

Re: OT: TV converter boxes

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Jonathan Kirwan wrote:

On Fri, 13 Jun 2008 12:53:52 -0700, Joerg
<notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Jan wrote:

And now you are exaggerating anyways, most people have the
boxes so they can use
their old analog 1958 CRTs ;-)

Then you don't really know Americans :-)

He may know one of us, at least. I don't have even 1 HDTV here and I
have two children still living with me. Just picked up the prepaid
two converter boxes for NTSC sets we do have, last week. But I don't
intend on purchasing HDTVs until they are MUCH lower in cost. I'm
expecting the prices to be where I want them in about 5 years or
perhaps a little longer, yet. I'm in no rush to pay the prices I see
for such a near pointless gismo. (Though, with fuel prices and the
housing market in a spiral in many places, I might be able to pick one
up earlier in a fire sale.)

Those boxes aren't exactly prepaid. \$40 boxes don't exist, the \$50 tier is permanently unobtainium around here
so people end up forking over another \$25 out of pocket per box. No analog feed-through and the VCR won't
be able to auto-switch channels anymore.

WRT the HDTV sets you can find a decent 19-incher for around \$250. But you are right, mankind doesn't
really need it so urgently. There are more important things.

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Regards, Joerg

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