# NanoXX 9300C

#### Digital Cable Receiver of Premium Quality

- 10.000 Channels Memory, DVB-C Standard, Blind Scan 5,4,3,2,1 MHz
- QAM 16, 32, 64, 128, 256
- USB1.1 Plug for Software + Channellist Upgrades + JPG-Foto Show
- 1 Smart Card Reader for Conax, X-Crypt, DG-Crypt, Firecrypt and Crypton
- 2 Common Interface Slots



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# Matching LNBF and Dish Type

#### Jacek Pawlowski

While satellite enthusiasts in Europe are very familiar with offset dishes, their counterparts in Asia may be more familiar with primary focus antennae. Both antenna types require different LNBF's. LNBF's differ in the reception band: C/ Ku/S-Band and the polarization: linear or circular. You have to match the band and polarization with the signal you want to receive but you still can receive it with either a primary focus or an offset dish.

LNBF noise performance may be expressed either as noise figure (dB) or noise temperature (K). Those values are correlated - knowing one of them, you may calculate the other. This not a real difference but something like expressing the speed in km/h or knots.

But there is yet another parameter that you need to know when building your reception system. This is the f/D ratio of your dish and the f/D your LNBF is design for. f/D is a parameter telling you what part of the paraboloid has been "cut off" to form a primary focus dish. As you can see in Figure 1, D is a diameter of a dish and f is the focal length. Typically, the primary dishes are manufactured with the f/D = 0.28~0.42. To achieve the top performance, your LNBF should have the same f/D as your dish.

That's because the LNBF should have a proper viewing angle (feedhorn beamwidth) to "see" the whole reflector but not more. In other words, the f/D parameter defines the viewing angle of the feedhorn.

There is a picturesque mathematical formula that enables us to calculate this angle for a primary focus dish:

$$\theta = 2 \cdot \arctan\left(\frac{8 \cdot \frac{f}{D}}{16 \frac{f^2}{D^2} - 1}\right)$$

If you do not have your calculator handy, you may refer to the table we prepared for you! (table)

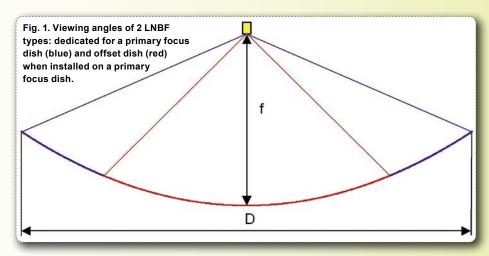
And now, probably the most important fact: the LNBF's dedicated for offset dishes

| f/D ratio | Feedhorn beamwidth [°] |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 0.28      | 167                    |
| 0.30      | 159                    |
| 0.32      | 152                    |
| 0.34      | 145                    |
| 0.36      | 139                    |
| 0.38      | 133                    |
| 0.40      | 128                    |
| 0.42      | 123                    |

will see only a portion of the reflector. The output signal will be much smaller.

How much smaller? In our example (f/ D=0.38) the LNBF will see only 58% of the reflector diameter. For example, if the actual dish has a diameter 165 cm, we can expect a performance typical for a 96 cm dish. You will get antenna gain and directional characteristics equal to 96 cm primary focus dish. Big difference, isn't it?

So, perhaps we can win something installing a prime focus LNBF on an offset dish? Absolutely not! See Figure 2. Such an LNBF will see much more than a reflector only and that means it will pick up a lot of noise from the environment. The reception will be hardly possible.

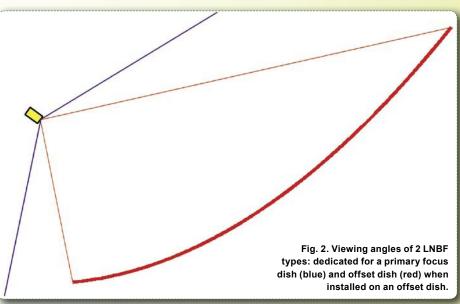


have the f/D parameter equal to 0.6. It means viewing angle 80°. The angle is calculated in accordance with a different formula because D is defined differently for an offset dish. But the most important fact is: the angle is much smaller for this kind of

We illustrated this in Figure 1. If you install a proper LNBF on the dish (f/D=0.38 in this example), its viewing angle will match the reflector size. But if you install an LNBF dedicated for offset antenna (f/D=0.6), it

If the pictures look a bit strange to you, take into account that on both of them the satellite signal is coming vertically from top to the bottom.

The final conclusion is that you cannot use a primary focus type LNBF on an offset dish but you can use an offset type LNBF on a prime focus dish. But in the latter case you will get a performance equal to a much smaller dish: 40-60% of the actual diameter depending on the f/D parameter of a



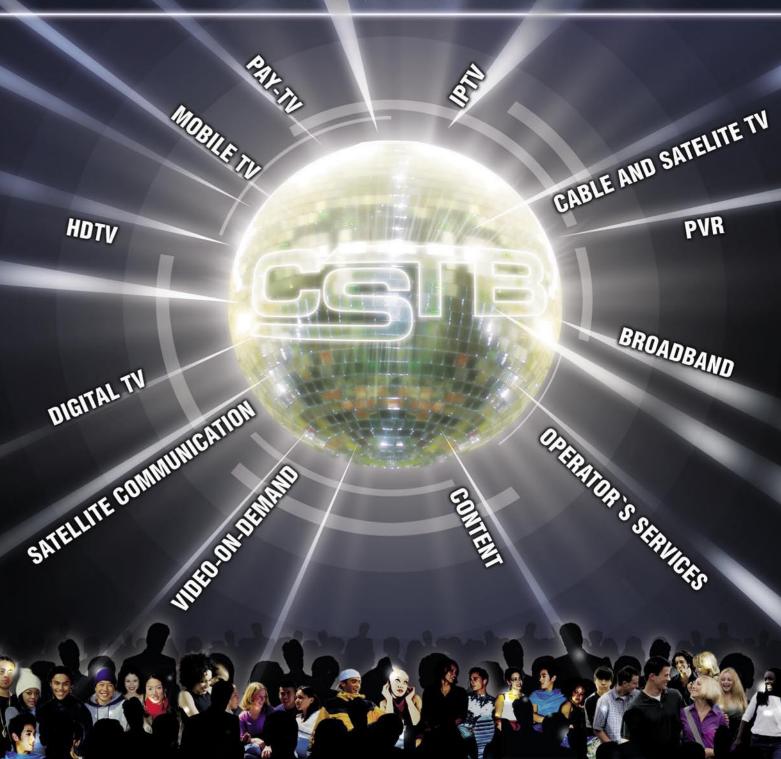


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# 典雅的高清电视 PVR 接收机 还可以外接存储

↑前几期的《国际卫星电视与宽带》中,我们已经介绍了 高端接收机制造厂家Topfield具备高清电视功能的产 品, 特别是其顶级型号1TF7700HD PVR接收机, 具有双调谐器 的PVR 功能,而且内置硬盘(2008年03期)。

机。其后面板具有USB接口, 可以接驳外置硬盘或U盘。 此外,TF7700HSCI 还是一款

接收机,并兼容DVB-S、 DVB-S2- QPSK 和 DVB-S2-8 PSK.



YUV信号,一个光线数字音频 输出接口、一个 RS-232 接口 和USB 2.0接口, 当然,还有一 进一出式的IF接头。

Topfield 的后面板上还有 一个小开关,用来选择视频 信号从HDMI 、YUV 或欧插接 口输出,在主菜单中也有相应 的设定。

遥控器手感很好, 按钮分类

清卫星电视频道。不要忘了每 个星期都会有新的高清节目 出现在不同的卫星上, 所以即 使接收机上没有预置也是可 以理解的。我们不能对于制 造厂家求全责备。

它的好处还在于实际上 增加新的卫星和转发器数 据时相当容易。同时,编辑 已有数据也很简单。与所有 其它 Topfield 接收机一



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附加设定包括各种OSD系统 设定选项以及A/ V输出的信 号制式选项。



后面板设定的DIP图像输出 可以选择到 HDMI或YUV, 而欧 插只有 S视频或CVBS方式。 如果选择欧插,则 RGB 也只 从欧插输出。

即使越来越多的节目供 应商使用 16:9 的格式, 但是还是有许多播出者仍然 使用比较旧的 4:3 格式。 TF7700HSCI 可以让使用者选 择是观看满屏的变焦模式, 还是在图像左右两侧留有黑 边。

为防电视不能播放16:9 信 号, 接收机有两种信号输出 方式:播出机器所输出的格式 和在屏幕中央播放的格式。 如果用户使用标准的 4:3 电



清楚。我们所测试的接收机 附有一本非常详细的英文使 用手册, 当然, 不同国家会提 供不同的翻译版本。

## 日常使用

当第一次打开接收机的时 显示出来的主菜单直到 所有基本设定和至少一个频 道扫描都完成后才能够关 闭。预置的节目目录很简单, 没有初始安装。

卫星目录包括欧洲、亚洲和 美洲的143 个卫星。制造厂家 听取了用户们关于目录内容陈 旧的意见,对转发器目录进行 了彻底的核查。因此,现在几 乎可以找到每一个最新的高 样,TF7700HSCI支持 DiSEaC 1.0、1.1、1.2 和 1.3(USALS)协 议,可以接驳从最简单的复合 馈源到DiSEqC极轴天线, 甚至 还有16 个LNB的环焦天线。

该机预置了多种不同的 C波段和 Ku波段本振频率 (LOF)。如果你还想使用一 S波段天线,那也没有问 题,TF7700HSCI可以手动输入 LOF.

当接收机与天线匹配好以 后, 下个步骤就是频道扫 描。 通常,Topfield 接收 机会用差不多4分钟的时间, 完成对一个有 110 个转发器 的卫星上所有频道的扫描。

当然, 除了自动频道扫 描,它也可进行人工扫描。对 于那些经验丰富的用户,可以 手动输入PID码。

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也可进行网络 如果需要, 扫描。这样, 当节目供应商在 不同的转发器上改变频道播 放安排时,你可以用接收机找 到他们提供的每一个频道。

在系统设定中, 用户可以 根据需要设置接收机,使其 满足收看电视的需要。其设定 具有广泛的多样性,如自动地 更新时钟,还可以使用某一按 钮, 使接收机开启或关闭计时 和标准时间功能。



通过USB接口,可以将 你喜爱的节目录制到 外置硬盘上。

视,这样做也 没有问题。

在视频格式菜单中, 使 用者可以选择HDMI 信号输出 格式(1080i、720p、 576i 或 576p),或者让接收机自动根 据节目源选择信号输出格式。 这个功能实际上相当实用,因 为标准的标清信号可能会被 适配器改良成1080i 格式,那 样图像会发虚,所以选择576i 或 576p是正确的。

在我们的测试中,接收机 立刻辨认出ORF1播出的高清 电视信号,自动转换成正确的 720p 格式。当换到一个标清 频道时, TF7700HSCI立刻使 用 576p 格式。

而德国付费高清电视频道的 1080i 格式也很快被接收机识 别出来。可以用遥控器上的一 个按钮轻松地切换图像格式。

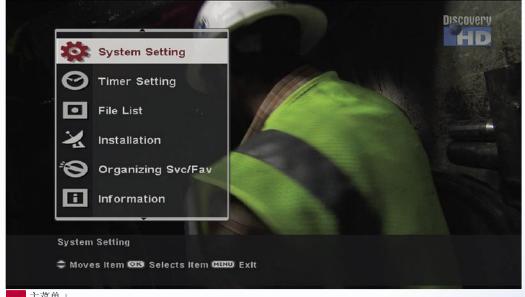
通过手动选择PAL和NTSC制 接收机能很好地显示这 两种信号。对于发烧友来说这 是个好消息: 他们可以正常收 里。 看来自美国的传送节目。

与大多数其它 Topfield 接 收机一样,TF7700HSCI可以储 存 5000 个电视和收音机频 道。对一个DiSEqC 1.3 的 CI 接收机来说,这还不够。

需要设置喜爱频道目录、卫星 数据信息等。如果设定中出现 问题,最初的设置可以很快地 恢复。而后,接收机就会完全 恢复到最初的设定状态。

当所有的初始设定结束 后,按下退出按钮退出主菜 可以获知即将播出节目的信 息。

TF7700HSCI 可以快速浏览 节目信息, 按下"OK"按钮可 以从 EPG上设定定时器,而与 此同时,节目会继续通过一个 小的视窗播放(甚至包括高清



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因为频道存储能力的限制, 必要时需要进行有效的目录 频道编辑。Topfield 可以让 用户在编辑频道目录时轻松 地删除、移动或重新命名频 道,或用一个密码锁住它们。 按下某一按钮,可以将所看 到的频道编入喜爱频道目录

系统恢复功能是一个非常 实用的功能。用户可以快速地 进行所有设定,如时常会根据

单,接收机就会转到频道目录 中的第一个频道上。

正如我们对Topfield期望 的那样,屏幕上会出现一个 信息条,内容包括该频道的 EPG信息、当前时间、频道 信息(图文电视文件、加密 方式、字幕和复合馈源序号 等)和转发器数据等。再次按 下信息按钮,会提供有关当 前频道的节目供应商等方面 更详细的信息。按下向导按钮

节目)。按下"OK"按钮,可以 显示频道目录,而使用遥控器 上的那些彩色功能按钮,可以 将卫星分类或限制某些特别 的卫星。

两个高清频道之间的切换 正好是2秒,而标清频道之间 的切换则较快。

由于不同图像格式之间的自 动调整需要较多的时间,在高 清电视和标清电视频道之间



的转换需要3~4秒。如果你觉 只需关掉自动转换 得太慢. 功能,并根据需要用遥控器手 动改变图像格式。

Topfield 制造的调谐器 给我们留下了很好的印象, 它能很好地接收信号较弱的 卫星,例如26 °E上的BADR卫 星、7 。W上的NILESAT卫星 或28.2 °E上的ASTRA 2D卫

遗憾的是,我们在用户手册 中找不到任何接收SCPC信号 的调谐器技术数据,这使我们 的测试没有任何数据范围来 对比。我们的实际测试显示该 机对符号码率为 2.0Ms/秒的 信号也能接收播放。

我们还很高兴地进行了高 清电视的接收测试。播放效果 很流畅,没有任何图像出现花 屏或停顿。我们看到,不管是 FTA 的还是加密的,不同卫星 的各种不同高清电视频道都 被TF7700HSCI清晰地播放出 来。

对于这一点, TF7700HSCI 与其它高清接收机没什么 两样, 所不同的是它有有所 提高: 这就是其USB 2.0 接 口。

我们在测试时,连接上了希 捷的FreeAgent Pro移动硬盘 和 4GB 的U盘。 当连接上的 时候,存储装置很快被接收机 驱动起来. TF7700HSCI马上 识别出新的存储媒体,录像和 播放功能立刻可以使用了。

当录制一个频道的时候(即 使是一个高清频道),还可以 同时观看同一转发器上所有 其它的频道(当然也包括高清 频道)。它也以一边录制一个 频道,一边观看一个以前录制 的节目。

不管我们在接收机上进行 什么操作, 我们都没有在录 制和重放的时候发现任何冲 突和停顿。

总之, 我们没有发现其性 能与内置硬盘的接收机有任 何不同。这使用户具有一个优 势: 具有更大的弹性来使用外

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接存储装置,如携带其到其 它地方。

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Topfield 始终不断地在努 力改进其产品。接收机可以 通过卫星、U盘或者其它接口 进行软件更新。这使得用户 可以轻松地更新接收机的软

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## 专家的结论

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TF7700HSCI 是一款优质的兼容标清和高 清电视标准的接收机,它具有多种实用功 能。由于它具有简单易懂的OSD界面,对于整 个的家庭来讲,可以将其作为日常使用的卫 星接收机。



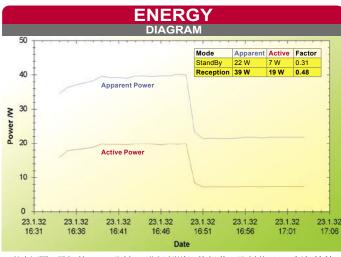
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| E-Mail                 | inquiry@topfield.co.kr   |
| Model                  | TF7700HSCI   |
| Function               | Digital Satellite Receiver for SDTV/HDTV in DVBS and DVBS2 (QPSK/8PSK) MPEG2 and MPEG4 |
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| Symbolrate             | 2-45 Ms/sec.   |
| SCPC Compatible        | yes  |
| DiSEqC                 | 1.0 / 1.1 / 1.2 / 1.3  |
| USALS                  | yes  |
| HDMI Connection        | yes  |
| Scart Connectors       | 2  |
| Audio/Video Output     | 3 x RCA  |
| Component Output       | 3x RCA   |
| S-Video Output         | no   |
| UHF Modulator          | no   |
| Programmable 0/12 Volt | no   |
| Digital Audio Output   | yes  |
| EPG                    | yes  |
| C/Ku-Band Compatible   | yes  |
| PVR Function           | yes (via external USB 2.0 storage medium)  |
| Power Supply           | 90-250 VAC, 50/60 Hz   |
| Dimensions             | 43/26.5/6cm  |
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# 正馈天线

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#### 安装

INFOSAT 的 VO55 型天线 是一款直径为 1.65米的铝制 网状天线。它分别装在三个 包装盒里。第一部分是四块 反射面,第二部分是馈源杆和 立柱,第三部分是螺丝、螺母 和垫圈等紧固件,还有其他东 西。反射面部分的总重量只有 3.8 公斤,这就是说打开包装 后每一片的重量还不到 1 公

我们打开包装并寻找安装 说明,但生产厂家没有提供。 于是我们只好自己根据各个 部分的实际构造和尺寸,将 紧固件分类后来进行安装。 这并没有花费我们太多的时 间。虽然安装很简单,但是 如果 INFOSAT能够为用户提

供一份说明,那更好了。将 四块反射面组装起来真的很 容易。我们很快就做完了,于 是开始着手安装需要一些技 巧的支架和立柱部分。正好, 在我们的车库中有一块密度 板,幸亏我们没有把它丢掉。 这回我们可以说,在我们车库 中的东西都会有用处。在装上 四个调整支架后之后, 就用这块密度板作为立柱的 水平基础。我们又在基础上安 装了三只腿,支起了立柱。把 反射面装到立柱上就不太容 易的,需要精确地进行安装。

将反射面安装在立柱上之 后,最后一个步骤是安装四个 馈源支架,当然,很简单。好 了,天线就可以进行测试了。 我们说不好这么轻的天线能 够给我们提供什么。



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在欧洲,没有太多的 C波 段线极化卫星信号可以接 收。多亏有卫星天线指南 (www.dishpointer.com) SatcoDX, (www.satcodx. com)的帮助,我们找到了 4个 这样的卫星。

其中之一的 BADR-C 卫星 仰角是 30°。其余的3个卫星 ABS-1、TELSTAR和 NSS-10的 仰角只有 10 °左右。我们的 担心变成了现实。 我们能做 的就只有接收欧洲的BADR-C卫星了。在我们的频谱仪 上,其余的卫星信号甚至连最 小的频谱尖峰也没有冒出来 过,四周的树木挡住了我们。 那一时刻,我们真后悔没有将 《国际卫星电视》的测试中心 设在摩天大楼的屋顶上。

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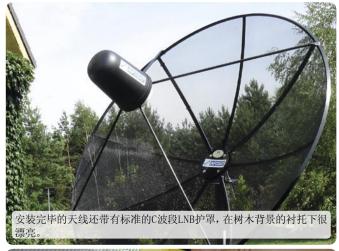














星信号非常非常强。我们收 到了3880H (27500,3/4) 转 发器,信号强度为84 dBμV, 而 C/ N 为12 dB, 边缘噪音 为6 dB。另外一个数字转发器 4040H(27500,3/4) 也不错。强 度为 84.1dB µ V, 而 C/N 为12.6 dB, 边缘噪音为: 6.3 dB。好 极了!

