

Re: TV picture quality problems

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gcotterl@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote in <news:1150081932.900592.110040@f6g2000cwb.googlegroups.com>:

I live in Riverside, CA (about 50 miles east of Los Angeles).

I do NOT have a cable system nor a satellite ("dish") system.

Except for small "dish"-type antennas, the condo-rules allow "yagi"-type antennas only in the attic of each house. But, knowing how much signal is lost by attic-installation, my Terk TV38 antenna is laying on a flat roof (so it's not too conspicuous to the condo-board).

The antenna is too close to the roof! You need to get it up off the roof by about 3 feet. Never mind that the roof isn't "electrically conductive." At VHF and UHF frequencies, *all* materials degrade your reception.

You dismiss an attic antenna without even trying it? Try it! I lived in Encinitas CA, about 90 miles from LA, and with a yagi in my attic I picked up Mt Wilson.

Keep all the antenna elements as far away as possible from everything (joists, roofing, pipes, chimneys, etc.). It's easy to hang it from the rafters with rope. And much easier to bring the downlead into your living space.