

# The Basics in 5 Short Tours

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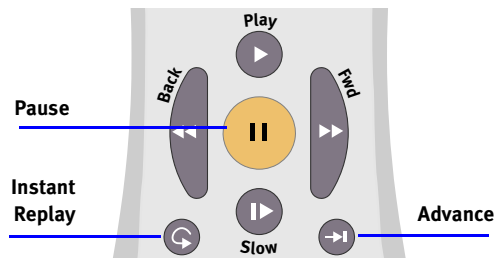
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Power to the TiVo Recorder is always ON. This is shown by the green LED on the front of the machine. It flashes yellow when it receives any signal from the Remote Control. The LED on the right shows red when a programme is being recorded, yellow when a phone call is being made and orange when simultaneously recording and making a phone call.



The TiVo Recorder always saves the last 30 minutes of live TV. You can pause or rewind through what has been saved. When you change channels the current recording clears, and the Recorder starts saving again on the new channel.

## Tour One: Play with Live TV

On the first tour, you'll take a look at how you can control live TV.

First, turn on your TV.

Press the LIVE TV button at the top right of the Remote Control. This button always takes you directly to live TV. If you press the button a second time, the programme guide appears. Press the button a third time to turn the guide off.

Surf through the channels using CHAN/PAGE UP/DOWN and choose a TV programme you like.



Press the PAUSE button. The picture freezes!

Now press the SLOW button, the programme plays at slow speed.

Press PLAY and the programme resumes at normal speed.

If you press the BACK button your programme rewinds back in time.

Pressing PLAY again will make the programme play back at normal speed.

By pressing the FWD button the picture speeds forward and you can catch up with live TV. Both FWD and BACK are 3-speed buttons. You can always stop the action of these buttons by pressing PLAY.

The TiVo Recorder even allows you to view single frames forward and back by pressing PAUSE and then pressing FWD and BACK.

There are three other useful features to try out. First, press INSTANT REPLAY (see the picture of the Remote Control on the previous page). This jumps you back 8 seconds – useful to replay a bit of dialogue or a great sporting moment – and you can press it more than once to go back farther. Now press the SLOW button. This lets you create your own slow-motion replay. You can press this anytime, not just on a replay. Lastly, try the ADVANCE button, immediately you are back with live TV!

### The Status Bar

The Status Bar at the bottom of the screen will help you keep track of where you are in the programme. During live TV the Status Bar always shows you a one-hour window (notice the time markings at the left and right). Tick marks divide the hour into sections so you can easily determine where you are within the hour. The green portion of the bar is the part that's stored, so the right edge of the green part is always the current time. The white vertical line tells you what part of the programme you are currently watching. If the white line is not on the right edge of the green portion then you are watching recorded TV, not live TV.

### The Programme Banner

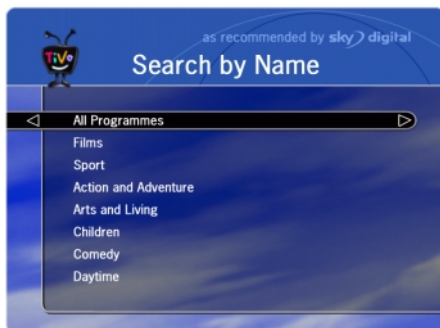
If you change channels you'll see a Programme Banner at the top of the screen. The Programme Banner lets you know what you are watching, all the time. It remains displayed for a few seconds and then disappears from the screen. You can bring it back by pressing the RIGHT arrow.



Don't worry if you have a power failure – all the data on your TiVo Recorder will be saved

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## Tour Two: Find Your Favourite Programmes and Set Up Recordings

There are many ways to search and browse through TiVo's programme listings to record programmes. This tour will show you just one of them.

### Search by Name

First, navigate to **TiVo Central** by pressing the TiVo button. Think of a favourite programme to set up for recording. For this example, we'll use 'Friends'.



Using the navigation arrows, press the DOWN arrow to highlight **Pick Programmes to Record**. Press the RIGHT arrow and the **Pick Programmes to Record** screen appears. As you can see, there are many ways to search for a programme. Since you know your programme's name, highlight **Search by Name** and press the RIGHT arrow.