模拟转发器的信号相当强, 也很清晰。C/N 值比数字转发 器高(很自然),但是你能想到 还会有 C/ N=23.5 dB的吗!? 我们记录到3996H (PAL 制) 转发器(半岛电视台英文频 道) 就传输着这么强的信号。

Ku波段 线性 极化 接收

虽然网状天线是专门用于 C波段的, 我们还是想用正馈 Ku波段LNBF来试试。在Ku波段 接收的效果不是很强。我们测

试了 HOTBIRD 卫星(13°E)上 的一个转发器。应当说它比90 cm 偏馈天线的效果还要差些 (12 dB VS 12.5 dB)。我们 期望它的性能能达到 120 cm 的实体天线,但是想起来对于 Ku波段来说,网状天线不是最 好的选择。一些噪音会从地面 反射回来并通过网孔到达高频 头。

我们也尝试用了普通的偏 馈Ku波段 LNB, 因为这对于 我们的读者来说可能是相当 有趣的,我们就把它安装在了 INFOSAT V055 天线上。从理 论上讲,这样的 LNB 有很高 的 f/D (焦径比) (0.6), 因此它只能"看见"天线焦点 中央的主要部份。

理论被我们的测量证实了。 比较了信号质量,只比正焦的 低了 1 dB LNBF( C/ N=11 dB)。而像HOTBIRD这样强信号 的卫星仍然用如此"错误的" LNB 在 V055上接收到。



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在我们的驻地,有许多圆极化的 C 波段信号可以接收,但口径都得大于1.65米。然而有一些是可能收到的。我们用天线试着接收了22 °W的NSS-7 和49 °E 的YAMAL 202。我们得到的 C/N 为6~7d,其EIRP 为 40 dB \(\nu V\)。这就是说至少要使用 1.5米的天线来接收,而7 dB的 C/

N值是我们接收的上限了。

### 结论

V055 是一款重量较轻的 网状天线,它可以很容易地 安装在花园里。其1.65米的 直径是在欧洲接收C 波段信号的最小值了,但是在很多 其他地方接收 C 波段卫星 还是足够的。V055 的优点在 于它安装简便,而且适宜放置在庭院里。其最佳用途就是作为固定天线来接收 C 波段卫星。



## 专家的结论

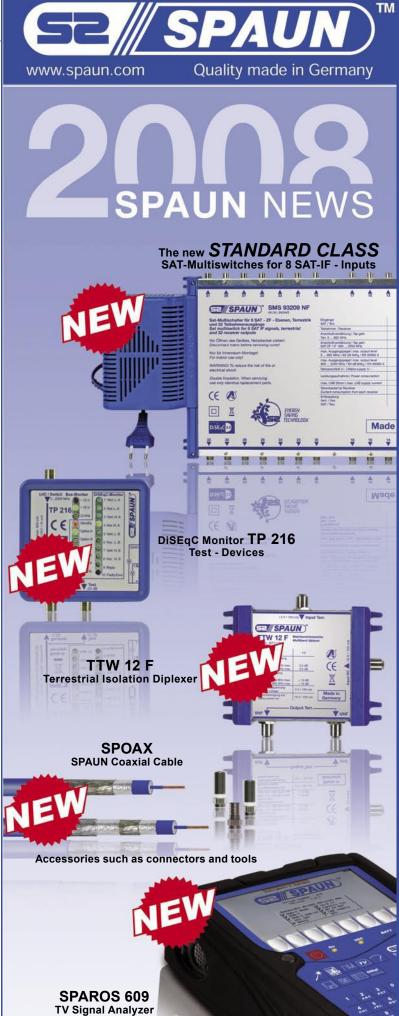
INFOSAT V055 是一款很好的固定天线,它安装容易,外形典雅。很明显,它不是一个很大很难看的天线!



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| Model                        | V055                                  |  |
| Function                     | 1.65 m Primary Focus Dish             |  |
| No. of segments              | 4                                     |  |
| Focal length                 | 63 cm                                 |  |
| Depth                        | 28 cm                                 |  |
| f/D ratio                    | 0.38                                  |  |
| Material                     | Aluminum mesh 0.9 mm                  |  |
| Operating frequency          | 3.4 ~ 12.75 GHz                       |  |
| C-Band gain                  | 35.5 dB                               |  |
| Ku-Band gain                 | 42 dB                                 |  |
| Stand pole                   | 1 m, Ø 2"                             |  |
| Reflector weight             | 3.8 kg                                |  |
| Mounting stuff weight        | 3.5 kg                                |  |
| Pole and leg supports weight | 2.6 kg                                |  |



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# Imperial SatBOX HD

# **A Perfect HDTV Receiver**

Thanks to the emergence of HDTV, or high definition television, satellite receivers are going through a substantial redesign. Instead of 576 lines, this new technology brings with it nearly twice that amount, 1080 lines, and offers therefore a marked improvement in picture quality. The Imperial SatBOX HD receiver that we tested lets you receive not only DBS-S2 signals in MPEG2 (H.262) but also signals in the newer MPEG4 compression (H.264). At the same time, the video signals are now carried to the TV digitally with the new HDMI connections.

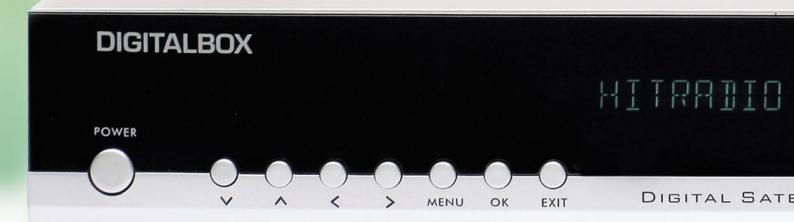
center. Its power consumption is relatively low, in standby mode it uses only 12W and when fully operational 17W (with antenna motor it's more like 18W).

The sensitivity of the tuner is above average and its operating system is fast and comes with a number of convenient func-

In addition to the Standby button on the front panel, there are seven more buttons that let you work through the menu system without the need of the remote control. The dominant feature on the front panel would have to be the 13-character alphanumeric display. It shows not only the channel name but also provides information on a rear panel, there's also an HDMI output. The latter provides a digital output of up to 1080i lines of resolution whereby this line structure is also possible with the 576 lines of a normal DVB-S broadcaster thanks to upscaling.

The annoying line structure disappears with a compatible TV; this makes for enjoyable viewing even on larger flat screen TV's. Top quality stereo systems can be connected optically to the S/PDIF output or via the RCA jack.

Software upgrades can be uploaded through the RS-232 interface using a null-modem cable. The USB jack and the Ethernet connection are cur-



When I turned on the Imperial SatBOX HD for the first time, I sat there mesmerized by the high resolution transmissions for almost an hour. I surfed from ASTRA19 to HOTBIRD13 and from ASTRA 28.2 to ASTRA 23.5. Through it all I enjoyed the spectacular landscapes and the animal portraits that could be seen on the Demo channels.

It's a nice feeling knowing that you are witnessing the birth of a new technology even if for the most part it's still in the starting gates in Europe.

I like the Imperial SatBOX HD. It weighs only about 2.2 Kg (4.8 LBS), measures 340x248x65 mm and therefore fits nicely in almost any entertainment

number of the menu functions. The two CI slots plus the Conax card slot lets the box receive up to three different encryption systems at the same time. This is especially critical since HDTV is mostly available with encrypted PayTV packages.

Aside from the LNB In/Out and the two Scart jacks on the

not active and are planned for a later version. The main power switch is a useful way to help save energy but it also makes the software upgrade process a little easier.

The receiver has an



above-average capacity of 7000 channels. This means there is a large memory reserve since the available FTA channels in Europe number at most 2500 leaving plenty of room for encrypted channels.

Memory management encompasses every satellite and 32 Favorites lists divided into TV and radio channels. They can be completely edited; entries can be locked, deleted, renamed or moved. Transponders can easily be added although no more than 16 satellites can be stored.

If you access the channel list with the OK button, you can scroll within the channel list without actually switching to another channel - a second push of the OK button is needed for that to happen. For every channel the associated frequency and polarization is shown.

With the left cursor button an additional menu can be called up with which you can access a Favorites list and the channel list. The remote control really

doesn't need a Satellite button anymore.

With multiple satellites, channel management becomes a little more awkward. Moving and deleting channels can only be done with the entire channel list displayed; it might get a little confusing to keep track of what channel goes with what satellite.

This problem is somewhat solved by the fact that each channel keeps the same channel number regardless of what list you happen to be looking in at that moment.

With every channel change an Info bar appears at the bottom of the screen for 3 to 30 seconds (user-settable) that provides:

- the name and number of the channel
- the name of the current program
- the name of the next pro-
- the date, time, audio and language



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- signal quality bar graph

This Info bar can also be called up with the Info button.

A second push of the Info button displays a description of the currently running program. This data can also be viewed along with a thumbnail image of the current video by pressing the EPG button.

The EPG can show programming information for five channels at the same time for a week in advance, as long as this data is available in the first place. A 10-event timer is integrated into the EPG to make it easy to preprogram up to ten different programs.

The teletext function is quite sophisticated: every page is automatically downloaded by pressing the yellow Teletext button. Every page can therefore be accessed instantly when

needed. The cursor buttons let you switch pages one at a time or by the hundreds just as fast.

Not all of the DiSEqC protocols are available. DiSEqC 1.0 lets you connect up to four fixed antennas and there's a helpful tool included to calculate azimuth and elevation for every satellite that can be seen from your location.

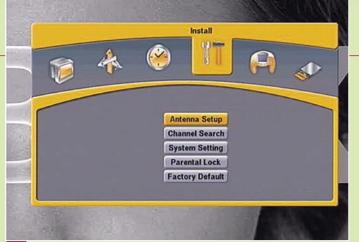
For motorized antennas up to 16 satellite positions can be set up manually with DiSEqC 1.2 or automatically with USALS.

The channel scan can be set to search by satellite, transponder, DVB-S or DVB-S2, FTA and/or encrypted channels. The scan itself is quite fast: HOTBIRD was completely scanned in roughly four minutes.

The channel scan must access a transponder list in order to work; without a transponder list a channel scan cannot be performed since, just like the previous model that was not an HDTV box, a Blind Scan function is not available.

Heinz Koppitz

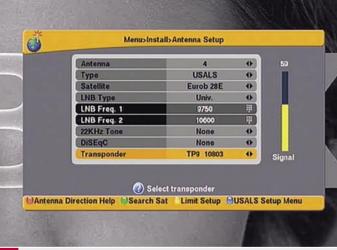
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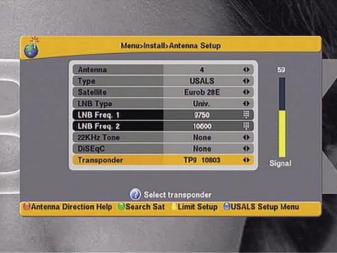


Install menu



System setting





Antenna setup

# **Expert Opinion**

This receiver provides perfect HDTV video. It has no problems decoding older DVB-S signals and also the new DVB-S2 standard. Its various interfaces and functions are comfortable and easy to use.

Large 13-character alphanumeric display Sensitive tuner

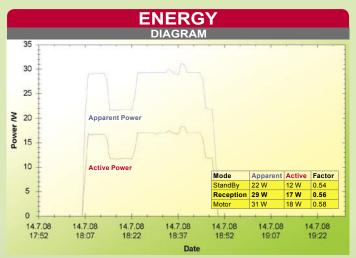
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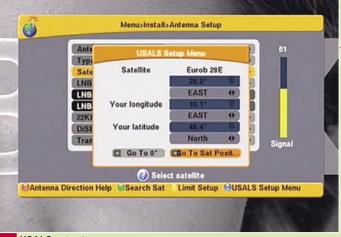
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| Website           | www.dvbshop.net   |
| Model             | IMPERIAL SatBOX HD  |
| Power Supply      | 175 250 V AC  |
| Power Consumption | 6/12 Watt (Stand-By/Reception)  |
| Size              | 340x248x65 mm   |
| Weight            | 2200 g  |
| DiSEqC            | 1.0, 1.2, USALS   |
| Satellites        | 3 preset plus 13 additional positions   |
| Program Listings  | All, Satellites (each for TV and Radio)   |
| Favorites         | 32 (each for TV and Radio)  |
| Teletext          | Full Page Memory  |
| EPG               | Extended 5 Channel Display, Program Details for 7 Days  |
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| Slots             | 2 Common Interfaces, 1 Conax-Slot   |



12W is used at the beginning and the end while in standby mode; the 17W used in the middle is with the receiver in operation – the 1W increase to 18W occurred while the antenna was moved from ASTRA 19E to TURKSAT 42.



USALS setup



Channel search





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使用便捷的 PVR 接收机

VR接收机每天都在追赶着时尚的步伐。现在有太多 太多的卫星频道可供选择,显而易见它们为什么 会不断求新求异了。当你晚上必须参加一个婚礼的时候,而 喜爱的节目却正在播出,也许这正是你不想错过的拳击锦标 赛。由于有了 PVR 接收机,任何节目都能录制下来,并在你 方便的时候重放。

需要这个功能的用户在逐 渐增加,越来越多的制造厂 家开始生产PVR 接收机。 Sonicview 也带着其双调谐 器的 SV-360 精英型 PVR 卫星接收机加入到了这个行 列。当然,我们想要领教这 款机器究竟如何,几天前, Sonicview 的包裹邮寄到 了,于是我们终于有机会一 睹芳容了。

当包裹打开的时候,我们 看到了这款漂亮的纯黑色 卫星接收机,在其面板中 间,是一条水平的、细细的 镀铬条纹。这个条纹上还 分布着两个小的按钮 (ON/0FF 和菜单按钮)和一组方

向按钮 (左/右/上/下箭头 和"OK"按钮),在前面板 上,还装有接收机的第3个 全可以让你在没有遥控器的 面板上稍稍凹进去一些。因 为个头较小,有些手指比较 粗大的人可能在按动按钮时 有一点小小的困难,特别是 对于方向按钮。为了防尘, USB接口处有一个胶皮的保 护封盖,它可以很容易地打 开以便连接使用。

这是一款双调谐器的接收 机,所以你会看到两组一一

出接头。当然,还有典型的 RCA 组合插口,以提供视频 和音频输出。如果想要更好 的视频质量,还有S视频输 出端口。还有一组RCA 插座 提供分量视频输出信号(Y、 Pb 和 Pr)。旁边还有一个光 纤S- PDIF接口,用来输出效 果更完美的数字声频信号。 再有就是RS-232接口、两个 USB 2.0 接口和一个主电源 开关。

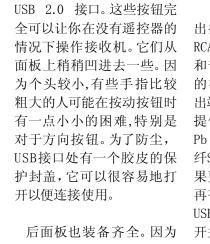
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电线接线带有北美标准 的插头。接收机的供电标 准为 95 ~250VAC ,50/60 赫兹,因此可以在全世界通 用,只需要加上正确的插座 或相应的适配器就行了。这 款机器是面向北美市场销售 的, 所以也没有欧插。

和接收机不同,遥控器是 银白色的,中心部位有一块 黑色区域。遥控器的手感很 好。和接收机相反,上面的 这些按钮没有凹陷下去,因 而能适合各种大小的手指来 按动。方向和数字的按钮会 在黑暗中发光,这样,当你 在没有任何光线看电视时能 轻易地看见它们!这个特征 甚至可以帮助你在一个完全 黑暗的房间里找到遥控器。 该遥控器也可以用来控制你 的其他电器,例如:电视、 DVD或摄录像机等。总之, 这是一个用途非常多的遥控

### 日常使用

我们看过了机器的外观,再 让我们看看开机时表现吧。 当我们打开它的时候,首先 引起我们注意的是前面板左 上方的 Sonicview 图标: 当接收机接上电源 (主电源 开关打开)时, 图标从后面 被照亮。那发出柔和蓝光的 图标使接收机更显典雅。当 第一次使用SV-360 精英型 PVR接收机的时候,它会询 问使用什么屏幕菜单语言。 你可以选择英语、法语、德 语、西班牙语、意大利语、



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选择好语言后,接收机就会 直接进入频道接收模式。由 于没有存储任何频道,所以 什么也看不到。这就是说我 们必须去寻找我们想要看的 频道。你可以按下遥控器上 的菜单按钮进入到接收机的 主菜单。主菜单分四个部分 (安装、系统设定, PVR 和 高级设定),而每部分又分为 若干更多的子项。所有这些 子项都可以在主菜单被加亮 时在其右侧看到。当然,第一 步是进入安装菜单,就是先 要告诉接收机你要干什么。 当安装菜单在屏幕上被加亮

