

## Watcher of the skies



Strong's latest SRT4910 digital TV box breaks several boundaries. It's an HD set-top box, but it has PVR functionality when you attach external memory such as a USB stick or eSATA hard drive, then providing full PVR recording abilities, including time-shift, record and playback, plus network communication with a connected PC. Two USB ports can also be used for media playback.

It will be released as a Freeview-branded box (see also p18/9) for terrestrial free-to-air channels (and capable of MPEG4 reception), but it is also a high-definition satellite receiver, with embedded satellite input and CAM/Smart Card activation for those with pay TV needs.

The unit is DVB-S, MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 compliant, with HDMI and component video outputs, RGB outputs via SCART, and a digital audio output. It supports all HDTV formats up to 1080i.

Given the wealth of channels potentially available, there's a handy multiple picture display (up to nine), along with up to 16 groups of channel Favourites, and full EPG capabilities.

The SRT4910 has an RRP of \$699; also available is the \$599 SRT4900, which dispenses with the free-to-air receiver but retains the full satellite abilities.

More info: [www.strong-technologies.com](http://www.strong-technologies.com)

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