You could search by any of several categories, but for now, choose **All Programmes** from this list and press the RIGHT arrow.

The next screen has a picture of an alphanumeric grid. Notice the white box frame around the **'A'**. Use the navigation arrows to move the box among the alpha/numeric characters. Position it on the letter **'F'** and press SELECT. A list of programmes beginning with **'F'** appears on the right side of the screen. Now move the box until it's over the **'R'** and press SELECT again. Watch the list change.

If you make a mistake, navigate to **DEL** and press SELECT, this will delete the last letter you entered. To clear all the letters you entered, navigate to **CLR** and press SELECT.

Enter enough letters until you can see 'Friends' in the list. Press the RIGHT arrow to move away from the alpha/numeric grid and onto the list of programmes. Press the UP/DOWN arrow to move the highlight bar to 'Friends'. Then press the RIGHT arrow to get to the **Programme Information** screen.

**Record this programme** is automatically highlighted, with **High Quality** as the default for video recording quality. You could also choose to **Book a Season Pass**, if you want to automatically record all broadcasts of this programme every week. (A more extensive discussion of video quality, Season Passes, and other aspects of recording can be found in Chapter 3).



Press RIGHT arrow to request this recording. A confirmation screen appears, highlight **Done** on this screen, press SELECT and that's it! Now you are back at the **Search by Name** screen.

You can browse all the programmes in a particular category and find things you didn't know were on. Use the category filter in **Search by Name** to choose a

particular category, then enter the number "0". This brings up a complete list of programmes in the selected category. Browse the list a page at a time using CHAN/PAGE UP/DOWN and press SELECT on every programme you want to record.

To view all your scheduled recordings, press the LEFT arrow to take you back to the **Pick Programmes to Record** screen. Select the last entry on this menu, the **To Do List**. The **To Do List** shows you what your TiVo Recorder has scheduled to record. If you change your mind about something that's already in the **To Do List**, simply select the programme and choose the option to cancel the recording.



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- Whenever you're watching live TV, you can hit the RECORD button to instantly start recording the programme. Try to do this close to the beginning of a programme, because when you press RECORD, it only records from that point on.
- You can choose from four levels of video recording quality. Basic, Medium, High, and Best. You can change the default in Messages & Setup.

## Tour Three: Inside TiVo & Channel Highlights



This tour spotlights TiVo's exclusive programming services, **Inside TiVo** and **Channel Highlights**. These features bring you the latest information about the best programmes on television and give you a shortcut to recording them.

**Inside TiVo** is your insider's guide to the best shows on television, and keeps you up to date on what's happening in the world of TV. **Inside TiVo** is updated regularly with fresh information.

**Channel Highlights** are a great place to check out the programmes and events coming up on TV's various networks. **Channel Highlights** are updated several times per week.

To get to **Inside TiVo**, start at **TiVo Central** by pressing the TiVo button. Highlight **Inside TiVo** and press RIGHT arrow. You'll see a list of TV packages. Select one of the packages and press RIGHT arrow to go to that package's special programming. Each TV package contains a number of programmes, from one-off specials to thematically related series. Once a programme has been selected, a description appears at the top of the screen. To record it, select the programme and press the RIGHT arrow.

To access **Channel Highlights**, select it from **TiVo Central**. You can then view the channel highlights and select programmes to record in the same way as with **Inside TiVo**.

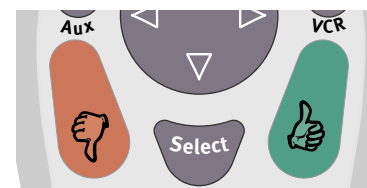
## Tour Four: Thumbs Up and Thumbs Down

**TiVo's Suggestions** is a personalised list of programming based on your likes and dislikes. The suggestions come from you using the THUMB buttons. You use them to rate programmes and build your personal television preferences.

Anytime you're watching TV— whether it's live or pre-recorded — you can rate programmes you like by pressing the green THUMBS UP button on your remote. Or, if you dislike the programme, press the red THUMBS DOWN. You can give each programme as many as three THUMBS UP (or DOWN).

