

## Factsheet

# Touring Caravans, Motor Homes and Camper Vans

## What is the digital TV switchover?

TV in the UK is going digital, and the existing analogue signal will be switched off TV region by TV region between now and 2012.

Digital UK is the independent not-for-profit company responsible for leading the digital TV switchover.

## What does digital switchover mean for me?

Switchover means that any TV not converted to digital will not work after the switchover. If you are travelling around the UK during switchover, the availability of the digital TV signals is likely to vary from location to location.

You can find out what TV services are available in the TV region you are in by using Digital UK's postcode checker at [digitaluk.co.uk](http://digitaluk.co.uk)

## How do I convert or upgrade the TV in my caravan, motor home or camper van?

To receive digital TV, your TV system and your TV sets may need to be upgraded or converted. This can be done by either:

- Connecting a digital box to your existing television. Remember that if you choose this option the digital box will also need a power supply.
- Getting an integrated digital TV (IDTV) that has a digital box built in.

## You can receive your digital TV signal through:

### 1. Through an aerial

#### • Through an individual aerial

You may need to upgrade your aerial to get a good picture wherever you travel. We recommend that you use a good quality directional aerial and have it safely mounted as high as possible. Whilst a roof top aerial is likely to be better, you could consider a set-top aerial. For more information on set-top aerials see Ricability's website at [www.ricability-digitaltv.org.uk](http://www.ricability-digitaltv.org.uk)



## • Communal aerial systems

Some caravan sites enable TV signals to be piped directly to vehicles through a communal aerial system. The site's owner or manager will be able to tell you whether the system is able to receive a digital TV signal. They will also need to check whether the system will need attention to pick up the digital TV signals during and after the switchover.

## 2. Through a satellite

To receive digital TV through a satellite, you will need to have a satellite dish and digital box. These can be purchased from a specialist caravanning supplier or directly from satellite providers. There are various subscription and non-subscription services available. Contact Sky TV, Freesat from Sky, freesat, or your satellite service provider for more information. For information on installing satellite in your caravan or mobile home, see The Caravan Club's website [www.caravanclub.co.uk](http://www.caravanclub.co.uk)

## 3. Through a laptop or PC

You can also receive digital television through your laptop or PC, by connecting a digital TV receiver. These are small devices that plug into the USB hub, and have an antenna or aerial lead. These can be purchased from most computer suppliers.

## Further information

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| • The Caravan Club | <a href="http://www.caravanclub.co.uk">www.caravanclub.co.uk</a>   |               |
| • Freeview         | <a href="http://www.freeview.co.uk">www.freeview.co.uk</a>         | 0870 111 1240 |
| • freesat          | <a href="http://www.freesat.co.uk">www.freesat.co.uk</a>           | 0845 313 0053 |
| • Sky              | <a href="http://www.sky.com">www.sky.com</a>                       | 08442 410 285 |
| • Freesat from Sky | <a href="http://www.freesatfromsky.com">www.freesatfromsky.com</a> | 08442 410 595 |

## Specialist Caravan Television Equipment Suppliers

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| • Caravan TVs   | <a href="http://www.12v-caravan-tv.co.uk">www.12v-caravan-tv.co.uk</a> |
| • Leisurepower  | <a href="http://www.leisurepower.co.uk">www.leisurepower.co.uk</a>     |
| • Maxview       | <a href="http://www.maxview.ltd.uk">www.maxview.ltd.uk</a>             |
| • Roadpro       | <a href="http://www.roadpro.co.uk">www.roadpro.co.uk</a>               |
| • Trans Leisure | <a href="http://www.transleisure.co.uk">www.transleisure.co.uk</a>     |

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