在天线设定界面的左边有 所有的天线类型。在右边是 一个图示,绿色的线条表示 信号的强度,红色的线条表 强弱好坏。

在开始之前, 你要记得后面 板上所接驳的天线输入。如 果你把两个接口都用上了, 还要记得哪个卫星天线接入 哪个接口。当然,第一步是选 择你想要接收的卫星,该机 提供了相当广泛的选择机会: SV-360精英型 PVR 接收机 为你预置了 195个卫星! 而 且你还能增加5个!目录里 有所有较新的卫星,也有己 经没有节目传送和一些更改 名称的卫星。当然,最新的 卫星也许会没有, 但是借助



遥控器上那些彩色的功能按 钮,可以很方便地增加、编辑 或删除卫星。

Sonicview 支持 DiSEqC 1.0/1.1/1.2/ USALS 协议, 它允许你将其两个调谐器 连接到几乎任何类型的天线 上,从单一天线到一个极轴 天线都没有问题。在北美, 最流行的 (FTA) 卫星是 97°W 的INTELSAT 美国5 号 卫星。很自然,我们想要开始 的接收机测试就从这个卫星 开始。于是同轴电缆就被连 接到接收机上,我们选择一 号调谐器,就进入了天线设 定界面。LNB 类型/频率设定 为单本振/10750 MHz。当然, 如果你使用的LNB本振频率 (LOF)不同,你还可以到储存 目录中找到相应的 LOF。如 果目录中还没有该 LOF, 你 也可以使用遥控器上的数字 按钮手动输入。

接下来,我们从该卫星上 预置的目录中选择一个转发 器。用遥控器上的左/右箭头 按钮来选择一个工作着的转 发器, 你也可以按下"OK"按 钮来浏览目录里所选卫星的 所有转发器。对于INTELSAT 美国 5号卫星而言, 其转发 器目录应该是最新的。可以 说,该机储存了所有最新的 卫星转发器数据。

扫描两种极化( 垂直和水 平线极化), 当然也可以选 择其中一种。然后,我们用 快速扫描代替了详细扫描。 按下"OK"按钮开始盲扫。

它在4 分 38秒内完成了对 两种极化的扫描,不用看 表,总扫描时间会显

> 示在屏幕上。这 其中还有一大部 分时间是用来扫 描从 12.2 到

12.9GHz的频率区间, 对于 INTELSAT 美国 5号 卫星来说,这段额外的时间 根本就是不必要的。没有方 要设置频率范围就会稍微节

法限制盲扫的频率范围, 若 遥控器上的彩色功能按钮在 AM 10 23 **Dish Setting** ٥ **Channel Edit Factory Reset** 

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除卫星转发器。屏幕下面显 示着什么功能使用什么颜色 的按钮。

然后按下"OK"按钮来进行

选择, 如有必要,你还可以用

屏幕的右边增加、编辑或删

Main Menu

我们也提到, 所有的卫星 转发器数据通常是最新的。 如果你碰巧在卫星转发器上 遇到一点小问题,编辑一下就 可以了。但是如果你不愿意动 Sonicview的盲扫功能 将会替你做自动更新转发器 目录的工作。只需在天线设 定界面里按下遥控器上的蓝 色功能按钮就可以了。你可以 选择一种卫星扫描方式或多 种卫星扫描方式。

我们的这个测试是选择一 种卫星扫描方式。我们选择

省些时间。当然,我们也想 要试试详细盲扫。实际上详 细盲扫和快速扫描的时间相 差不太多,而且找到的频道 数量相同。

**Version Information** 

这样,现在我们的目录中 就拥有了所有最新的频道。 当观看某一频道的时候,按 下"OK"按钮将会显示出频 道目录。当你浏览频道目录 时,会注意到一些目录上的 不同。举例来说,目录可能包 括FTA 和加密的频道。如果 你对加密频道不感兴趣, 可 以再次使用遥控器上的彩色 功能按钮来消除。当显示频 道目录时, 按下红色功能按 钮则会显示 FTA 频道。再 次按下时就会显示包括加密 频道的最初目录。频道分类 目录也很容易显示: 当显示 频道目录时,按下黄色功能 按钮就会显示分类方式(按 字母顺序、按频道序号、按 卫星或按缺省值)。

在频道目录界面力, 你也 可以按动绿色的功能按钮 来在不同的调谐器之间很容 易地切换。SV-360 精英型 接收机使用了多画面 PVR 技术,在同一屏幕上可以同 时浏览4、 9 或 16个不同 的频道,这样使你以最快的 速度获知现在电视上播出什 么。你还可以使用方向按钮 找到感兴趣的频道, 然后按 下"OK"按钮来观看选择的 频道。

在相同转发器频道之间 的切换只需要1秒的时间。 不同转发器频道之间的切换



User Settings



大约只需要1.5秒的时间。 这些时间是你得承受的, 但是并不能冲淡你换台的 兴致。

当然,也可能有些频道你 并不想看,或者有些频道 需要重新命名。为此, 你只 需进入到频道编辑界面, 它在安装菜单里的子菜 单里。频道编辑界面出现 时,在屏幕的右边会出现一 个小的窗口播放目前的频 道,而左边则是频道目录。 在这里甚至还有信号强度 和质量的柱线图示。在显 示频道编辑界面的时候,你 也可以切换频道,按下遥控 器上的"OK"按钮就可以浏 览选定频道。还有,使用遥 控器上的彩色功能按钮可 以很容易地进行删除、重 新命名或剔除。你甚至可 以在这个界面对频道进行 分类! 显示软件版本信息 和重新恢复出厂设定功能 也在安装菜单里。

系统设定界面分成四个 子项,允许你对接收机进 行个性化的设置。举例来 从用户设定界面里, 说, 你可以改变菜单语言、调整 菜单透明度、选择信息条 显示的时间长短等等。在 A/ V 设定界面里,你可以 选择PAL制还是NTSC制,选 择屏幕的宽高比(4:3 或 16:9),或选则显示模式 (邮箱式、浏览式或全屏 式)。在时间设定界面里, 你可以调整所有的时钟设 定。时间设置是手动或自 动,也可以打开或关掉。当 然,有些频道是你不想要 小孩儿看见的,童锁控制 界面可以让你限制播放任 何儿童不宜的节目。在这个 界面里, 你可以分别限制进 入接收机、进入菜单或进 入加密频道。

### 个人 录像机

是的,这是一个 PVR录像 机,但是如果你仔细看,就 会发现问题: 硬盘在哪里? 你确实需要一个硬盘,不是 吗? 是的,SV-360 精英 型 PVR 没有内建的硬盘。 你需要一个外接的存储装 置。这可以是一个移动硬 盘,也可以是其它的外部储 藏装置。这就是为什么它 有3个USB 2.0 接口的原因 了。

为了测试,我们决定使用 GB的U盘。它可以插入 任何一个USB接口。为了方 便,我们就用了前面板上 的USB接口。录像的话很简 单,只需按下遥控器上红色 的按钮即可。当按下录像 按钮的时候,接收机立即地 开始录制当前频道上的节 目。按下停止按钮录像就会 结束。当第一个录像还在 进行的时候, 你还想要开 始第二个频道的录像,你只 需要切换到第二个想要录 像的频道,并且重复此前 的步骤即可。两个频道将 会同时被记录下来。按下停 止按钮,会给你显示一个 选项,是停止录制其中之一 还是两个频道。

要想看看迄今储存所有 的录像目录, 就要进入接 收机的 PVR 菜单。你可 以使用箭头按钮来浏览目 录,然后按下遥控器上的 播放按钮来播放所选择的 录像。通过遥控器上的按 钮可以实现暂停、回放、以 各种不同的速度快速向前 搜索以及慢速播放。

该机还有定时器功能, 可以订制8个事件。因此, 你可以在离家外出时来设 定接收机录下你所喜爱的 节目。甚至还有时间切换 功能,来保存某人来敲你 家门时你正在观看的4星电 影。

接收机还具有诸如画中 画(PIP)等许多其它实用功 能。它可以当作一个 MP3 播放器使用,也可以用来显 示数码照片, 这样就可以用 它来观赏上次假期里你和 亲戚或朋友们的照片了。



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| Model               | SV-360 Elite PVR                               |  |
| Function            | Digital Satellite PVR Receiver with two tuners |  |
| Channel Memory      | 6000   |  |
| Satellites          | 195 (plus 5 user-settable)                     |  |
| Symbolrate          | 1-45 Ms/sec.                                   |  |
| SCPC Compatible     | yes  |  |
| USALS               | yes  |  |
| Audio/Video Outputs | yes  |  |
| Component Outputs   | yes (Y, Pb, Pr)                                |  |
| S-VHS Output        | yes  |  |
| S-PDIF Output       | yes  |  |
| USB 2.0 Interface   | yes, three                                     |  |
| Power Supply        | 95-250VAC, 50/60Hz                             |  |



# 专家的意见

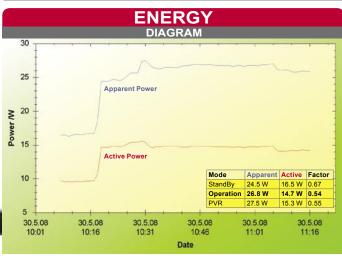
Sonicview SV-360 精英型 PVR 接收机是 目前市场上最容易使用的接收机之一。虽然 为防万一也提供有一本详细的用户手册(只 有英语),但所有菜单基本上一看就明白。更 多的软件功能都只能从一个位置进入,避免 了要找遍不同菜单才行的弊病。很明显,这



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是一款功能众多,使用便捷、有趣的家用接收机。

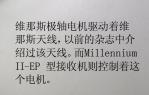
接收机没有射频输出调节,现在大部分电视都有多种输 这真的不是什么问题。盲扫时不能设定频率范 入方式, 围。



在待机之后接收机于 10:18被打开. 当插入U盘时, 功耗会有一个从 14.7W 到 15.3W的微小跃升。11:05 ,接收机进入待机状态,此时硬盘仍然工作着。

# Venus New Millennium II-EP

轻松操控极轴电机



**一**年来亚洲引入了很 **一**多卫星接收机技 术,同时,大量接收机出现 在中国和韩国市场上。这 次,我们的亚洲发现之旅 转向了曾经测试过接收机 的印尼, 去见识又一款接 收机。很明显,这是一款 专为亚洲市场制造的免费 接收机,内置了传统的 36V 天控器。其品牌是维那斯,一 些读者已经熟悉了,我们在 2008年第8期介绍过他们分体 天线的测试,现在这款接收机是 为了驱动维那斯极轴天线电机而 专门设计的,关于其电机的情况,我 们将会在下一期加以介绍。

接收机的外壳为黑色,长宽为 300×200mm, 高为 60mm 。前面板上有基本的控 制按钮, 红色的LED显示着当前频道的序号, 似乎不

MENU

那么时尚。灰白色的遥控器 功能齐全, 但是如果颜色和 接收机更加匹配的话,也许 就更好了。

后面板上的接口很简化。

连同单一的天线输入接口 还有一个 36V 电机控制接 口。没有欧插和数字音频输 出,只有AV和射频输出。立 体声音频还是有的,后面板

上还有一个 4 针的 RS232 接口。

STAND BY

我们所测试接收机的 用户手册只有印尼语的。

当然,在其他国家销售 Millennium II-EP 型接收 机的时候,手册上会印有当 地的语言。但是一个良好的 测试还要看它在不用手册 时候的表现。我们进入接收 机的引导菜单,把印尼语切 换了英语,菜单的字体短而 粗,感觉不太时髦。

### 初始设置

内置的天控器使用起来非 常像我们过去使用的单体 天控器,它存储有 60 个位 置,用来分配给一个或多个 寻找到新频道的卫星。每个 卫星的位置要等到搜索到频 道以后才会定义序号并连带 着卫星的名称。因此记住每 个序号很重要,避免以后弄 湿!

它不能自动进行设置,也 没有东西两侧的极限位置设 置。这就是说使用者要确定 天线电机的极限位置以避免 出现意外。所支持的DiSEqC 协议可以用来切换4个 LNB 的信号。

在卫星位置设置完之后, 就该进行频道扫描了。接收 机里面已经预置好了亚洲地 区的18个卫星,因此如果这 些可接收到的卫星其位置 序号正确的话,那就简单多 了。如果有需要,还可以增 加新的卫星,而它们的名字 还可以进行编辑。可以使用 上/下按钮来在字母表里浏 览并编辑新名称,但是不能 按得太快!

增加新的频道也很简单。 而我则不喜欢网络扫描造成 的混乱和转发器目录里的无 序状况, 你怎么样? 相信没 有人会忍受。可以通过盲扫 和手动输入频率的方式来增 加频道。

该接收机盲扫的时间稍长 些。它可以使用各种本振频 率和 22kHz 开关功能来匹 配任何全波段LNB, 而一次 扫描就覆盖高低两个波段也 不可能。为了扫描全部 波段的频率,我们必须进行 两次扫描。第一次, 将本振 频率设定在 9750GHz,它会 扫描到最高为 11.500GHz 的地方。第二次,我们再把 本振频率改为 10600GHz, 打开22kHz 开关,然后再次 扫描其余的频道。接收机会 记住每个频道的LNB设定参

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数,选择频道的时候, 的正确记忆就会出现。

即使使用快速盲扫,其速 度也很慢。搜索 HOTBIRD 卫星上的每一个频道总共

相应 耗时 56 分钟,但是由于亚 洲卫星的转发器比较少, 所 以问题还不算大。按下遥控 器上的任何按钮就会停止扫 描,并保存已经发现的任何 频道。名称相同的频道不能 加到目录里,除非它们的参



误。个别增加频道最好采用 手动方式,所以最好是备有 SatcoDX 图表,频率、极化 方式和符码率必须都得有。 一次全部频道的搜索会将发 现的频道全部加到目录上, 而不管此前是否存在。频道 扫描后被排列起来储存。 每次进入频道目录都可以进 行上下移动、删除或者增加

### 日常使用

当设置完毕,最后看电视 的时候, 按下"OK"按钮, 机器就会显示出我们所有存 储过频道的目录。该目录通 过使用菜单按钮来简化。可 以使用P+ 和 P- 按钮选择 下个或上个卫星。



■盲扫功能Ⅰ

一个喜欢的频道。喜欢的频 道不能直接找到或进行编 辑,只能在不分类的目录里 去寻找具有红心形符号的频 道名称。P+ 和P- 按钮用来 在标记着喜欢的频道之间 进行切换。电台频道也同样 可以和电视频道一样来增加 和编辑, 但是是从分开的目 录和菜单进入。

该目录默认状态为显示所 有的卫星,所以记得频道序 号或者使用喜欢的频道功 能会免去繁琐的浏览寻找过 程。许多现代的接收机都有 的按照字母顺序来寻找的方 式在这里也很有用。

当从目录里选好一个频道 之后按下按钮来观看的时



候,图像会从原来的小视窗 状态马上变成全屏模式, 这 真"一触即发"啊。

图像的质量很不错,要知 道我们只是选用了AV输出和 射频输出。它也支持宽屏模 式,而且表现力也不错。接收 机默认连接的是4:3电视, 而当它识别出是16:9 信号 时,会在画面的上下方出现 黑色的边框。对于日常观看



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而言, 当我们需要设置频道 和卫星时, 也很简单容易。 在频道之间的切换应该说很 快,而按下退出按钮可以用 来观看先前看过的频道。

当某一频道改变了PID码 的时候,如果需要,可以快 速编辑声音频道及 PID码。 这样,对于这种微小的变 化,我们就不必再回去进行 的。它没有图文电视功能。

### 总结

在完成初始安装之后,作 为日常观看和浏览,如果不 做更多的编辑和分类的话, 该机还是完全可以胜任的。 该接收机对于其维那斯电机 的操控还是很不错的。即使 菜单里还有几处还可以做得



### ■ 頻道信息和蓝色条 |

盲扫或去手动输入频率了。 按下信息按钮会在屏幕上显 示出频道名称及其参数,以 及可以再进行微调的天线位 置.。

遥控器上的EPG按钮可以 让我们同时浏览 9个频道的 画面。通常,只有一个 是活动的,而其余则是静止

更整齐或更容易一点,但对 我们使用该机而言仅仅是一 点点小问题,根本不必去查 阅印尼语手册,所以说,测试 很容易取得成功了。

还应该增加能够分析频谱 的功能,通常人们会由于卫 星接收机只内置了天控器并 导致成本增加而选择放弃。

### 专家的结论

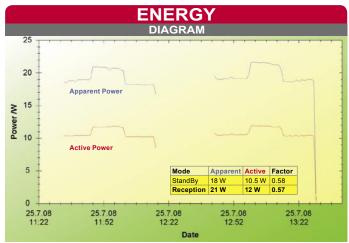
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| Tel                  | +62 21 5559733   |  |
| Fax                  | +62 21 5559805 / 5555009   |  |
| Email                | subur@dnet.net.id  |  |
| Model                | Venus New Millennium II-EP   |  |
| Satellites           | 60   |  |
| SCPC compatible      | yes  |  |
| USALS                | No   |  |
| DiSEqC               | 1.2  |  |
| Scart connectors     | 0  |  |
| Symbol rates         | 2-45 Ms/sec  |  |
| Audio/Video outputs  | 4 (two video + left/right audio)   |  |
| UHF output           | Yes, channels 21-69  |  |
| 0/12 volt output     | No   |  |
| Digital audio output | No   |  |
| EPG                  | No   |  |
| C/Ku-band compatible | Yes  |  |
| Power supply         | 100-240 VAC, 50-60Hz   |  |





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# 40载的Spaun

# 携诸多新产品 跨入新的十年

### Alexander Wiese

→际上,这个题目并不十分准确;到2009年Spaun公司才会庆祝她的40岁生日。而 ズSpaun 公司的生命力竟然如此旺盛,他们正在准备推出一大批新产品来献给公司 的生日,我们也迫不及待地想了解这家公司漫长的历史。

几乎每个《国际卫星电视及宽带》的读者 都会把Spaun 这个名字和高质量卫星电视配 件联系在一起。"德国制造高质量" 是他们 的信条; Spaun公司生命的意义就在于确保 他们的产品质量永远处在最高的水平。

