

## Re: OT: TV converter boxes

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Jan Panteltje wrote:

On a sunny day (Fri, 13 Jun 2008 09:37:32 -0700) it happened Joerg <[notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in <[jnx4k.7764\\$uE5.2425@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jnx4k.7764$uE5.2425@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>:

Right now the situation is that most stores, at least here, are notoriously out of boxes. So after my regular call around among the stores netted a "Yes, we've got about 75 Insignia boxes" on day I did what everybody else seems to do, a mad dash to the car and get there right away. Arriving about half an hour later it seemed the stash had already dwindled to about half. Whew. At least we got our boxes now. Got to grab whatever is there, regardless of what reviews say. No analog pass-thru but heck, got no choice, so it'll be the coax switch kludge :-(

Walmart would have had the box I wanted but too far away. The clerk said something like: "Once a load arrives it's all gone within minutes". I guess people start heading out there when they see a Walmart truck exiting Missouri Flat.

So how is your reception now Joerg?  
I am curious as to multi path problems.

Some days it's really bad. When heavy multi-path sets in or a freighter plane come in low and slow we sometimes lose almost all digital channels. Then we switch back to the analog ones. With most converters that requires throwing an external antenna switch to bypass the box. On Feb-19, 2009 that will be over. Meaning we'll have to crack out the card game or do something else.

Last night I was thinking more and more that 8VSB is what SECAM was in Europe, a political decision to protect US industry..... from European made products.... (And perhaps both made in China he he :-).  
We have QAM 64 on DVB-T.

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Sure, yours is more robust but AFAIK you do not have the really good HDTV stuff such as 1080 lines. Nature or animal documentaries in 1080 HDTV are absolutely stunning. We watched a ballroom dance competition and it was almost as if you were there.

Nobody has multi path problems here its seems, not even me, and I tried cross-country, where the analog signal was extremely noisy in the past, yet I recorded Harry Potter no problem in digital...

No Harry Potter in this house, absolutamente not.

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Regards, Joerg

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