

Re: DTV antennas?

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Actually,
that does tend to be a problem as it adds yet another IR remote control. (I have 5 on the table).

I don't have a specific model for you, but I do recall reading the manual for at least one converter box that claimed it used "common" remote control signals that "any universal remote" would likely already have preprogrammed.

You seem like you might be the kind of guy who'd have one of those really fancy univarsal remotes with an LCD, USB connectivity, etc. anyway? :-)

It would have been so nice to be able to do OTA (over the air) firmware updates, but that might have added a few pennies to the cost.

Plus a security concern that, if the private keys got out, any kid in the neighborhood with the a laptop and a "black box" could drive around the neighborhood and disable a bunch of the converters.

Once upon a time, I personally tested and ran QA on approximately 100 radios prior to shipping. About 5% of the radios were deemed "defective" by the recipients.

This just reflects that fact that, on customer returns, there's usually no differentiation given between "hard defects" (it isn't working as designed at the factory) and "brain-dead designer defect" (it's so cumbersome/annoying to use that it's little better than nothing at all). These days with so much software running the show, the later show up far more often than the former... I think I've