



WINTER 2013 BUYERS GUIDE

Does your DIRECTV receiver seem like a dinosaur? If it's been a while since you looked at new satellite equipment, it's time to look again. Even if it's only been 5 years since you looked at your system, you will be surprised at the upgrades you can get. You may have been scared off by reports of flaky equipment, but DIRECTV boxes are rock solid these days, and they do tricks your old receivers never dreamt of. Read inside for more information!

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WHY UPGRADE NOW?

If you have a DIRECTV box from RCA, Sony, Philips, or Hughes, or if your DIRECTV box doesn't have an access card, it will not work with DIRECTV service in the very near future. These older receivers rely on obsolete systems to keep them working and DIRECTV has been using the new system for about 8 years. Any receiver older than that should be responsibly recycled.



If you bought a DIRECTV HR10 DVR or an RCA or Sony HD receiver, you probably know that all the national HD channels will not work with it. DIRECTV is also transitioning all the local channels to MPEG-4 technology that's incompatible with these older boxes.

If you do need a service call to your home and you haven't had one in some time, don't be surprised if the tech wants to change you over to SWiM technology. This is a proven system for distributing signal to your home that is less expensive and simpler, but most receivers made before 2008 won't work with it. (Want to know more about SWiM technology? [Read our White Paper.](#))

So, if you've been holding out, coddling an older receiver and waiting until the time was right, wait no longer! You can get a great experience with HD channels and extra features, so why wait?

HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE MISSING

If you're using older equipment, you may not realize what DIRECTV has to offer now. Depending on the age of your equipment, you might be missing out on:

170 full-time national HD channels: You can't beat that, and all of them use MPEG-4 technology for superior picture quality.

Interactive and mix channels: Do you want to watch 8 channels at once? It's easy with DIRECTV Mix Channels

ScoreGuide: The technology inside DIRECTV receivers lets you keep tabs on every game, not just the one you're watching.

YouTube, Pandora, and other apps: Make the most of your viewing experience with tons of content on your internet-connected receiver.

Whole-Home viewing: Start a program in one room, finish in another. Share programs, delete from any room!



Scheduling using smartphone and tablet apps: Even without the internet you can schedule programs to record on any DVR.

Most of all, by updating your DIRECTV receivers, you'll know that you won't be left out in the cold with future upgrades. DIRECTV has a lot of new things coming out in the next year and you'll need modern equipment to take advantage of them.

Pause Live TV in any room when using the HR34 Genie DVR and C31 Genie Client

Start small: the DIRECTV H25 receiver

If you're used to an old RCA receiver the size of a pizza box, you'll be amazed at the paperback-sized **H25**. It's small and light and very inexpensive. As DIRECTV's



most modern non-DVR receiver, it has all the features you would expect in a size that makes it right at home in any environment. It's small enough to wall mount using the **DIRECTV Wall Mounting Bracket**, or for a truly professional installation mount it on the back of any TV with the **Solid Signal Commercial Wall Mount**. The H25 practically disappears when mounted behind a TV.



The H25 is SWiM-only, meaning it will not work with older systems. If you need to upgrade, check out our **SWiM upgrade White Paper** for instructions on how to do it yourself. It will work with the **DIRECTV RF Remote**, as long as you add the optional **Antenna**.

H24: the smallest full-featured receiver



Do you need a receiver that works with an older system? What about a

receiver that supports ethernet or component video out? Check out the **H24**. It's the original touchscreen receiver, small and fast. If you're not ready for a single wire system, the H25 won't work -- it's SWiM-only. Plus, its small size means there are some compromises. The H24 is as small as it can be and still have a full set of outputs and an internal power supply.

Of course, the H24 will give you access to whole-home viewing and a stellar HD Experience. It's definitely small enough for a bedroom and like other HD receivers, it's perfectly silent.

HR24 - Sleek and sexy

The **DIRECTV HR24** is the fastest HD DVR in the DIRECTV line. It features a touch panel front and 100 hours of HD recording capacity, more than enough for casual viewing. It's been updated with DIRECTV's hot new HD menus featuring Pandora, YouTube videos and all of DIRECTV's advanced features.



Share programming with other rooms or download from DIRECTV's extensive on demand library. This DVR features built-in coax networking, so no DECA required here. 2012 Energy Star certification means it won't use much power when it's not recording, and it runs quiet enough for use in bedrooms.

SolidSignal.com can guarantee when you order an HR24 DVR, you are getting the latest and greatest new equipment. If you order from DIRECTV, you may get older or refurbished equipment. If you want the best, get it here at Solid Signal!

HR34 Genie DVR: Three wishes is just the beginning.

If you want the best, most future-proof DVR you can get, you need to get the **HR34 Super DVR**. This is the one to beat... record 5 things at the same time, use picture-in-picture, and store a ridiculous amount of programming (over 200 hours of HD or 800 hours of SD. Share that programming throughout the house, too.



Simplify your setup by running an ethernet cable straight into this DVR instead of using a Cinema Connection Kit... the internet access will be shared with all other networked receivers.



You say you want to be future-proof? This DVR has built-in RVU technology ready for the next generation of smart TVs and receivers. You say you want to use your Smart TV as a DVR but without another box? This is the only DVR that works with the C31 Genie Client to give you the full DVR experience in any room, in a tiny, quiet package.

The Genie DVR is also the only DVR that gives you Genie Recommends, a new feature that records suggested programs without taking up any user space and without cluttering up your playlist.

C31 Genie Client: Tiny but tantalizing



Not everyone wants a bedroom that looks like NASA Mission Control. If hidden equipment is your style, check out the **C31 Genie Client**. The Genie Client works with the HR34 Genie DVR to give full DVR functionality in a box the size of a paperback book, and it is perfectly silent. It has

a built-in RF antenna so putting it behind a picture or mounting it to the TV with some industrial hook-and-loop tape is easy!

The C31 Genie Client is your perfect choice for a master bedroom because it gives a true DVR experience without making any sound. You will soon forget it's even in the room, except when using features like DoublePlay, On Demand, Pandora, YouTube and Genie Recommends which aren't available in any other box this size.

Remember, the C31 Genie Client will only work when connected to an HR34 Genie DVR and so a SWM system is required.



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RC65RBX remote: Easy to use, hard to lose.



DIRECTV's award-winning line of remotes have been part of the DIRECTV experience for years, and you don't get any better than this **RC65RBX Universal IR/RF remote**. Use it in IR mode for easy compatibility or switch it over to RF to shoot through walls and doors!

The backlit keys make it great for a darkened room, and this remote has one more trick up its sleeve: When used with the HR24, H24, H25, HR34 Genie DVR or C31 Genie Client, it's self-programming! Point the remote at the receiver and go through the menus... no entering in strange codes or trying to interpret random light flashes.

The RC65RBX is a perfect replacement for any DIRECTV-branded receiver and can be programmed to control many older DIRECTV receivers as well such as Sony, Philips, RCA and Hughes DIRECTV receivers.