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**Strong Australia SRT 122
multi-room AV sender/receiver \$159**

So the missus has six hours of murder shows to watch, but the PlayStation 3 is visibly shaking in anticipation of the *Hard Rain* disc we've just brought home. Do we **a)** abandon *Hard Rain*; **b)** abandon the missus; **c)** rewire the whole PS3 into the TV in the other room?

The answer is **d)** none of the above. Instead we unboxed **Strong's SRT 122** video sender and receiver. It consists of two units — transmitter and receiver, and it's limited to standard definition, using RCA phono plugs for all connections. The transmitter has two inputs — a set of phono sockets and a set of flying RCA leads. We plugged the PS3 into the sockets, the flying leads into our TiVo's SD output. (The TiVo usefully runs SD simultaneous with its HDMI connection, whereas we had to switch the PS3's output from HDMI to SD analogue.)

Then **we crossed the house** to an LG Borderless TV currently under review (and not borderless, we may say), and connected the SRT 122 receiver unit through to an AV input on the LG. The TiVo signal came up immediately, already playing.

We pressed the input switch button on the front of the Strong receiver (in fact we thought we'd broken it, because it popped inside the casing, but it still worked) and there was the PS3 output, disappointingly 576i, of course, compared with its normal HDMI glory, but solid and certainly playable.

The PS3 controller is Bluetooth, so there was no problem operating that from the next room. For TiVo control, the SRT 122 was able to **relay IR commands back down the wireless link** and out to the TiVo via a supplied IR squirter cable.

So a great success, up and running in five minutes. To do this in HD, we await the promise of wireless HDMI links, currently well above the price here of \$159 the TX/RX pair. And in fact we did try an HDMI-to-Cat 5-to-HDMI extender before installing the SRT 122, but it simply didn't work over the required distance. Standard-def that works is certainly preferable to HD that doesn't, so we thank Strong for enabling the missus to enjoy her diet of **passive murder**, while we indulged in some rather more **hands-on slaughter** via our wireless link to the PS3.