而这背后还有更多的故事。让我们更多地 了解 Spaun: 这是一家位于德国最西南方 的公司。这家今天几乎有 100名员工的公 司创始人是弗里德里希 •斯堡 (Spaun) 先 生。他向我们介绍公司的起始:"1969年时, 它完全是从我的厨桌上开始的。"那时德国 刚刚开始播放 FM 立体声广播。但是很快 大家就知道一个问题,许多收音机的天线 信号不够强,需要一个放大器来提高信噪 比。"我为一家大的室内天线厂家制作放大 器板",弗里德里希•斯堡说。这就是他的一 人公司的开始。

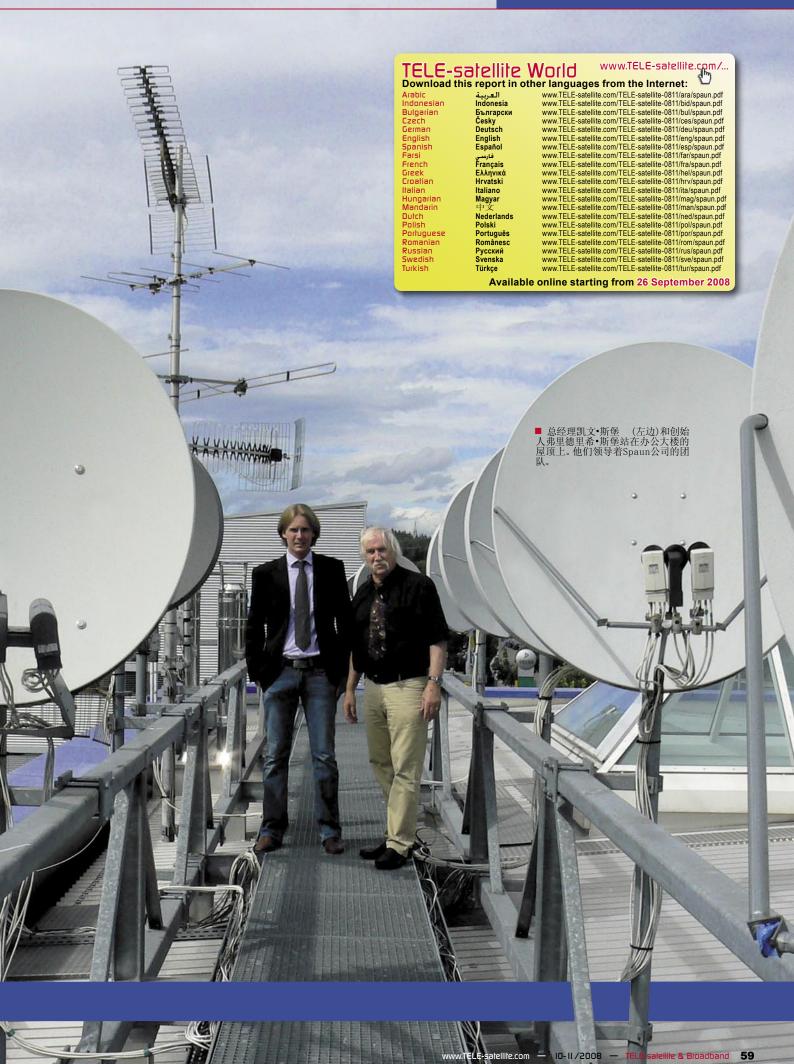
年,他的小公司取得了发展,他开 始雇佣了第一名员工。"到了1974年,多波段 放大器和无源分支器开始应用",弗里德里 希•斯堡回想着。之后这些都成为地面电视 的一部分,而 Spaun 也只是其他德国公司 的一个 OEM 制造厂家。1980年,线放器又 成为有线电视的配件。

那时生产是在远处一栋租用的房子里 进行的, 而到了 1988 年, 一切都有了改 观:"那时我们在辛根建造了自己的工厂, 到今天仍然在使用,这在当时也是一个领 先的产物",弗里德里希•斯堡介绍着,并 将铝合金外墙指给我们看:"许多年以来, 我们的这些墙壁一直是许多制造厂家的参 然后他解释了是如何选择他们公 照物"。 司颜色的:"蓝色和银色是建筑物墙壁的 颜色,我们决定将这些颜色纳入我们公司



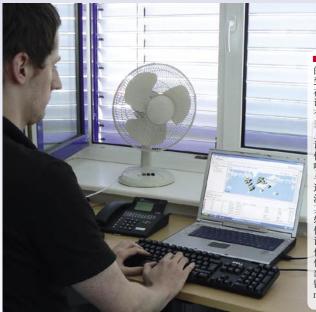






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■ 互联网当然是一个很重要的通讯媒体。在这里可以看 到网页设计员派垂克•科尔正 在查看登录www.spaun.de的 访问者。"我们大约每个月 有 40,000个访问者",派 垂克•科尔解释说。他在屏幕 上给我们显示了现在的网站 访问者。由于有了地理地图, 他可以知道这些访问者来自哪里,并用一个弹出的窗口与他们沟通。令人惊奇的是:这个程序是由凯文·斯堡和派垂克·科尔共同开发的,而 其中最好的部份竟然是共享 软件, 而且能被正在拜访他 初行,则且能放压在开切吧 们网站的任何人用来了解更 详细的信息。他们在那里工 作已经多久了?他们正在看 什么?他们来自哪里?还有全 部的生活是怎样的?这里是 链接地址: www.livezilla.

的CI设计方案"。 从 1991 年开始, Spaun有了自己的商标。那是在柏林墙倒 了之后。而那时 Spaun 只向西德提供产 品,还没有出口产品的真正想法。东德的 新市场带来了许多新的商机,最后终于 使弗里德里希•斯堡做出决定: "现在要 用我们的自己商标去推广产品!"

1993 年,其第一款成功的产品是一种 复合开关,它可以接驳两路卫星和1路地 面开路电视信号,不久,又推出了可以接 驳4路和8路卫星信号的型号。这些产品 很快出口到邻近的国家。今天,他们50% 的产品用于出口,30% 销售到欧盟国 家,20%销售到欧洲以外。Spaun 每年的 销售额为 1200到1500万欧元。

这是凯文•斯堡进入画面的地方。 2008年年初,他接手了父亲弗里德里 希•斯堡的公司。"但是我们共同管理公 司的团队",这在他们两个那里同时得到 确认。

凯文•斯堡想要扩大出口生意:"此刻 我们正在瞄准北美市场,我们正在寻找 当地的经销商,并准备在美国开办我们 自己经销处",凯文•斯堡透露说,"我们 也将在中东好好干"。

Spaun 几乎提供 200种不同的最畅销 产品,而且一直如此,有5路、9 路和 17 路输入的复合开关,其中有1路输入为地 面开路电视信号。

凯文•斯堡以其复合开关的产品线为 "在9 路和 17路输入基本单元的





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复合开关的生产



基础上,我们能够建立起多达 3000个 用户的系统",凯文•斯堡解释说,"没有 别的人能够做到这一点"。作为客户的参 考,举例来说,已经建成的较大系统有 杜拜的Jumeirah 海滩住宅塔楼、瑞典 的 Nokia 发展中心、布拉格的微软总 部、巴黎的Eutelsat 、柏林的日本大使 馆,等等,很多。甚至在许多豪华游艇上 都可以找到Spaun 复合开关,为什么不 可能呢?每个房间都需要有它自己的卫 星信号, 对吧?

最后,我们也想要知道所有准备在 40周年庆典上推出的新产品的情况。凯 文•斯堡作了个深呼吸, 然后开始说, "在 2009年春,我们想要向市场介绍一个 光纤分配系统"。该类型的系统能为 10,000 个或更多的用户提供服务。

这种光纤技术将只会被用在卫星信号 的分配方面。在到达终端用户之前,光 纤信号被还原成标准的数字信号, 然后 通过复合开关发送给接收机。"这只是 用一个非常强的激光发射器来工作",凯 文•斯堡解释并暗示说, 现在杜拜正在建 造许多新的人造工岛,"这将让我们覆盖 整个岛"。

当本期杂志到达你手上的时候, Spaun会推出一种你想不到的新产品: 一种高级的专业信号测试仪。"当然它会 接收 DVB-S2 信号,而且它还会有一个 16:9 的监视器",凯文•斯堡解释说,"甚 至天线安装人员也想要从测试仪上观 看高清电视",即使他们只是用它做为参 考。

最近 Spaun 还推出了同轴电缆,它很 恰当地被命名为"Spoax"。

至于它的颜色嘛? 你可以猜三次。不, 不是白色的。也不是黑色的。如果你的猜 测是蓝色的, 那就对了, 正是他们公司的 颜色。"使用该同轴电缆,还有与之相配 的接头,我们就能建立起完美的信号分 配系统", 凯文解释了扩充产品种类的 理由。至于目标嘛? "我们想要你使用 我们的每件产品"。 换句话说,他们想 要为你所需要的最佳卫星信号分配系统 提供每一种产品。

而正当我们谈论这个话题的时候,另 外想起另外一个关于革新的话题: 格。"在质量上从不妥协", 凯文解释 说,"实际上我们正在以相对较低的价格 推出一个新的产品系列"。

从2008年初到目前为止,Spaun已经将 一些高端的产品纳入标准产品的系列。



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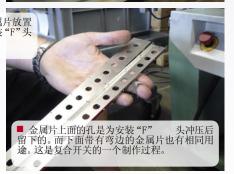
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在本期杂志出版之后不久, 低端的产 品将初次登场。凯文•斯堡继续解释说: "在质量里没有绝对的不同, 只有使用 地点的差异。"举例来说,高端复合开关 可能带有可调整水平的控制功能,这个功 能在其标准和低端产品则没有。"价格是 这样的: 如果高端产品的价格是 100%, 那么标准产品的价格就是 75% , 而低端 的则是 50%",凯文解释说。

还有什么新产品吗?"有一款美国在市 场上销售的宽带开关",凯文回答说,"它 使用频率范围如下(!)这是PayTV 节目 供应商 DirecTV 的专为高清电视分配的 波段频率标准。" 更明确地说, 范围就是 250 到 950 MHz, 这是特别将卫星使用 的标准频率范围950 到 2050 MHz以外进 行重新的分配。《国际卫星电视及宽带》 也在关注这种在美国以外面其他市场是 否有价值的创新产品,测试报告将在下期 刊出。派垂克•施密特负责这些产品。他 属于创始人弗里德里希•斯堡孙子辈的 人,并且已经是公司的一位员工了。

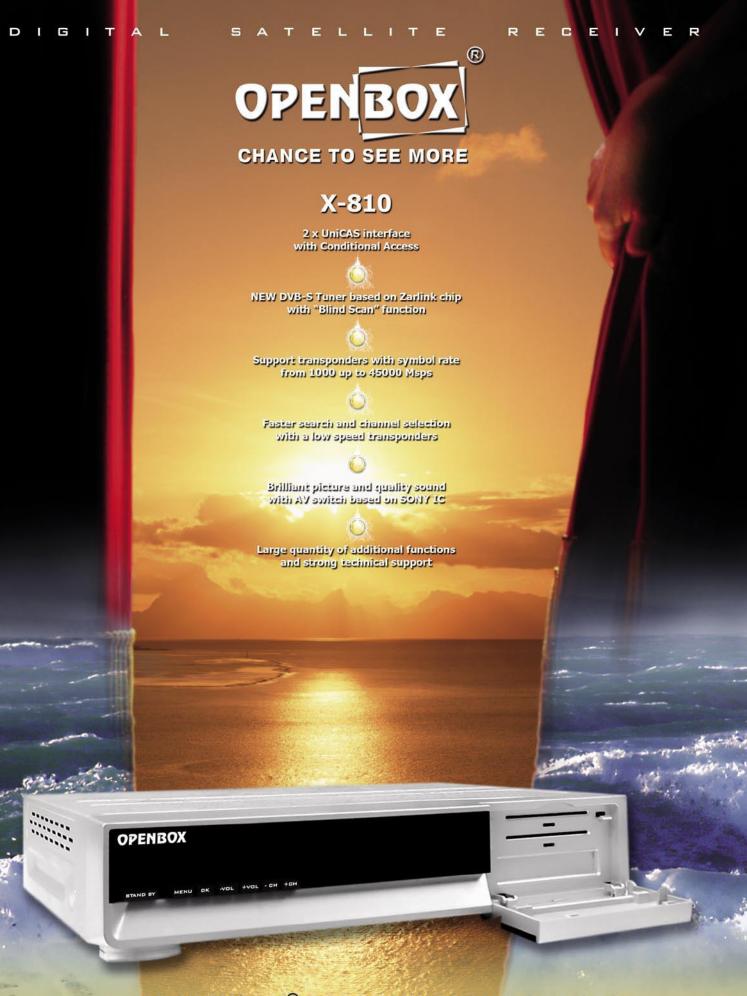
弗里德里希•斯堡正在关注着其它不同 的主题, 虽然目前还没有太多的想法, 但是对于未来则非常重要,《国际卫星电 视》也和他共同在关注: 电源的使用及 其效率! "我的儿子和我一起正在运作 一家新的公司,"Spaun电源公司, 德里希•斯堡指着街道对面的一栋建筑 物解释说,"很快,我们将会开始生产开 关式供电电源,不仅我们每年大概要生产 150,000套电源自己使用, 而且也作为一 种 OEM 产品。"

逐渐增加的能源匮乏正在袭扰全球, 也迫使我们更加关注供电效率。但这不 是唯一的理由。"在复合开关中最关键 的部件就是供电部分",弗里德里希•斯 堡解释说,"在这里我们看见了太多的失 败"。弗里德里希•斯堡确信: "无论在 什么地方,即可靠又省电的电源系统都是 受欢迎的。"

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"每年对我来说都成功和盈利的一 年"。所有的利润都被用于再投资于这个 家族企业,以便 Spaun 全部靠它自己的 力量轻松地进行扩张。

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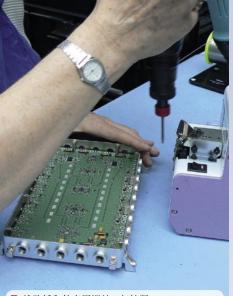
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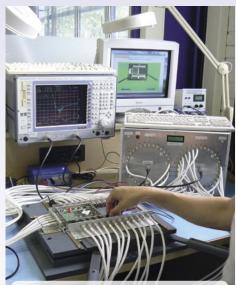


■ 线路板和外壳用螺丝一起拧紧。



■ 为了完成这一步,后盖处被扭紧。弗里德里 希·斯堡解释说: "这是非常关键的地方:用较小的外壳和富有 柔性的盖子,能够充份地提供EMV保护。 对于较 大的外壳,为达到这个保护水平,只能使用很多的 螺丝。"

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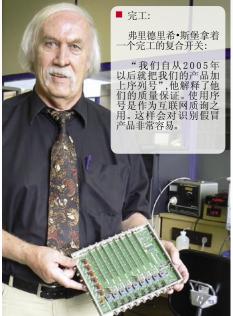


■ 每个复合开关都要进行多种功能的测试。复合 开关放入测试台之内,当所有的"F"头都被插入 后,测试程序才能开始。









■ 即使 Spaun 复合开关完全地经过了全部的电子测试,从技术上讲仍然有不确定性。

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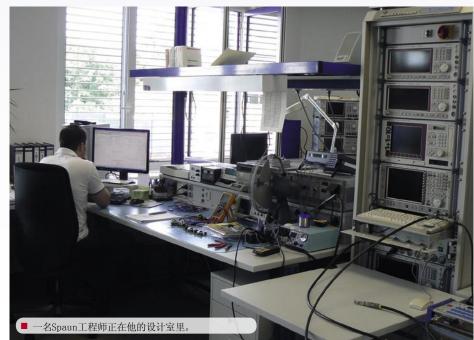
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# Clark Electronics

# 70 Years Old and Full of Ideas

Clark Electronics in southern Holland right at the entrance to the Rotterdam harbor has been around since 1938. This year they are celebrating their 70th anniversary. What better reason for us to pay them a visit and find out what such a long-standing company is all about.

And wouldn't you know it: in their stockroom we found a large supply of vacuum tubes as they were used in broadcasting equipment 70 years ago. That's how Clark Electronics got started: with the production of AM radios. Later on came two-way radios for private and military applications. When it was no longer profitable to do their own manufacturing, Clark Electronics shifted over to wholesale electronic component suppliers - that was in the early 1960's.

In 1993 it was time: the satellite age started at Clark Electronics. The company, in a close relationship with manufacturers in Taiwan and China, began to develop and market receivers for the Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg) region. In 2000 they entered into a cooperation with Topfield and finally with Arion. "Now we are in the process of developing our own brand name", revealed John Kamp, Director of Clark Electronics.

He doesn't think much of low prices: "If someone wants a satellite receiver, they'll buy one, price is not always the deciding factor", believes John Kamp,

although, "this assumes of course that the receiver can do what the customer wants and above all without any errors or crashes!"

Kamp

believes that the current weak order situation with satellite dealers in Europe has less to do with price and more to do with incorrect product choice.

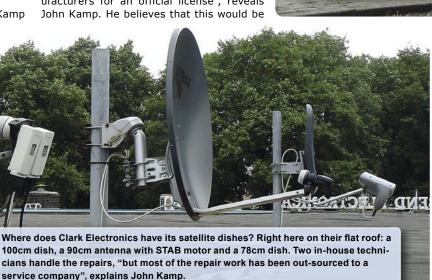
"The HD market is not quite ready yet; right now it's much better to offer customers SD receivers with upscalers." They also seem to have a similar grip on the available channels. "You're not going to be watching Discovery HD 24 hours-a-day", comments John Kamp, "but rather normal channels that are not yet available in HD." He believes the breakthrough in HD will occur in 2012.

His vision of the future is more towards multimedia anyway. "One day, everyone will have a network server with a very high storage capacity on which TV channels, MP3 files, pictures, etc. can be stored and accessed in any room in the house via the network connection." Clark has already taken a step in that direction: their own receiver will include a universal remote control.

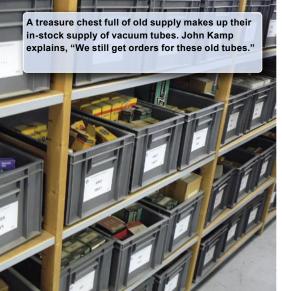
Until that time, John Kamp is focusing on an equally interesting product: SmartWi. TELE-satellite reported on this product in our 05/2007 issue in which you take a PayTV Smartcard and use it for additional receivers in the same household.

