

Frequently Asked Questions:

What channels are free-to-air (FTA)?

There are many free-to-air (clear, unscrambled) channels available from various satellites, including public education programming, local network TV, ethnic, religious, and more. Visit <http://www.lyngsat.com> for a listing of satellites and broadcasts, including those that are FTA.

Can I get premium channels such as HBO, or DN or DTV channels?

No. These require a paid subscription. Sonicview receivers are designed for free-to-air use only.

What type of dish is recommended for a Sonicview receiver?

Many dishes will work. The best dish for your needs depends on the particular satellite(s) and channels you want to receive.

What brand of hard drive will work with the HD8000?

Most external hard drives up to 500 GB will work. Make sure it is formatted to FAT32.

What size external hard drive is best for the HD8000?

For standard-definition programming, you can record roughly one hour per one GB; so a 250 GB hard drive will record 250 hours. For high-definition, 250 GB will record about 30 hours, and 500 GB will record about 60 hours of programs.

Why won't my USB flash drive (thumb drive, stick) work?

If your unit doesn't recognize the USB stick, try re-formatting the stick on your computer. Also, inserting the stick WHILE the unit is booting up can sometimes help the unit to recognize your stick.