

Second Generation Hauppauge Freeview Box Enhances Reception

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- New Philips technology for superior picture
- Full loop-through for linking to VCR
- Timer function
- S/PDIF digital audio output for home theatre connection

London, England – Hauppauge Digital, makers of the world's smallest Freeview box, has introduced a second generation Freeview receiver, with enhanced picture quality, faster operation and full interactivity. The Hauppauge DEC-1100-t uses the latest Philips chipset to provide superior picture quality, faster scanning and is priced at just £79.99 inc VAT (£20 less than the previous model).

The tiny receiver, the size of a CD Walkman, will be available from end of September from high street and online retailers. Like its predecessor the DEC-1000-t, the new DEC-1100-t is the easiest Freeview receiver to set up, claims the company: when first plugged in the unit seeks TV and radio channels automatically; the unit is the most responsive unit on the market, avoiding annoying waits and double-press errors; and an advanced "now and next" electronic programme guide (EPG) includes live TV pictures in a window.

"Consumer Surveys show that many people find Freeview receivers harder to use than a mobile phone or a video recorder," commented Yehia Oweiss, Managing Director of Hauppauge. "This presents quite a barrier for many consumers. Our pre-launch marketing test results have confirmed that the DEC-1100-t has been designed to be intuitive."

"We have chose the next generation chipset which offers the best price to quality ratio", said Bernd Schoen, Hauppauge's Global business development Manager. "The new Philips chipset provides enhanced picture quality: Pulse Killer technology reduces picture breakup caused by electrical "noise"; enhanced echo cancellation boosts reception clarity. In addition, a Fast Scan feature has been introduced to seek available stations when the DEC-1100-t is first switched on."

The DEC-1100-t is the smallest DTT Freeview adaptor on the market, measuring just 160mmx140mmx35mm – about the size of a CD Walkman. This allows it to be slotted into almost any space near the TV set, without adding to the DVD/VCR stack.

Audio output

The Hauppauge DEC-1100-t includes two audio outputs, for connection to a home hifi or theatre system: a stereo mini-jack socket provding analogue audio output to a hifi, and a new S/PDIF (Sony/Philips Digital Interface) socket to provide a digital connection to home theatre systems.

Included in the package:

DEC-1100-t unit

SCART cable
RF output cable
12v power supply
DEC-1100-t manual
Remote Control with batteries
Stand to allow for horizontal or vertical positioning

About Hauppauge:

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 to £199 including VAT. www.hauppauge.co.uk

WinTV and DEC 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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