"We are negotiating in the name of SmartWi with a number of CI and CA manufacturers for an official license", reveals John Kamp. He believes that this would be









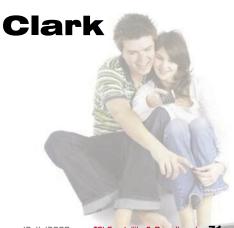
an interesting market for PayTV providers. "How often does a second Smartcard ordered from a PayTV provider end up with a neighbor?"

In his view, the solution is quite simple: if you no longer give out a second Smartcard, it could never come to this. Customers with multiple receivers can instead be offered SmartWi. A simple and truly "smart" solution

SmartWi is already preparing for the day when their products are officially licensed: the company is now incorporated and working on completing their corporate design.

Our visit to Clark Electronics was very

enlightening; something we did not expect from a company celebrating their 70th year!





Betting on horse racing is a popular pastime in Italy. This is due in large part to Teleippica unifying the horse betting system and reorganizing the network across all of Italy. Teleippica in charge for transmission on behalf of UNIRE's four channels of which two, UNIRE TV "gray" and UNIRE TV "green", are the actual betting chan-

nels and, with the publication of this issue of TELE-satellite, a third channel, UNIRE TV "blue", will have started. There's also the SNAI-TV channel that broadcasts other sports betting events as well as a summary of all broadcasts that is produced with a 15minute delay for Sky Italia and offered in their Pay TV package.

Naturally, sports betting involves live transmissions. Mario Sussi is responsible for these complex transmissions. He spoke to us about his DXer days in the past, "I tuned into the first satellite transmissions in Europe; that was Project Eurikon back in 1982." Over the years, his antenna farm grew larger and larger to



include a 3.8-meter mesh antenna and a 3.0-meter solid dish. "But that's all in the past", winked Mario, "today there are other problems to solve."

His experiences as a DXer, where he always had to find practical solutions using the simplest methods, help him today to solve much more complex signal processing problems. He gave us an example, "In our own office system we need to not only have access to HOTBIRD but also naturally our own transponder at 16 east." He acquired a narrow LNB, one that he could mount at a 3 deg offset, and fiddled with a single-cable solution so that only one single cable was needed to receive both HOTBIRD and the SNAI-TV transponder at 16 east.

But there are also more complex systems in the works. "We are in the process of converting our system to HD." Even though the transmissions directly from the racing venues are still in SD, Mario came up with his own idea to make it work: he scales the incoming SD signal up to HD and can then transmit the programs in MPEG4 with an 8 MB band-

It's easy to see that Mario has satellite technology in his blood. He can tell based on the reception signal what encoder is being used. "One encoder manufacturer doesn't have a complete grasp of their technology; you can easily see this", comments Mario.

We asked him as a professional what direction he thought that HDTV would continue to go. For Europe he referred to the state-run as well as the public channels: "they have to lead the way; private channels don't normally take the initiative."

A horror to him is the HD programming from their national PayTV provider Sky: "They scale everything up. This can be





A look inside the video room. Here the programming clips are put together, sent terrestrially by microwave link to SNAI headquarters in Rome, then back again and then uplinked to the satellite at 16 east.

seen by the customer who then opts away from HD."

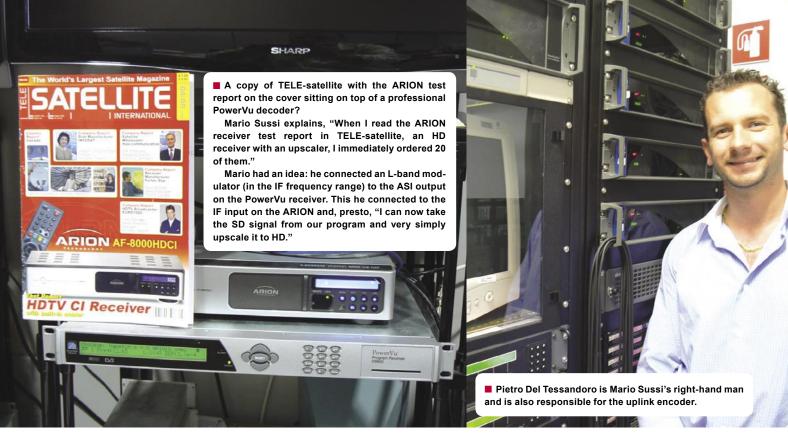
He does see HDTV coming in the future but not as fast as originally hoped. He calculates that the savings that DVB-S2 and MPEG4 bring with it don't compensate for the extra costs customers would need to pay for new receivers.

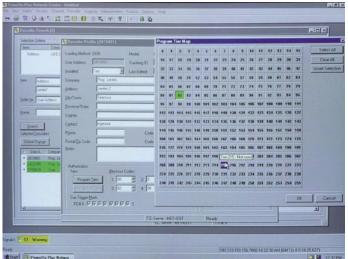
His arguments for the new fiber optic LNBs from Global Invacom that TELEsatellite recently introduced are similar: "Fiber optic technology is coming; it is beginning to develop in this direction", observes Mario, but he is also skeptical about seeing this in the near future.

Before we left, Mario gave us a hot tip for DXers: "Most feeds today are transmitted in 8PSK - but few DXers can receive them." Why? Isn't 8PSK used with DVB-S2? "Yes, this is true", explained Mario, "but feeds don't transmit in DVB-S2, instead it is normal DVB-S." The problem lies with the readily-available LNBs: "There's not only the noise factor", explains Mario, "you also have phase noise. With a high-quality spectrum analyzer you can see that the carrier drifts very easily."

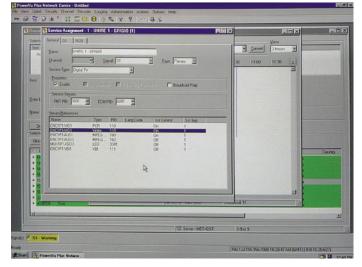
"As long as it drifts fairly slowly, the receiver is able to follow along. But if the drift is random, phase noise makes it impossible to demodulate the 8PSK constellation, and reception fades away." Mario told us of his experiences: "Pro-

◀ In the heart of Teleippica: from here the five encoders are controlled and the programming is switched over to the uplink. Susanna DelPapa is in charge of this control room.





▲ This is what the control software from PowerVu looks like: with this encryption system, each receiver can be individually controlled. AFRTS, the American Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, also uses PowerVu. Susanna explains how it works: "We can individually turn on and off a maximum of 30,000 customers/receivers; right now we have about 9000 customers." Each customer can be activated for up to 255 individual services; each service could be a video channel, an audio channel or a data channel. On the screen you can see 255 buttons. Button 44, for example, is the video signal from Unive TV "gray". "We can even change the transponder frequency in the receiver from here", explains Susanna about the PowerVu system, "The receiver switches automatically to the new transponder without the customer even realizing it."



▲ The individual PIDs are lined up with the corresponding signals through the PowerVu software.

fessional LNBs are very frequency-stable and can therefore receive 8PSK in DVB-S without any problems." For the feedhunters within the DXer group, Mario recommends searching for frequency-stable LNBs. "There are some manufacturers that produce standard LNBs that would fit the bill."

Mario looks at it as part of his job description to always be in step with the technology. But he can also see the dangers: "You

> need to be in the right place at the right time; it doesn't help to invest too soon, but at the same time you don't want to be too late to embrace new technology."

> It's demanding work but Mario is always ready for it. And finally, some praise for TELE-satellite: "TELE-satellite always keeps me up to date with the latest products on the market; this makes my job much easier." That makes us happy of course!

> ◆ This is what the back of a regular PowerVu receiver looks like as it is installed in the Teleippica betting offices.



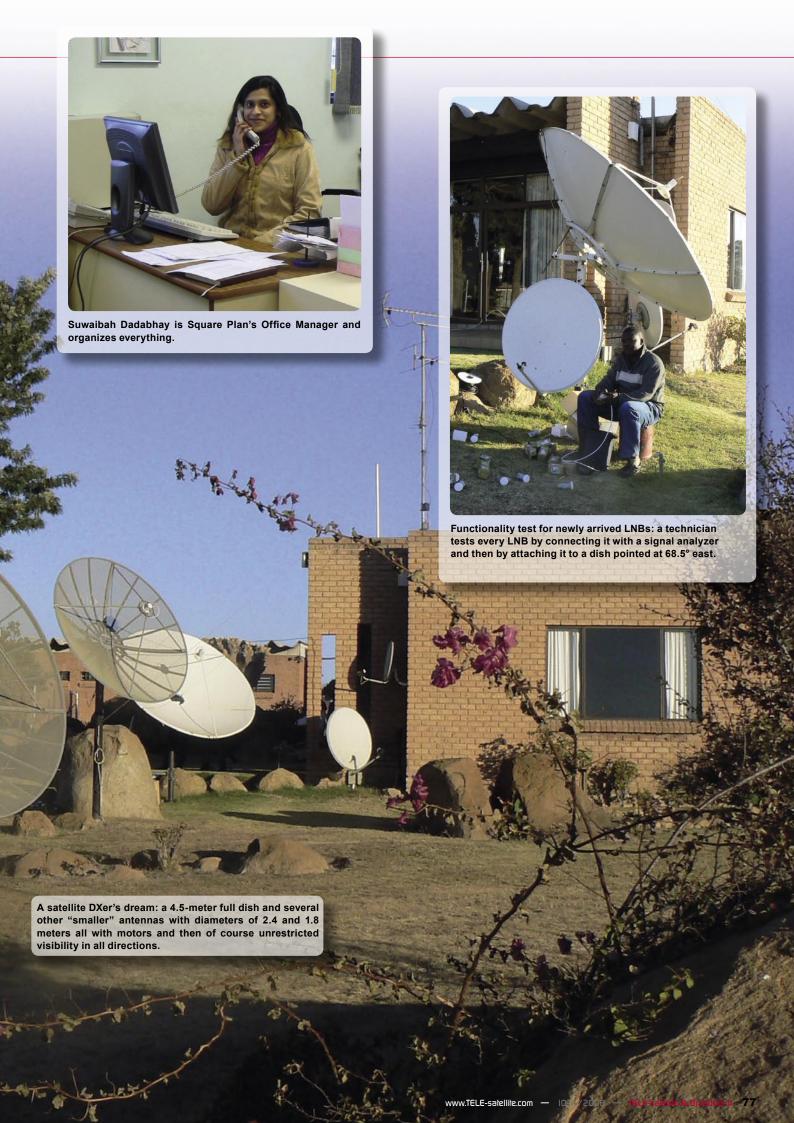
# Square Plan, Johannesburg



#### larger satellite distribution companies in South Africa.

The President is Bernard Ruberg, a satellite hobbyist himself. He was the one who originally managed to receive ASTRA from Europe with his 4.5meter antenna - of course in analog. That dish is still in service today but more antennas have been added to as well as two 2.4-meter dishes. All of these antennas can be found on his property in northern Johannesburg, as can be seen here on our picture. His company has been in existence for 23 years. Suwaibah Dadabhay, his office manager, explained to us: "We sell 65,000 dishes including LNBs every year. On top of that, we sell 10,000 100cm antennas as well as 1000 2.4 and 3.7-meter antennas each year."

the necessary accessories such as switches, any kind of LNB from single and twin to Quad and Quattro. Square Plan also handles repairs. "Roughly 20% of our products are exported", explains Suwaibah, much of it to countries such as Angola and Mozambique. Nine employees make up Square Plan, four technicians and five office workers. Square Plan is convinced that business for 2008 will grow!







# Satellite Reception in a Train

In the 03/2008 issue we introduced to you the company SeaTel, a provider of mobile satellite reception systems for ships. In that report we also mentioned that SeaTel was in the process of expanding into a new business area by developing mobile satellite reception systems for trains. And just recently, that milestone was reached: the first high-speed trains with satellite reception are now running on the rails!

It has to do with Thalys. This company operates 26 high-speed trains that travel between the cities of Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam and Cologne. The new SeaTel system has been installed in 15 of these trains, and by the end of the year the remaining trains should also be equipped for Internet reception via satellite.

We asked Philip Haines, responsible for the technical development of this system with the company 21net, what is being offered. He explained, "We are receiving the Internet service from the Belgian broadband provider Telenet in the 12.5 to 12.75 GHz frequency range." It is an intelligent technology that is being installed;



bandwidth distribution between the trains that statistically are underway only 40% of the time."

In the train itself, the passengers access the Internet via WiFi Hotspots. This certainly is a new experience: surfing the Internet in a high-speed Thalys train travelling at 300 kph (188 MPH)!



21net technicians at work installing the SeaTel satellite antenna for the mobile reception of HISPASAT. Since the Thalys high-speed trains don't travel much up or down any hills, the antenna itself doesn't require much in the way of elevation adjustments. This results in a lower wind load thanks to the flat-

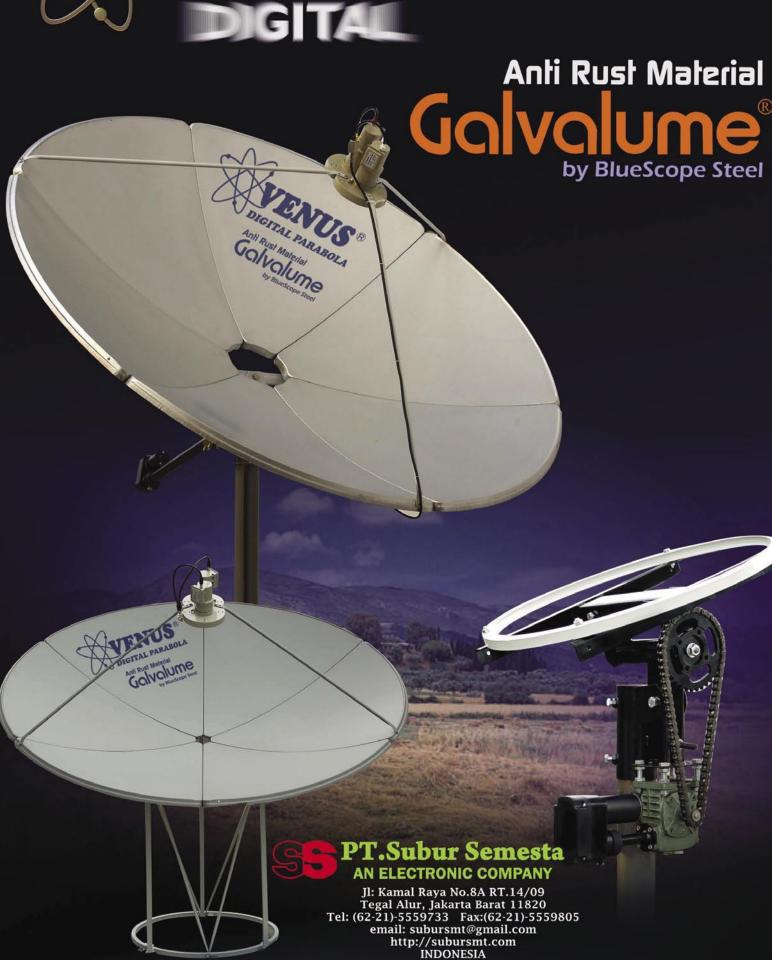
it was developed jointly with Nokia Siemens Network. This system automatically switches over to GPRS/GSM operation when the train enters a tunnel or when it stops at a station that is covered with a roof.

While the train is underway and as long as there is a clear line-of-sight view to HISPA-SAT, the goal is to provide "2 MBit/s download speed and 512 KBit/s upload speed for each train", explains Philip Haines, and then continues, "We are using an intelligent



Finished! The radom is placed on top of the antenna. Now the system is not only protected from the weather but also from the enormous 300 kph (188 MPH) wind load.





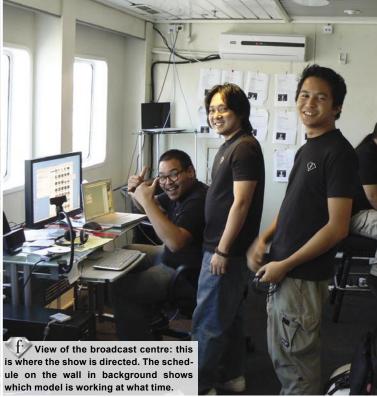
# **Fashion TV**

Reality Show at sea! Fashion TV has been the owner of a ship for a few months now - a vessel that was formerly used as a roll-on roll-off car ferry. The company is planning to use the ship as a party boat and also intends to broadcast a reality show based on the Big Brother concept and starring - what a surprise! - fashion models. This sounds like a really crazy idea and we wanted to have a closer look at those plans. After all, how will broadcast signals be





Tove fashiontv





We visited the Fashion TV ship in Bangkok. The vessel was originally equipped and converted in Greece, "but the technology was a huge mess and didn't work at all," according to Jon of JSAT.TV, a Bangkok company specialising in satellite technology. "We had to exchange the entire TV system on the ship and partially converted it to IPTV," he continues.

Bogdan is responsible for the on-board video technology and explains that "almost 500 TVs are connected to the system, and apart from a couple of monitors all are 16:9 flat screens."

So the Fashion TV ship features more TVs than most hotels. All cabins and each meeting and conference area, all stairways, bars and dance floors of the ship are equipped with flat screen TVs. In total, 16 channels are distributed on the S band, all of which are received by a self-tracking Ku band antenna.

"In addition, a total of 24 cameras are installed," explains Oleg, the IT manager on board the Fashion TV ship. "These are used as surveillance cameras on the one hand, but also for the Fashion TV reality show on the other hand." IPTV is being used to transmit the signals from the ship. A 1.2 m antenna maintains an IP connection to the Fashion TV broadcast centre and the same connection is also used to provide Internet access to the guests on board.

A powerful WLAN network capable of broadcasting through thick steel doors and walls inside the ship is available for guests to log onto the Internet. What a relief that the technical equipment required for this system is readily available in the Bangkok "Future Center", one of the huge shopping malls for tech-products. Components you'd be hard pressed to source in Europe are on offer here for very competitive prices.

Thanks to its technicians the Fashion TV ship features innovative satellite technology on board.





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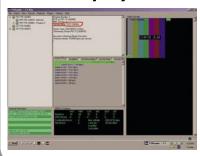
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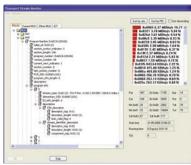
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Commercial and Professional Users Apply For License at www.dvbstreamexplorer.com

#### FastSatFinder Version 2.7.5

Alignment Tool with Signal Quality and Level Voice Reading

FasSatFinder offers all the tools needed for setting up a dish: select a satellite



from the SatcoDX generated list and FastSatFinder immediately gives signal quality and level even in voice. Easy-to-understand graphics explain how to align dish for maximum.

