

Hauppauge Introduces sub-£30 TV card

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- World leader introduces "no frills" analogue TV card for desktop PCs

London, England – Hauppauge, the world leader in TV-on-a-PC technology, has launched a low-cost TV tuner for desktop PCs, the WinTV Express. Priced at £29.99, inc. VAT, the new product is the lowest cost WinTV product on the market and will broaden the appeal of the technology for budget-conscious PC owners.

The WinTV Express is a PCI card that is simply installed inside a desktop PC and allows owners to watch the five terrestrial analogue TV stations in a resizable window on the PC screen. Owners can also make MPEG recordings with Hauppauge's new SoftPVR, schedule recordings with TV Scheduler, then use the PC's CD-RW burner to create Video CD's, with up to one hour of video.

"We have created an entry-level WinTV card to appeal to the budget-conscious buyer," said Yehia Oweiss, Managing Director of Hauppauge UK. "The WinTV Express uses the same tuner and display hardware as our more expensive models to maintain picture quality, but non-essential features have been left out to reduce cost." The WinTV offers mono sound (via the PC's own sound card) and does not include a remote control, but includes software PVR.

In addition to TV viewing, the WinTV Express allows owners to capture video from camcorders by simply plugging into the card. Users can take a snapshot from TV broadcasts, VCR camcorder or any other video source in high resolution (up to 1600x1200 pixels). The included WinTV software features "16 channel surf", "always-on-top" and "no-title mode".

The soft PVR functions include Time shifting, a flexible PC-based scheduler and pause/ 2xspeed catchup for live TV (handy if the phone rings). In addition, the system is compatible with the tvtv.co.uk online EPG (Electronic Programme Guide), which allows for powerful programme search by keyword or genre and automated recording after selection.

Included in the package:

* WinTV PCI card (Mono audio), 125 Channel TV Tuner

* Audio cable for connection to sound card.

* CD-ROM with: WinTV application for TV in a window, with SoftPVR for making MPEG movies, plus WinTV-Schedule, WinTV Snapshot, VTplus professional teletext

Requirements

- * Pentium processor 90MHz or faster
- * Windows 95, 98, ME, NT4.x (with service pack 3 or higher), 2000 and XP
- * Free PCI slot
- * Sound card
- * Graphics card (PCI or AGP) with Direct Draw support
- * TV aerial and a television licence
- * CD-RW drive to create VCDs (optional)

Hauppauge Digital, is the world leader in desktop TV products, with a range covering PC and Mac, analogue and digital, satellite television broadcast, teletext, FM stereo radio, Dolby surround and video capture. In addition the company has recently moved into the set-top box market with the Freeview receiver range. Prices range from £29.00 to £199 inc VAT.

www.hauppauge.co.uk

Product is available online and on the high street, from Amazon, Comet, Dabs, eBuyer, Inmac, Insight, John Lewis, Light Computer Systems, Maplin Electronics, MicroDirect, MicroWarehouse, Micro Anvika, PCUpgrader, PC World, Procom Direct, RS Components, Savastore.com, Scan, SMC Direct, Staples, Technomatic, Time Computers.

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