Information about the programmes you rate and the programmes you record goes into your personal TV preferences. Your TiVo Recorder then looks through the listings for other programmes you may like, but might not have known about. These programmes are shown on **TiVo's Suggestions** and are listed in order of how closely they match your TV preferences. Over time, as your personal TV preferences become more detailed, the list of **TiVo's Suggestions** will become more and more accurate.

Try this out. Search for 4 or 5 of your favourite programmes in **Search by Name** and give them one, two, or three THUMBS UP. Or, press LIVE TV, find a programme you like, and give it a THUMBS UP. Then, press the TiVo button and choose **Pick Programmes to Record**. Select **TiVo's Suggestions**, and see what programmes are suggested for you.



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Your personal TV preferences are just that: personal. Your preferences and TiVo's Suggestions are stored only on your TiVo. For further details see the Summary of TiVo's Privacy Promise in Appendix B.





- If your TiVo Recorder is brand new, the **Now Playing** area will contain only one programme, the **Guided Tour** video.
- Don't worry – your Recorder will never delete a programme you requested in order to make room for a programme it suggests. However, if you want to turn off the automatic recording feature, go to **Messages & Setup**, select 'TiVo Suggestions' and tick 'No'.

## Tour Five: Look at What's Now Playing

For the final tour, we'll explore **Now Playing**. This is the list of programmes that have been recorded and are ready for you to watch. At the top of the list are the programmes you've requested. Below those are any of **TiVo's Suggestions** that have been recorded for you.

- First, go to **TiVo Central** by pressing the TiVo button.
- The first item on the menu is **Now Playing**. Press RIGHT arrow to select.
- Navigate up and down the list and press RIGHT arrow to start playing a recording. Unlike a VCR, **Now Playing** gives you instant access to all recorded programmes. There's no rewinding or timing to keep track of. And **Now Playing** labels everything for you – no more mystery tapes!

The programmes on the **Now Playing** list are normally saved for two days, but you can save a programme for longer than this when you initially set up a recording by pressing the RIGHT arrow. You'll notice most of the programmes have circles or icons next to them. Here's a description of them:

**Green Circle:** You have marked the recording to be saved until you decide to delete it.

**Yellow Circle:** In less than one day, this programme may be deleted for other programmes that you request.

**Yellow Circle with exclamation point:** This programme may be deleted at any time if another recording request needs the space.

**Red Circle:** The programme is being recorded right now.

**TiVo circle:** Denotes programmes that **TiVo's Suggestions** has found and recorded for you.

To select a programme, highlight a programme title and press RIGHT arrow.

When the **Programme Information** screen appears, here's what you can do:

**Play.** Starts playing the recording. If you have already watched part of the programme, your place is automatically saved. The menu will say "Resume Playing," and will restart the recording at the spot where you left it.

If a programme is being recorded, you can start watching the recording from the beginning, right away without waiting for the recording to finish. Just press SELECT on the programme name and it will start playing from the beginning, while TiVo finishes recording the remainder of the programme. You can also fast forward through the boring parts, or press ADVANCE to instantly catch up to live TV.

**Save Until....** Takes you to a screen where you can specify how long to save your recording. You can add days (one at a time) by choosing **Save Longer**, or you can choose **Save Until I Delete**.

**Delete Now.** Deletes the recording. You will receive confirmation when you choose **Delete Now**. You can either confirm the deletion or change your mind and cancel.

**Save to my VCR.** Archives a programme from **Now Playing** to your VCR. You should have your VCR set up and ready to record when you choose this option. For more information on VCR transfers, see page 42.

**Don't do anything.** Returns you to the **Now Playing** screen. Pressing LEFT arrow always chooses this "safe" option, so you can go back without specifically moving the highlight to this option.



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- If you are watching a recorded programme and want to pause and save your place, simply press the PAUSE button. You can then leave the programme to watch live TV. When you are ready to continue watching, SELECT the programme again from Now Playing and play will resume where you left off.
- Pressing the ADVANCE button after you have paused a recorded programme takes you to the end. Press the ADVANCE button again to go back to the beginning.