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# Topfield TAPs - Little Helpers for Your Topfield Receiver

Software developers don't always have it as easy as you might think they do. While one user wants to have very specific functions, the others sit there with puzzled expressions; while the professionals are always looking for more exotic uses for their equipment, the entire system must still remain easy to use for the beginner. This problem was solved decades ago in PC's in that on one side there are the operating system manufacturers and then on the other side you have hundreds of thousands of other smaller companies that have developed supplementary programs based on the basic operating system.

Up until recently, these types of developments were unknown in the DVB-S, DVB-C or DVB-T receiver world, and these boxes from all the different manufacturers come with only the exact features that were foreseen during their design stages.

For the aspiring South Korean manufacturer Topfield, this was simply not good enough. They came up with a plan to actively include the end users of their set top boxes in the developmental process. This was made possible by a unique programming interface, called TAP (Topfield Application Program), that the manufacturer made available at no cost to all users and included precise documentation of the possibilities and the proper approach to take. It didn't take long for dozens of hobbyists to surface that wanted to improve the capabilities of their Topfield receivers. Thanks to the Internet, these small supplemental programs quickly spread to others allowing Topfield receiver owners to choose from a variety of TAPs in order to upgrade their box with a specific useful function. A few of the better TAPs we would like to introduce to you here along with a download link so that you can take these TAPs for a test drive in vour receiver.

Unless otherwise mentioned, most of the TAPs are compatible

with Topfield's 5000 and 6000 PVR series and are easily uploaded into the receivers via the USB port or the network interface using the freely-available Altair program (downloadable from www.i-topfield.com). The TAPs are placed into the "Program Files" folder. This folder also contains the "Auto Start" subfolder. Any TAPs placed in this folder will automatically he executed when the receiver is turned on; any others would be activated by accessing the PVR menu and clicking on the << button.

#### Automove TAP -**Increased Organization** on the Hard Drive

This particular TAP is geared more towards our readers who are TV series lovers. It will take multiple recordings with the same title and move them into a predefined folder. Every recording from your favorite TV series will land not in the regular folder but nicely sorted in its own folder.

Download:

http://tools.hepke.com/com-

#### Filer TAP - A Wastebasket for Your Topfield

Who isn't familiar with this problem: when cleaning out your hard drive, one recording after the other is deleted only to find out that you still hadn't watched the conclusion of your favorite TV series. For the normal Topfield user, this would be an aggravating experience. But if you have the Filer TAP installed, there is no longer any need to worry. Much like a typical PC, the Filer TAP stores all deleted recordings in a virtual trash bin from which they can easily be restored if needed.

This TAP also provides some extras such as an expansion of the features in the receiver's PVR list: you can mark programs that have already been viewed, the font size can be adjusted and more sorting capabilities have been added.

Download:

http://www.elle4u.de/taps/

#### HDD Info TAP -**Noise Suppression for** Your Topfield Hard Drive

The hard drive is humming nicely in the background while you strain to listen to what they are saying in a quiet scene on the TV. For hard drive manufacturers, this has been a reason for some time already to incorporate some form of acoustic management although in most cases this option is usually not activated by default. In order to activate it, the hard drive would have to be removed from the receiver and installed in a PC; not exactly an easy procedure. The HDD TAP was written especially for this reason. It not only provides information on the installed receiver's hard drive, but in most cases can also let you activate many acoustic management settings directly through the receiver.

Download:

http://www.topfield-europe. com/de/09-taps/link.php?url=28

#### ImproBox -**Many Practical Features** for the Info Bar

ImproBox provides a replacement for the standard Info Box and offers a number of additional features. ImproBox provides three different backgrounds in four different colors and in addition to information on the current program also shows the user information on the next program. It is also possible to display all the upcoming programs in the Info Box, to directly display an upcoming primetime program, to look for repeats and to set your timer (extra time can be added to the beginning and end of a recordina).

The live picture can be automatically reduced in size when the Info Box appears so that no portion of the picture is hidden behind the Info Box. ImproBox also provides a variety of Jumpto functions that let you, for example, quickly work your way through the recording menu or directly enter in your location in just minutes.

The Quick Start lets you restart the previously viewed recording with just the push of a button. Alternatively, a list displaying recently viewed recordings can be called up from which they can be played back again if desired. While a program is being recorded, ImproBox can display it in a preview window and, if desired, it can be manually stopped. This also holds true for the playback of an existing recording.

Important: ImproBox is shareware and can only be used for free for a limited time after which the user needs to obtain a license



Automove TAP



HDD Info TAP



**FPG from iTiNa** 



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3PG TAP's easy-to-read EPG overview



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Backup TAP

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**Topfield MP3 Jukebox** 

ImproBox with its many settings capabilities

from the manufacturer! Download:

http://www.improbox.de/ index\_en.html

#### Masterpiece Display -**Gets the Most Out** of the VDF Display

This little TAP expands the Topfield 5000's VDF display by providing more useful data, such as the actual time, and also changes the presentation of longer data names during playback (from this point on it would only be scrolled a single time). In our tests we were unable to get this TAP to work with Topfield's 6000 series.

Download:

http://www.topfield.cc/files/ Firebird/MPDisplay.zip

#### Jag's EPG - A Must-Have

If you are not satisfied with Topfield's standard EPG, you could always give Jag's EPG a try. One thing is for sure: after using Jag's EPG, it is highly unlikely that you will miss Topfield's normal EPG. With Jag's EPG, you can, for example, download the EPG data for the first 100 channels automatically on a daily basis (e.g. overnight) so that you can view them anytime you want without any download delays, even if you're not on your favorite channel. In addition to the countless ways that this data can be displayed, this TAP also has a variety of search and sort functions, lets you directly enter timer settings with the ability to add extra time before and after the programs start time, etc. The entire range of features provided by this TAP fills a 38-page fullsize user manual. In addition to the original TAP, other programmers have developed accessory tools such as a program to display timer settings on a PC. This TAP is freeware!

Download:

http://www.topfield-europe. com/forum/forumdisplay. php?f=58

#### Bookmark TAP -An Absolute Favorite

At first glance, the Bookmark TAP seems rather small and unremarkable but it provides the receiver with an extremely practical function. Every time you push the Stop button, a bookmark is placed at the exact point where the playback of a recording was stopped so that later you can pick up watching your program exactly where you left off.

Download:

http://www.mynetcologne. de/~nc-lueckth2/

#### Movie Progress TAP -When is This Movie Over?

This useful TAP displays the remaining time of a program in a graphic located just above the Info bar.

Download:

http://www.boeckle-net.de/ topfield\_taps.htm

#### 3PG - Expanded EPG

The 3PG TAP also deserves mention although it offers functions similar to the Jag's EPG. Our suggestion: try them both out and decide for yourself which TAP vou want.

Download:

http://www.topfield-europe. com/forum/forumdisplay. php?f=67

#### iTiNa - The Third is the Charm

Developing an EPG TAP that includes everything that thus far has been missing in other TAPs. was the idea of two Topfield enthusiasts who, through some painstaking work, have created iTiNa (intelligent Timer and Navigation). For one thing, it comes with a completely new EPG and Info bar display, and for another, it also includes a number of practical features such as audio reproduction for the blind, overlapping timers on the same tuner, automatic scanning in the EPG data along with direct timer programming, an Auto-move function, plus much more.

Download: http://www.itina.de

#### AutoZapper -A TAP for TV Junkies

This TAP was developed for all

those chronic channel surfers out there with sore thumbs. It will channel surf automatically with a user-settable delay between all Info Bar with Movie Progress display the channels in the channel list.

Various screenshots of Jag's EPG

Download:

http://www.boeckle-net.de/ topfield\_taps.htm

#### PIP Switch -**Deluxe PIP function**

The PIP Switch TAP expands the standard PIP function with a few new features. You can now view split-screen images or set up overlapping windows. The result is impressive and looks exceptionally professional.

Download:

http://www.mynetcologne. de/~nc-lueckth2/

#### Backup TAP -**First Aid for Your Topfield**

If everything should go wrong one day and your channel list, settings and timer entries should all disappear, this TAP would help been made. It would let you bring the receiver back to its original state.

Download:

http://tonyspage.abock.de/ TAPS/backup\_settings3.2.zip

#### **Topfield MP3 Jukebox**

Every Topfield PVR receiver has the capability to playback MP3 given much attention by the manufacturer. The MP3 Jukebox TAP comes into play here and provides all of the functions you'd expect to find in a decent Jukebox.

Note: At this point, this TAP only works with the Topfield 5000 series and not with the 6000 series!

Download:

http://www.netgio.com

These are only a few of the TAPS that we had room to write about and that we felt were worth mentioning. On the web sites listed below you will find many more small as well as large helpers for your Topfield receiver:

http://www.topfield.cc

#### First Steps in the Ka Band

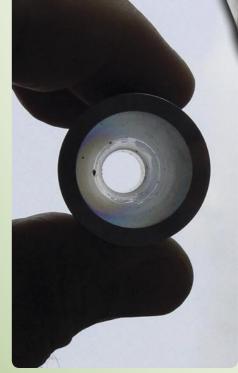
# **Reception Experiments** In the 20 GHz Range

TELE-satellite has reported on the Ka band several times already, the latest time as recently as in issue 09/2007. The Ka band extends from 18.2 to 22.2 GHz and was split by LNB manufacturers into different segments. "A" denotes the first segment from 18.2 to 19.2 GHz, "B" stands for the second segment from 19.2 to 20.2 GHz and so on. Reducing each segment to a 1 GHz bandwidth makes sure conventional satellite receivers are capable of receiving signals that are transmitted on Ka band transponders when converted into intermediate frequencies between 0.95 and 1.95 GHz.

With these facts in mind it was about time someone tried out Ka band reception after all. Ron Eberson in Amsterdam did just that and we visited him to find out how he went about with his mission and what result he was able to achieve. This is how his story begins: "First of all I obtained a Ka band LNB directly from the manufacturer." The reason for this direct approach is that Ka band LNBs are not (yet) available from high street satellite shops. While Ka

Ron Eberson in the garden of his town house in northern Amsterdam. He shows a Ka band LNB with a purpose-built feed. Ron Eberson is an experienced antenna professional: for many years he had owned a company producing amateur radio antennas. In 2000 he sold his business and since then he has been able to invest most of his time in satellite reception.

> Ron Eberson had a feed made out of an aluminium cast. "I could have done it myself with the help of a turning lathe," he says adding that "everybody can do that. You can buy a turning lathe for 300 euros these days." The feed output measures 28.8 mm and is fitted to the antenna, the feed's input fits the LNB output with 10.8 mm.



View into the feed horn: the conical shape of the feed is visible.



The feed fits perfectly into the existing reflector antenna and is inserted into the existing funnel feed.



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band technology is already being used in professional applications, these systems always come in complete packages so that individual components are hard to come by. In particular, providers of Internet-viasatellite frequently rely on the Ka band as it offers extremely good bandwidths and the capacities are underused at the moment, North American Internet service provider Wildblue is one of the pioneers of Ka band use. Once Ron Eberson was able to call several Ka band LNBs (one for each frequency range or segment) his own, he encountered the next obstacle. "Due to the higher frequency range the waveguide is narrower than for other bands, which means that regular Ku band feeds simply won't fit." Not a problem for Ron Eberson, as he quickly made up his mind to build his own customised feed. "Of course I had to calculate the correct measurement first," Ron explains, but this turned out to be quite straightforward thanks to a software application called PCAAD 5.0 (http://www. antennadesignassociates.com/pcaad5.

own Internet forum (www.gregorian-users. com and http://96592.forums.motigo.com) to get in touch with other Ka band enthusiasts. "At the moment there are three members on the forum, but I do hope this At the moment Ka band LNBs are only available for a single polarisation. so that you can either receive horizontal or

vertical signals and you have to decide on one polarisation level or - alternatively - manually rotate the LNB every time a signal with a different polarisation is received. Ron has devised something different altogether. "For about 10 euros I'm building a device that rotates the LNB as needed," Ron explains. "I take a motor with a cogwheel, like the ones that are used for model building, and a so-called servo tester, which are also guite common for model building when the remote control is not in use."



htm). "All you do is enter some

basic

with the help of a turning lathe," Ron continues, but as he has a friend working at a professional metal processing company he had the feed made from an aluminium cast based on the result of the software tool. The next stop

was to decide which receiver could be used for Ka band reception. According to Ron "any receiver will do, even though it only makes sense to use a box which allows entering any given IF manually." That's why Ron went for a Fortecstar receiver because "this box correctly displays the reception frequency on screen."

Ever since, Ron has been spending enormous amounts of time scanning the Ka band satellites. Albeit, his moments of success are still rare. "I'm really stuck without knowing the appropriate symbol rates," Ron tells us with disillusionment. A situation like this is the greatest challenge for any genuine DXer and even Ron admits that "this is part of the fun. Where's the challenge when all you need to do is press a button?". In the meantime he set up his



how it will work in the end: the motor with the cogwheel is mounted on the feed, and the LNB is mounted in the feed with a cogwheel ring and a flange so that it can rotate. With this mechanism Ron will be able to rotate the LNB from horizontal to vertical with his remote control.

number increases so that we can exchange our thoughts and ideas regarding the Ka band," hopes Ron Eberson, a true satellite pioneer.



The existing funnel feed for the Ku band. The Ka band feed is put into the opening that usually takes in the Ku band LNB. The funnel feed increases reception efficiency.



#### Ron Eberson's Handiwork



This is the small 55 cm reflector antenna Ron uses for his Ka band experiments. Nothing extraordinary at first sight, but if you have a closer look you'll notice that the motor is mounted at the wrong place: it does not sit below the rotating axis but above it. And come to think of it, we're not talking about a regular motor here either, but a DiSEqC motor. Ron sheds some light: "A conventional motor requires a 36 V positioner and can only move the dish 50° in each direction, which wasn't good enough for me." So Ron replaced the axis with a purpose-built axis and put a DiSEqC motor on top of it. "This has many advantages," Ron smiles, "because the dish can be turned almost 90° in each direction now, the motor axis is better protected from the elements and I can rotate the antenna using DiSEqC commands."





Recently, a new SatcoDX AutoScan station was set up in India. Now, SatcoDX stations automatically detect all satellite channels transmitted over India, using scan software that was developed in-house at SatcoDX. With the currently two stations - one of which is located in Thiruvananthapuram in southern India, the other one on New Delhi to cover the North - SatcoDX is now able to analyse almost all beams that can be received in India.

Thiruvananthapuram AutoScan station has been operational for two years now and is managed by Satheesan, a very committed satellite DXer with many years of experience in the field of satellite reception. "I set up my first dish twelve years ago," Satheesan proudly tells

Since then his antenna farm



has grown steadily, a development that was helped by the fact that he has more than enough free space for this. Meanwhile he receives all satellites available at his location.

For SatcoDX he runs six PCs, each of which scans fours beams, making it a total of 24 beams which are being scanned by Satheesan 24/7. This way new channels are detected

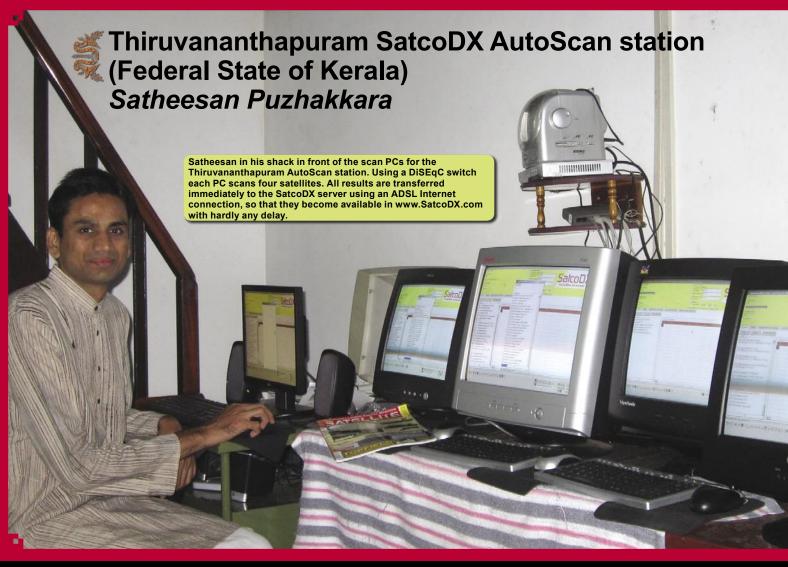
almost immediately and their parameters are entered automatically into the SatcoDX frequency charts.

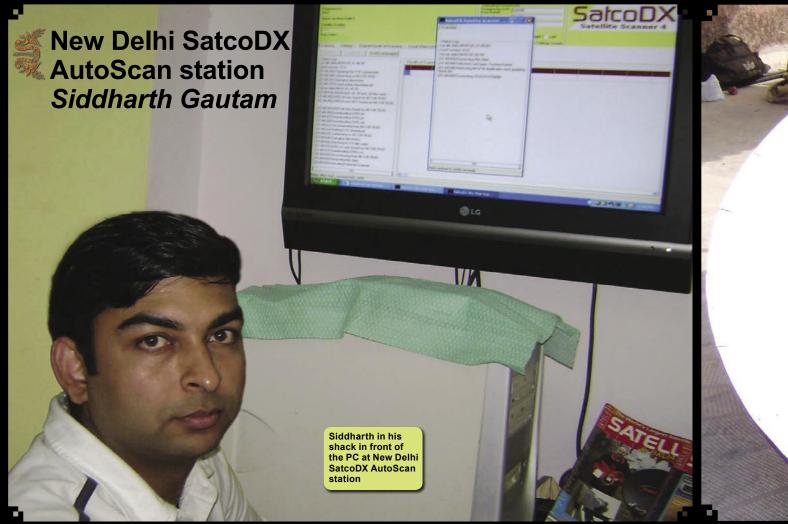
For several months now the Thiruvananthapuram SatcoDX AutoScan station has been complemented by an additional station in New Delhi which is operated by computer engineer Siddharth. He reveals that "I have some ten years of experience of feed hunting and up to today I was able to receive virtually all satellites positioned in the orbit above India."

