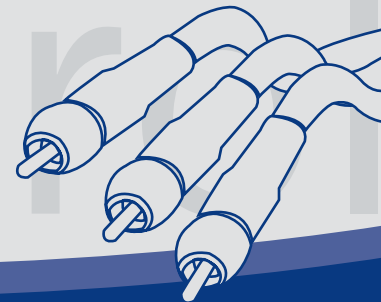


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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

An Important Advisory from TVNZ's Digital TV Group

TVNZ will be transferring its free-to-air digital test services from Optus B1 satellite to the new D1 satellite at the end of this month.

What does this mean for you?

The interruption will mean that all set top boxes receiving free-to-air test transmissions will need to be retuned manually when they are switched on for the first time after engineers have made the transfer in the early hours of February the first. Viewers will have to use their remote to find the on-screen menu, select the tuner and "H" or "Horizontal" polarity and then choose the desired channels.

Please contact us if you have difficulty with your manual return.

Why is this happening?

The change is essential because the B1 satellite has reached the end of its useful life and is unreliable.

TVNZ will be making the transfer in the middle of the night to minimise disruption because there will be an unavoidable interruption to test channels.

Work will begin at midnight on the 31st January when signals will cease from B1, resuming a few hours later on the new D1 on the same frequency, 12.483GHz, but with the new polarity, "horizontal". TVOne, TV2, Deutsche Welle, CCTV9, Bloomberg and TVNZ Wide Screen test channels will all move with the transfer.

A second signal on frequency 12.456 GHz, also "horizontal" will be present for one week, after which it will disappear.

The changeover affects free-to-air digital test transmissions TVNZ established in preparation for the introduction of the new FreeView satellite services later this year.

TVNZ analogue signals are NOT affected.

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