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HDTV

➤ Introduction

You have broken the bank and treated yourself to the best you can “not really afford” latest High Definition Television (HDTV) LCD / Plasma Screen.

Now what? Where is that “HDTV” button on your new Remote, with all these buttons which you may never learn to operate or even use, that will make the standard picture you are watching into that **Super Duper Crisp Clear Image** that you just sold my soul for?

Oh! There it is. You press it. The screen goes blank. You wait with eager anticipation. A message appears on the Screen “No Signal.” Sure that you pressed the wrong button:

You press the HDTV button again.

The same message appears!!

No signal

Know the Facts

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➤ **What is HDTV?**

HDTV stands for High Definition Television.

HDTV is the technology to enable more picture information to be displayed on a screen resulting in a sharper, crisper, more vibrant image being pre-rested to the human eye.

➤ **What does HDTV really do or really mean?**

The display or screen is capable of processing and displaying HDTV picture information.

➤ **How to activate the HDTV function on my screen?**

- HDTV is not a function, which converts the current standard image into a High Definitive Image but rather refers to the switching to another Signal Input Source (like changing to a different station).
- By selecting the HDTV Source, the screen is connected to the HDTV Input socket. This socket needs to be attached via a specialized HDMI (High Definition Media cable directly to a device that produces HDTV video signal.
- Currently in South Africa, the following two types of devices are able to produce HDTV Signals.
 - HDTV DVD units (Losing the HD race)
 - HDTV Blue Ray disc units (Preferred)

AND FURTHER

- For the HDTV to be fully functional, the medium (i.e. the DVD Disc and Blue Ray Disc) needs to be produced to include the HD information (i.e. your old DVD's will not give an HD image when played on an HD DVD player).

AND NO

- Your PVR, DSTV, VCR, DVD and Laser Dish will not produce a High Definition image. Unless the Source Device and Display Device, and the Medium are HD ready.
- If the device is not specified as being Full HD or HD reading specified, it will not be able to produce an HD image.

AND YES

- You will / may need to go and visit the Hi-Fi Shop again to purchase an HD, DVD, Blue Ray Disc as well as to upgrade your DVD selection.
- You will need to buy a new DSTV Decoder or PVR Decoder as well as upgrade your Satellite Feed when HD TV becomes available on satellite.

AND NO

- Not all programs will be broadcast on HDTV due to the large amount of bandwidth required to carry the HDTV information signal. I would imagine only the Primary Movie and Sport Channels as well as some documentaries will be broadcast in HD Mode. We will see!!

Now that I have taken the wind out of your sails and created my very own (HDTV Hate) Mail Support Group, I must end off by saying the following:

- HDTV is amazing and produces remarkable images. When planning to invest in new AV equipment, make an educated purchase. Don't be swept away by the HDTV Hype that is being banded about.

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