As he lives right in New Delhi, space had become a major drawback and at the moment Siddharth is in the preparation stages for relocating to a place outside New Delhi so that he can keep receiving all signals at his new location in Moradabad.

There he will have more space to set up additional dishes for receiving northern signals as

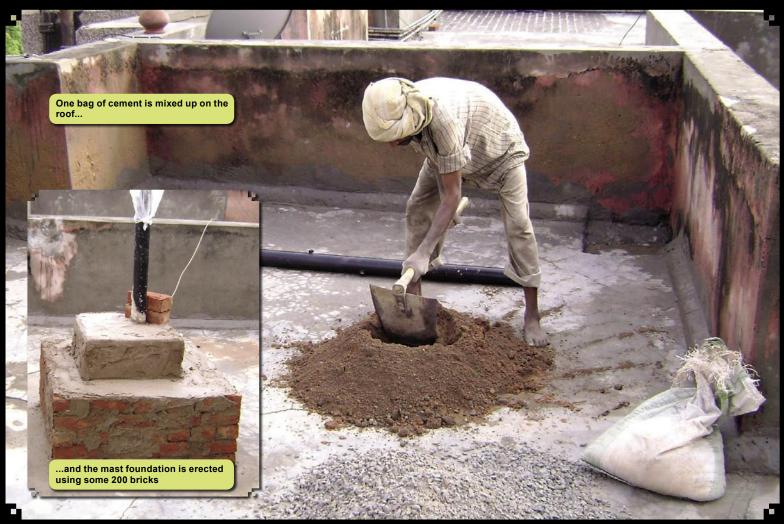
Once the new station is up and running SatcoDX will be able to receive and analyse virtually all beams available in India and thus will offer upto-date satellite charts free of charge to all and everyone at www.SatcoDX.com

























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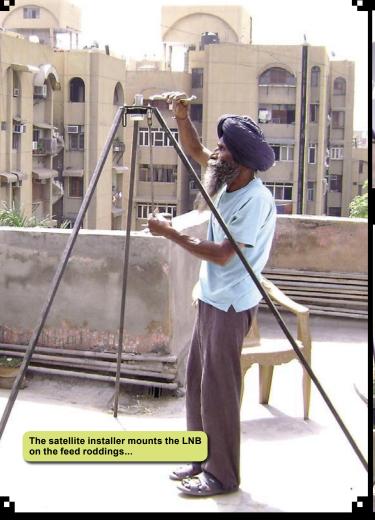
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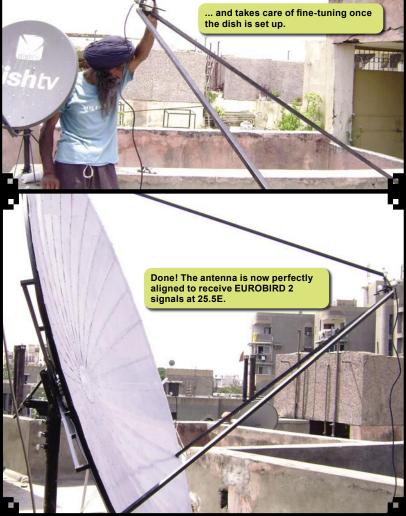
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#### CHE INSTALLS IDIRECT HUB, **LAUNCHES DVB-S2**

Cobbett-Hill Earth Station (CHE) has installed an iDirect Series 15000 Universal Satellite Hub and acquired multiple iNFINITI 5000 Series Satellite Routers to launch a hosting service for VNOs. With the debut of its new offering, CHE has signed its first VNO customer, AGC Marine Telecom, which will provide its mega yacht and cruise line customers with high-speed broadband connectivity. In addition to its VNO operations, CHE will be launching an IP broadband service using iDirect's next-generation Evolution DVB-S2 system with Adaptive Coding and Modulation (ACM). The investment enables CHE to develop a multiple- satellite DVB-S2 network for operators with markets in Africa and the Middle East, where space segment remains highly limited.

#### **OMNIGLOBE BECOMES RESELLER** OF INET VU MOBILE ANTENNA

Communications equipment supplier OmniGlobe Networks EMEA has signed a long-term reseller agreement with C-COM Satellite Systems, to become an authorised reseller of its iNetVu mobile satellite antennas. OmniGlobe Networks will be promoting and selling antenna communication systems to its well established customer base. spanning more than 70 countries. OmniGlobe Networks will offer the iNetvu antenna systems which are fully compatible with the world's leading satellite-based IP technologies and automatically connects to the internet at broadband speeds. The agreement with C-COM Satellite System also enables the company to enter the growing mobile VSAT and DSNG) markets.

#### **BULGARIA**

#### TRANSAT TO PROVIDE VSAT CONNECTIVITY

Satellite communications company Transat has signed a co-operation agreement with Microsoft Bulgaria to provide software service (SaaS) applications from the last quarter of 2008. The VSAT connectivity offered by Transat will enable satellite access to SaaS applications for customers in remote areas. The idea is to market a package of broadband Internet and software solutions.

#### THE NETHERLANDS

#### **THRANE & THRANE INTRODUCE VSAT SOLUTION AND NETWORK**

Satellite equipment manufacturer Thrane & Thrane will introduce a maritime VSAT solution and network in September 2008. Thrane & Thrane will offer the new SAILOR 900 VSAT and various fixed broadband data packages at attractive flat rates plus additional voice channels, addressing the professional maritime market. With fixed standard data and voice packages of up to 1024/256 kbps and additional voice channels, the SAILOR 900 VSAT solution allows ship operators to be online at all times with the benefit of cutting communication costs while sailing inside the SAILOR 900 VSAT coverage area.

#### TURKEY

#### **VIASAT COMPLETES INSTANBUL VSAT NETWORK**

ViaSat has completed the rollout of its LinkStarS2 satellite networking system to ELIOP S.A. (Spain) for data collection, monitoring, and control of drinking and waste water operations for the Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration General Directorate (ISKI). ELIOP has integrated its own "SHERPA" supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) technology with LinkStar terminals to gather information on water reservoir levels, pipeline integrity. water quality, and drinking and waste water distribution management for a community of 15 million customers. ViaSat supplied the complete satellite communication network including the antennas satellite transmission electronics LinkStar hub, and 300 network terminals.

#### NORTH AMERICA

#### **GLENTEL TO PRESENT NEW VSAT TECHNOLOGY**

Wireless communications solutions provider Glentel Inc has showcased a new generation of VSAT-based satellite services. The new VSAT system was developed to meet the needs of supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) users who require more robust and reliable remote infrastructure. Glentel's new system offers virtually guaranteed data transfer at a cost comparable to traditional radio links. From its stateof-the-art hub, located in Edmonton, Glentel's VSAT services can configure, monitor and control thousands of remote sites across North America. Each compact terminal including a satellite modem, IP router, TCP optimization over satellite, 3DES/AES encryption and QoS/prioritization.

#### **UNITED STATES**

#### **BROADPOINT AWARDED SEACOR** MARINE CONTRACT

Telecommunications and network solutions company Broadpoint has been awarded an additional contract from SEACOR Marine, a leading provider of support services to oil and gas operators. The contract covers connectivity services for five new vessels. SEACOR will be able to provide its crews and passengers with more reliable and convenient voice and data services, including wireless Internet. In addition, on the SEACOR Cheetah, the ability to transmit video over satellite will act as a safety measure, enabling experts on shore to view vessel conditions in real-time.

#### **US MONOLITHICS LAUNCHES NEW SATELLITE PRODUCTS**

US Monolithics has launched a line of commercial C-and Ku-band satellite transmit and receive products. New products include C- and Ku-Band low-noise block down converters (LNBs) and block up converters (BUCs) specifically designed for (VSAT) satellite communication terminals. The product line includes a series of high-stability free running DRO and PLL LNBs, Ku-band BUCs from 1W to 150W, and C-band BUCs from 1 to 300W.

#### SATELLITE INDUSTRY OPPOSES KU-**BAND TERRESTRIAL SERVICE**

The global satellite communications sector has asked the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) not to allow terrestrial

fixed services to operate in the 14.0-14.5 GHz band due to potential interference to fixed and mobile satellite-based services provided using the band. The Global VSAT Forum (GVF) and European Satellite Operators Association (ESOA) called upon the FCC to dismiss a Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the Utilities Telecom Council and Winchester Cator to share Ku-band spectrum. The GVF and ESOA claim that the proposals by the Telecom Council and Winchester would not protect present and future fixed satellite service operations from harmful interference and likely would result in harmful interference even at modest deployment levels.

#### **ACCELENET TO IMPROVE MILITARY OPERATIONS IN IRAQ**

IAP Worldwide Services has selected Intelligent Compression Technologies' AcceleNet WAN optimization and application acceleration client software to speed the application experience of its staff in Iraq. The purchase represents the first implementation of several projects using limited bandwidth networks and long-range satellite links by IAP, a provider of support services to the U.S. Department of Defense and other federal, state, and foreign governments. The AcceleNet client is designed specifically to improve performance of public and secure web applications, file shares, and email over networks with limited bandwidth, latency and high packet loss, including 3G wireless, DSL, and satellite.

#### **NORSAT LAUNCHES 12 NEW** LANGUAGE VERSIONS

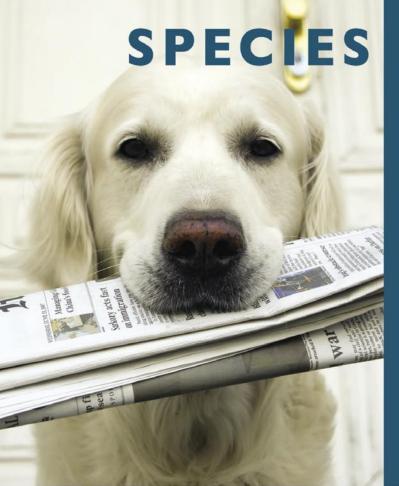
Satellite solutions provider Norsat International has released its advanced satellite acquisition and terminal control software, LinkControl, in 12 new languages. Norsat LinkControl is now available in a total of 15 different languages: Arabic, Bahasa, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish and Turkish. Norsat LinkControl software allows users to operate all aspects of a portable VSAT terminal from a single console. LinkControl is also compatible with modems from Radyne, iDirect and Paradise and transmitters from Xicom

#### **VSAT RECEIVES USD 52 MILLION ORDER**

ViaSat has won a delivery order valued at approximately USD 52 million for Multifunctional Information Distribution System terminals from The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), San Diego. By gathering information into a digital view of the battlefield, MIDS provides greater situational awareness in combat for the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and for U.S. defense partners. The secure, high capacity, jam resistant wireless (non-satellite) system connects users with both digital data and voice communications. Delivery of Lot 9 units is expected to begin in May of next year and continue through the first quarter of ViaSat's fiscal year 2011.

#### SEAMOBILE WINTS GSA CONTRACT

SeaMobile Enterprises' MTN Satellite Services division has won a contract from the General Services Administration (GAS) to provide its full suite of satellite communication services to government agencies, including the U.S. military, via its GSA schedule. GSA is an independent agency of the United States government dedicated to help manage and support the basic functions of federal agencies. MTN Satellite Services offers "Always On - Always Available" worldwide connectivity through its integrated



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#### **TCS AWARDED USD 246 MILLION** U.S. ARMY CONTRACT

Wireless communications provider TeleCommunication Systems (TCS) has been awarded an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity delivery order with a potential value of USD 246 million over the next 39 months. The delivery order is with the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command (CECOM LCMC) to support its need for rapidly deployable and highly secure satellite communication access to broadband satellite services.

#### **SEAMOBILE TO PROVIDE IPTV** PLATFORM FOR CRUISE SHIPS

Wave Entertainment Network, a division of SeaMobile Enterprises, has presented its IPTV television platform available to the cruise line industry worldwide. The continually expanding line-up includes linear and on-demand programming services from major media companies such as A&E Networks, CBS, Comcast, Cox Communications, Discovery Networks, Fox Cable, Fox News, NBC Universal, Twentieth Century Fox Studios and Viacom. In addition, cruise line guests who are sailing in the Mediterranean are able to view television programs in a variety of different languages from the top European providers, including Euronews, BBC News, BBC Prime, France 24, TV5 Monde, RAI International, RAI News 24, DW TV, ARD, and TVE International.

#### LATIN AMERICA

#### SHIRON SATELLITE WINS VSAT CONTRACT

Shiron Satellite Communication's Brazil office has closed a commercial agreement with Sanmina-SCI to produce state-of-the-art, broadband satellite communication VSATs locally in Hortolândia (SP), district of Campinas. Shiron will be the first and only company to have local production of VSATs in Brazil. Currently, more than 20,000 VSATS are imported every year into Brazil, and the country's installed base exceeds 100,000 VSATs. With Coldecon and Anditel/IPC in Colombia, Shiron has deployed over 7,000 VSAT terminals in 2007, and is deploying, for the first time in Latin America, 3,000 iRG-S2/ ACM VSATs with 16APSK ACM (Adaptive Code Modulation) outbound and an 8PSK with FEC 8/9, the most efficient VSAT system deployed.

#### ASIA & PACIFIC

**BANGLADESH** 

#### FIRST PRIVATE INTERNET **GATEWAY OPERATIONAL**

The first private International Internet Gateway (IIG) started operating in Bangladesh in June. Two POPs have been installed in Dhaka and Chittagong in the first phase of operations, to be expanded later. Mango Teleservices, a unit of Dhaka-based Communication Solution Limited, set up the IIG in partnership with multinational corporation Cisco Systems, Inc. The

IIG operator will give internet service providers and businesses high speed, high bandwidth international connections through its network. Mango's IIG will be connected with the existing submarine cable as its main link and with the Satellite Earth Station/VSAT as its back up until another submarine cable is available.

FIJI

#### TFL PROVIDES VSAT HUB FOR **VANUATU COMPANY**

Vanuatu's telecom company has been assisted by the Telecom Fiji Limited (TFL) in providing telecommunication services to its remote customers through its VSAT hub based in Yagara. Like Fiji, Vanuatu has customers in remote lying areas whose only means of access to telecommunication services is via satellite. Two years ago TFL made a substantial investment in its upgrading of the VTSAT service through its partnership with Gilat using their Sky Edge technology.

INDIA

#### **RAILWAYS TO GET VSAT COMMUNICATION HUB**

Indian Railways will soon have its own stateof-the-art communication network as it has signed a contract with Hughes to set up its first dedicated VSAT communication hub. The VSAT hub would allow the Indian Railways to not only offer a host of mission critical applications but also provide Internet access on running trains. The commissioning of the dedicated VSAT hub will allow Indian Railways to connect 1,000 locations across 19 States and give voice and data connectivity for their services at remotely

located stations where fixed and mobile network of telecom operators have not reached so far.

#### **TATANET PARTNERS WITH V1 IDIRECT AND STELECTRONICS**

Satellite-based IP communications technology supplier VT iDirect together with its sister company, ST Electronics (Satcom & Sensor Systems) has announced a strategic partnership with Tatanet Services, an Indian VSAT service provider. Tatanet has implemented an iDirect Series 15000 Universal Hub in Mumbai, which will enable it to expand its business across multiple developing markets that require specialized service capabilities. Through iDirect's Intelligent Platform, Tatanet can provide satellite VPN, VoIP and Internet broadband services to major enterprises and organizations, supporting remote communications, business continuity networks and a wide array of critical IP applications.

**ISRAEL** 

#### **GILAT SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE MERGER WITH GALACTIC**

The shareholders of Gilat Satellite Networks approved the Agreement and Plan Merger, dating back to March 31, among Gilat, Galactic Holdings and Galactic Acquisition Company, pursuant to which Galactic Acquisition Company will be merged into Gilat. Gilat will continue as the surviving entity and will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Galactic Holdings. Gilat Satellite Networks is a provider of IP based digital satellite communication and networking products and services. The Company designs, produces and markets VSATs and related VSAT network equipment.

**JAPAN** 

#### **BB SAT TO PROVIDE SATELLITE BROADBAND SERVICE**

Beginning October 1, BB SAT will demonstrate two-way consumer satellite broadband service in Japan. The demonstration service is aimed at showing how broadband satellite service can solve Japan's "digital divide" problem of several million households, and how this service can be a significant part of the government's strategy to provide broadband service to all citizens. Two towns in the Japanese "digital divide", Shobara in Hiroshima prefecture and Tsuru in Yamanashi prefecture, have been selected as sites for this initial demonstration service. The demonstration service will use the ViaSat Surf-Beam system already in widespread use in the U.S. and elsewhere. Satellite capacity is being provided by Space Communications Corporation using their Superbird B2 spacecraft.

**MALAYSIA** 

#### **TELEKOM MALAYSIA AND NUMIX TO** LAUNCH BROADBAND SERVICE

The partnership venture of Telekom Malaysia Berhad (TM) and Numix Engineering has contracted 5 MHz of transmission capacity on the NSS-6 satellite at 95 degrees East to launch two-way Ku-band broadband services targeting Malaysia and other countries in South East Asia. TM is Malaysia's leading next generation communications and broadband provider. Numix Engineering provides local expertise involved in the supply and system integration of high technology products.

**SINGAPORE** 

#### SINGTEL EXTENDS MARITIME **SOLUTIONS VIA SES NEW SKIES**

Singapore Telecommunications is extending its suite of maritime satellite solutions globally by contracting capacity on SES New Skies' NSS-7, NSS-703 and NSS-5 satellites. Terms of the three-year deal for up to 5MHz of capacity over the three satellites remain confidential. The SES New Skies satellites will also support demand for Singapore Telecommunications's (SingTel) OfficeAtSea@SingTel suite of Maritime VSAT solutions, which enable vessels to communicate seamlessly and cost-effectively with their headquarters on land. Solutions include 'always-on' unlimited broadband internet access, email, low-cost VoIP calls, GSM onboard and ship surveillance.

**AFRICA** 

KENYA

#### KENYA TO GET NEW VSAT NETWORK

Kenyan businesses are to get a new VSAT network to deliver high quality voice, broadband data and video services. The new network is expected to be used primarily by banks and financial services companies to provide private networking services, including interactive data, broadband Internet access, VoIP and clientserver banking applications to their customers throughout Kenya. The network, comprising SkyEdge II IP VSATs and a SkyEdge II hub which supports multiple satellites, will cover sites in various parts of Kenya. The Kenyan network



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**NIGERIA** 

#### **EMPERION WEST AFRICA INTRODUCES** VIDEO CONFERENCING

In its effort to help corporate institutions, multinationals and small enterprises as well as individuals reduce the rate of travelling, thereby saving cost and time, Emperion West Africa, one of Nigeria VSAT providers has pioneered the introduction of Videoconferencing on demand. Managing director, Sandeep Jayaswal, said that kiosks would be erected throughout the country where anyone could walk in at a pre-planned period and put through a videoconference call. Emperion designs, deploys, operates and maintains broadband IP communication solutions and services based on digital satellite (VSAT) and fixed wireless access (FWA) networks.

#### **GALAXY BACKBONE PROMISES** LOWER INTERNET COSTS

Telecommunication service provider Galaxy Backbone has vowed to reduce internet costs by deploying latest technology in the country and deploy ICT infrastructure in all 774 local government areas. According to director general, Gerald Ilukwe, the main goal of Galaxy Backbone was to build and operate a single nationwide IT infrastructure platform, to provide network services to all Federal Government ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs), and equally provide connectivity and digital access that would enable relevant solutions for governance, education to rural areas and other underserved communities in Nigeria. He added that the network operation centre located at Ahmadu Bello way in Abuja, is "largest and most sophisticated VSAT network in West Africa, if not in Africa".

#### **NIGERIAN BANK ACQUIRES** PRIVATE TELECOM OPERATOR

According to the "Business Day" newspaper, an unnamed bank is believed to have acquired private operator Prest Cable and Satellite TV Systems (Prestel). Prestel currently operates a CDMA2000 1x network covering eleven of the country's 36 states of the federation. It also has a licence for commercial VSAT installation to provide broadband services and data communication for government sectors, private organisations, banking and financial institutions. Business Day states that Prestel strengthened its position in the Nigerian telecommunications market when it obtained a unified access service (UAS) licence for NGN260 million in July 2006.

#### **NIGERIA TO DEPLOY 1.500 VSAT TERMINALS**

Within a three-year period, Nigeria has received the sum \$1.2 million (about N150 million) from the Universal Postal Union as grant to improve postal services in the country. The Nigeria Postal Service (NIPOST) is set to deploy 1,500 very small aperture terminals, VSAT in the post offices across the 36 states of the federation. Nigeria is collaborating with France to finance building and deployment of VSAT across the 36 states of the federation and this should be completed in 15 months. This will make possible the introduction of many services, including cyber cafe services in rural areas.

**SOUTH AFRICA** 

#### INTERNET SOLUTIONS SELECTS **ND SATCOM SKYWAN**

ND SatCom's technology platform SkyWAN has been selected by Internet Solutions (IS), a leading South-African converged communications service provider, to set up a VSAT network for the Pan-African trade association COMESA. COMESA will connect its offices throughout

the continent to its headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, for office applications such as internet access, file transfer, phone, fax and email.

#### WORLD

#### **SPACENET INTRODUCES INSTANT VSAT SOLUTION**

Spacenet has introduced a new ION instant VSAT communications solution that enables rapid deployment of complete converged communications through satellite for emergency response teams and remote industrial operations such as oil rigs, mines and construction sites. Available immediately with Spacenet's commercial grade Connexstar service, the new self-contained and field kit offers a turn-key voice, video and broadband data solution, according to the company. The company said that ION can also be deployed as part of a custom developed satellite network. Spacenet's ION is designed with emergency response personnel in mind, and can be easily carried and deployed by one or two people, can be checked as luggage aboard commercial airlines, or integrated into a mobile command vehicle.

#### **KVH AND VIASAT ROLL-OUT** MINI VSAT NETWORK

In-motion satellite TV and communications provider KVH Industries has announced a new agreement with ViaSat, to begin the global rollout of mini-VSAT broadband satellite communications service. Under the terms of the deal, KVH and ViaSat will roll out an exclusive global network offering access to KVH's mini-VSAT broadband service for maritime use with airtime revenue to be shared between the two companies. KVH has agreed to acquire satellite capacity from Ku-band satellite operators as well as purchase three new regional satellite hubs from ViaSat. These hubs will use ViaSat's ArcLight spread spectrum mobile broadband technology and be operated by ViaSat.





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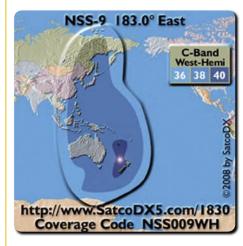
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This satellite will be launched from French Guiana by Ariane 5. NSS-9 will be positioned at 183° E

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The Ariane 5 ES-ATV launcher, on its mobile launch table, shortly after its transfer from the Final Assembly Building (BAF) at the Launch Zone (ZL-3) of Ariane Launch Complex no.3 (ELA-3) at the Guiana Space Centre, Europe's Spaceport, on 7 March 2008, for fuelling and final launch preparation. Also visible are two of the four 100-m-tall lightning towers surrounding the launch pad." (Photo: ESA - S. Corvaja 2008; http://www.esa.int/images/\_SCO1025\_L.jpg)



(177°W) and will replace NSS-5 with three C-band beams. The satellite will carry 44 active C-band transponders with a global beam providing cov-

erage of the entire earth. NSS 9 is intended to free up NSS 5 which in turn will then be free to relocate to 57 degrees to replace NSS 703.





#### **HOTBIRD 9**

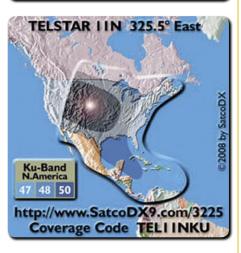
With a Ariane 5 launcher, this new HOTBIRD will be co-located at 13°EAST, designed to cover all 102 Ku-band transponders at the HOTBIRD position, it will be able to substitute any transponder on any other HOTBIRD satellites. Manufactured by Astrium with a Eurostar 3000 spacecraft type, the satellite has a minimum of service life of 15

#### **TELSTAR 11N**

The new Loral Skynet satellite called TELSTAR 11N will provide service from 39 high-power Kuband transponders beams. The satellite will be positioned at 322.5°E (37.5°W). TELSTAR 11N is dedicated to complement the coverage of TEL-STAR 12 satellite at 345°E (15°W), which provides Ku-band trans-Atlantic coverage.

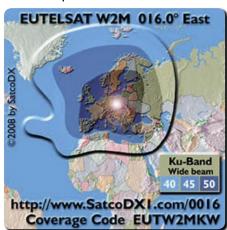


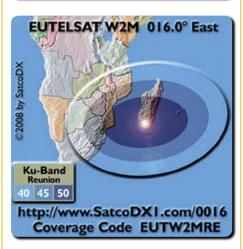




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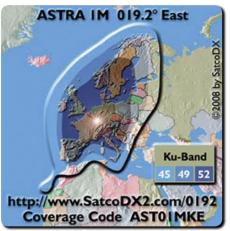
EUTELSAT W2M will operate 26 transponders in Ku-band and up to 32 depending on operational modes, at EUTELSAT's 16° E position. The satellite is planned to be launched with TELSTAR11N in October 2008 from Kourou with Ariane 5 launcher. The fixed beam will cover Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, while a steerable beam can be re-oriented in-orbit according to market requirements.





#### ASTRA 1M

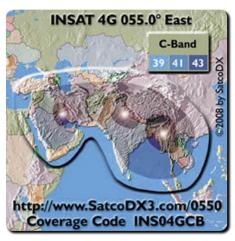
The satellite will be launched from the Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan by a Proton M launcher. EADS Astrium has manufactured this last ASTRA satellite called 1M spacecraft based on its Eurostar E3000 platform, the latest version of the Eurostar series, which became first part of the SES fleet with the ASTRA 2B spacecraft launched in Sep-



tember 2000. ASTRA 1M embeds 36 transponders for the first five years. The satellite is specified for a minimum service life of 15 years.

#### **INSAT 4G**

INSAT4G is proposed as a Ku-band satellite carrying 18 transponders similar to INSAT4A. It will also carry 2 BSS transponders and a GAGAN (GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation). The satellite will be launched by an Ariance vehicle from Kourou.







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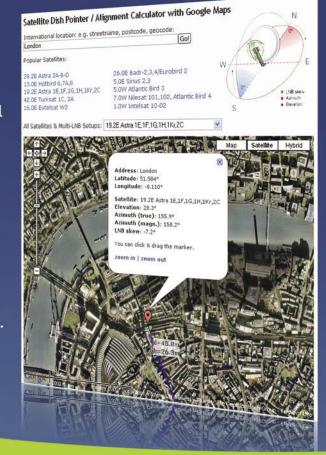
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What you see in your local evening news broadcast has to first find its way from the event location to the TV station's studio. This path typically involves the use of a satellite to get it from one point to another. This type of transmission is referred to as a feed and there are those that have made finding these satellite feeds their hobby. One of those happens to be Rini de Weijze who calls himself Feedhunter Rini, a name he uses to a number of different Internet satellite forums. How do you end up being a feedhunter? We asked Feedhunter Rini that very same question.

Feedhunter Rini has lived in his present home in northern Holland for 33 years. He was a bank manager but is now retired and can therefore spend more time playing with his hobby.

We wanted to know how it all started. Rini was kind enough to explain: "When I was 16, I stumbled onto Radio Moscow while listening to the airwaves and was completely surprised to discover that the transmission was in Dutch." This was the start of his interest in listening to the radio that culminated in the reception of shortwave ship transmissions in SSB.

But he became infected with the satellite virus when he one day spotted a satellite dish. Without any hesitation, he asked the owner of that dish what he was receiving with it.

"It was a 90cm antenna that is still hanging in the same spot today. Back then, the owner, Klaas van der Lingen patiently revealed to me everything he was able to receive with his Echostar receiver", explained Rini of that day.

Not too long after that, an 80cm dish from Triax with positioner was hanging on his own exterior house wall.

"My most interesting experience was the pirate transmissions from the Amateur TV club PI6ALK", remembers Rini, "they simply switched the uplink from the Amateur TV satellite OSCAR over to EUTELSAT 16E and started transmitting." Naturally, the Dutch authorities quickly put an end to that, but for Rini it was quite an experience to see how easy these transmissions could find their way onto a satellite.

In 2004 he upgraded to a 90cm antenna and in 2005 he installed a 90x99cm Fibo antenna with sub-reflector that he still uses today.

He dreams of having a real DX station on an open piece of land on which, together with his friend Ron Eberson, he can erect large dishes. "We can even get a hold of a used 2.4-meter antenna but it's not so easy to find the space for it." We wish him luck in his search!





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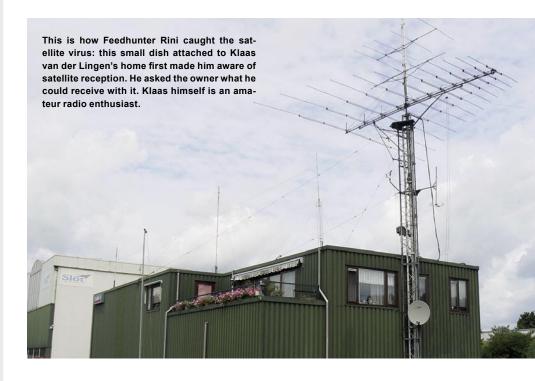
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This list compiled by Ron Eberson and Feedhunter Rini and constantly kept up to date by them is the key instrument for looking for new feeds on a daily basis. The list shows satellites which are used for feeds, as well as the frequency ranges, polarisations and average number of feeds. To start with, Feedhunter Rini rotates his dish to the required satellite. Next, he lets his receiver scan only the range between the two frequencies and this way finds the feeds as quickly as possible. On his PC he then makes screenshots und uploads the files to specialist satellite forums such as sat4all.com and dxtv.eu. Other feedhunters therefore can find out within minutes which feeds are currently active. If you like to have a go for yourself you should begin with choosing a satellite that transmits many feeds so that your chances of actually discovering a feed are highest. Bear in mind, though, that feed transmissions often only last for a few minutes. Only rarely are they active for more than an hour - such as when a football match is transmitted, for example.

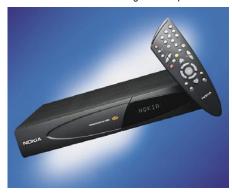




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#### Nokia Mediamaster 9800S

Almost everyone in the digital satellite reception market was curious about the successor of the famous Nokia 9200/9600 family of satellite receivers. Almost three years after the European launch of digital satellite television, it seems that Nokia has set the market standard for digital set-top boxes.



No wonder, it was the first receiver capable of doing software and settings updates over the air, but even more importantly through the Internet. Get the latest channel lists from the Internet and upload them into your receiver within minutes. It saves a lot of time and your receiver always has up-to-date channel settings.

#### MTI LNB AP8-T2

For most experts, Microelectronics Technology is probably better known as MTI. Professionals have known MTI for years by their VSAT installations,



SCPC reception units and microwave transmitters. Of course, the development of LNB is a continuous process whereas improvements are made over and over again. Recently, MTI has introduced the AP8-T2 LNB. As a professional manufacturer should, MIT do their best providing realistic specifications. For MTI, the outstanding performance of the AP8-T2 is very stable in its LOF. We ordered two samples and gave them a thorough test, not in our lab but up on the roof. Only the extreme temperatures in out our test had to be created articficially.

#### Radix S.T.E.A.L.T.H.



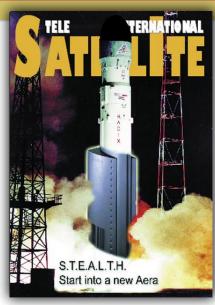
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In last issue, we reported about our visit to the Radix distributors meeting. There, the official introduction of their latest receiver, the Radix Stealth, took place. Most distributors immediately placed their orders. We took one sample with us and gave it a thorough test. And now, just before the holidays are coming, the Stealth has hit the shops. What is so special about it? You may associate the name with invisibility. That is almost right. Of course, the box is not really invisible, but you can put it anywhere behind books or in a cupboard.

#### Hirschmann Hit-Sat

Hirschmann offers a complete kit with all components you need to get started right away. All included in one sturdy box are a dish (65, 75 or 85 cm), a universal LNB (digital compatible) and an analogue Satellite receiver.





digital stuff on satellites nowadays, such as TV channels, why not receive them as well? Telemann-Satellite Solutions offers the SkyMedia 200, a special PC card that allows reception of almost all kinds of digital satellite signals. The television or radio signals can be fed to



The included LNB is a Twin LNB, so it is very easy to connect an additional digital receiver, which can be operated completely independent of the analogue box. Another fine solution could be the use of one dish for two households.

#### SkyMedia 200

Special MPEG streams on satellites all over the world contain Internet information and other data such as pre-selected material or continuous streams of information. You will need a personal computer if you want to subscribe to such a service. But as there's more

your television or hi-fi set, and the data services stay where they belong—on your computer. Professionals can now watch CNN (available on almost every satellite) and at the same time receive data services from the same orbital position. But this combination makes sense even at at home. You can, for instance, use a satellitebased Internet service while the rest of the family watches a digital channel on the usual TV set.

#### Prosat P-2002S

Two years ago a minimalist digital receiver would set you back some 900 Euros—only to allow you



stations cover the geostationary arc from 45° West to 180° East. That makes it very universal for a large area that includes Africa and the Mid-East.

#### PalMaster 1000

The technology comes wrapped in a modern design which, not quite coincidentally, matches the style of Bang&Olufsen TV sets. The brand is quite popular in Scandinavia, so the Pal-Master's remote can also control B&O TVs. On the front of the receiver, a large six-digit display gives you all information you would like to see on the receiver itself. It can store up to 500 channels. A metal lid hides the three famous buttons for emergency operation. Here, there are also two smartcard slots for the MAC decoder that is built into the Scandinavian version of the Pal-Master 1000. Even at the back, there is nothing special to be found: three Scart connectors, two LNB inputs (900-2150MHz), and phono jacks to get the audio signals over to your stereo.

to catch one or two digital bouquets if you were lucky. Today basic units like these are almost impossible to come by. Consumers demand digital boxes that can be used to receive all channels and services in the DVB standard—this has become the only selling argument. Nonetheless, a well equipped digital receiver for less than 350 Euros is a rare thing. TSI picked one of the few cheapies on offer and examined it to the extreme: P-2002S

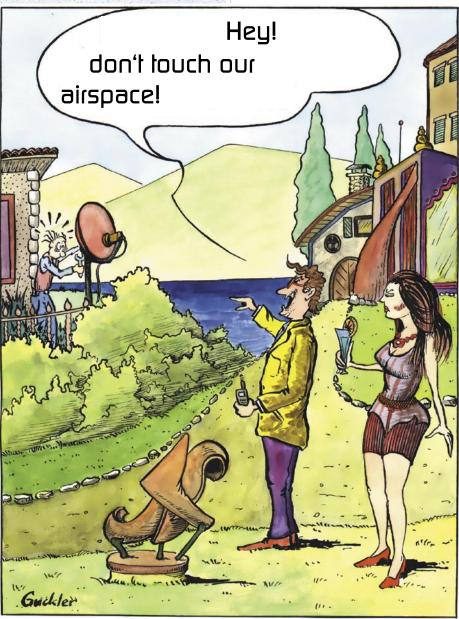


#### **DB-6000**

This new digital receiver is the first box for DVB reception from Benjamin Electronics Co. Ltd. of Taiwan. They have done a very good job examining the markets before actually producing anything. First of all, this DB-6000 will strike you because of its silver colour. Finally some colour in this black box business. The metal housing makes the receiver heavy duty, sturdy and very well suitable as the foundation of a heap of other boxes. On the front, we found a large four-digit display indicating the channel ID. The DB-6000 can store up to 1000 channels. Also located on the front are the buttons for channel browsing and standby.

#### MSS-220

It was a very practical reason why we wanted to test the new MSS-220. In our test lab we were looking for an analogue receiver capable of processing the signals from two dishes and also being C-band compatible. On the other hand, it should also be able to store all available channels on all the important satellites. So we came across the MSS-220. For Pace it is very much common to build satellite receivers on a region specific basis, which means that you will find an appropriate decoder built in (if any) in addition to pre-programmed regional satellite channels. In the UK, for instance, the MSS-220 comes equipped with a Videocrypt decoder, but there is no decoder in it for the rest of Europe. Here, the pre-programmed



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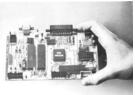
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