

Amazon Fire Recast Over-the-Air DVR

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What This Solution Offers

- One-time fee for equipment (\$200-\$400); *no monthly fee*
- Access to all local over-the-air stations via an antenna
- DVR (75-150 hours)
- Remote viewing of live local TV or your recordings
- Dozens of Apps (more TV networks, streaming services like Netflix, music, browser) all ***integrated into one interface***
- ***NEW July 2020 Integration:*** SLING TV, Hulu + Live TV, and YouTube TV
- “Alexa” support via Fire Stick or an in-room device
- Screen magnifier and VoiceView
- Full support of Audio Description

What You Don't Get

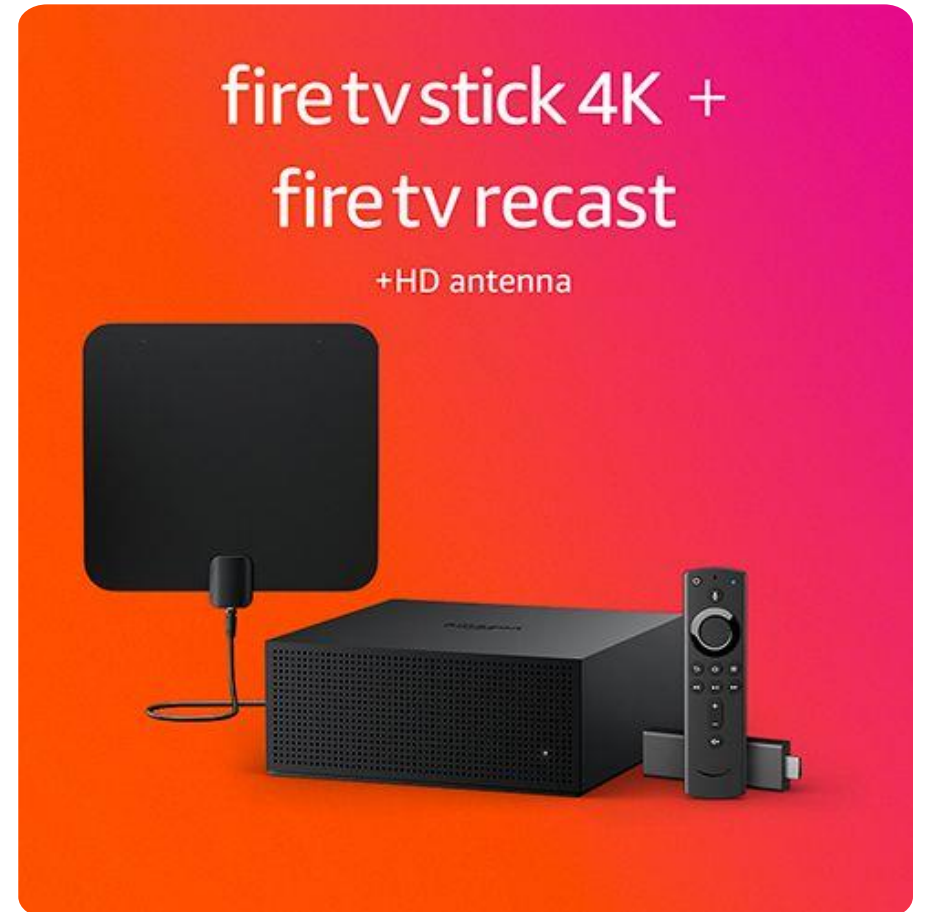
- Access to Non-Broadcast networks (like TBS or USA)*
- Sports packages*
- DVR is only for Broadcast networks

* unless you can find an App supporting them

Components Needed

- Antenna (inside or outside)
- Fire Recast DVR
- Fire Stick* (or other Fire product) for each TV
- A Wi-Fi Network

* Pictured: A Fire Stick + remote along with an inside antenna and the Recast unit





Connections ...

The Fire Recast connects to the antenna, *not* the TV, so put it anywhere convenient

Each TV requires its own Fire Stick (or Fire device)

The Fire remote talks to the “stick” via RF and the TV via RF *or* IR; the “stick” talks to the Recast via Wi-Fi

Any Apps must be loaded to *each* TV’s Fire Stick



Limitations

You need to be in range of local stations (~75 miles)

Only two TVs can have local stations at once

Two DVR options:

- 2 tuners and 75 hours of storage (\$230 list)
- 4 tuners and 150 hours of storage (\$280 list)
- But only \$50 difference in price



The Fire Stick Remote

- On/Off and Alexa button at top
- Volume and mute at bottom
- Raised ring with Select at center, up/down, and left/right (back/forward)
- Two rows of three buttons each
 - Back, Home, Menu
 - Rewind, Play/Pause, Fast Forward

Recording and Playback

- Use the free **Channel Guide** (say “Show channel guide”) to select an upcoming show to record. Recording will default to Series.
- Or use **Alexa** to say “Record NCIS” or whatever
- Say “Show my recordings” and select one to playback
- Or say “Play NCIS” or whatever
- To **skip commercials**, say “Fast forward 3 minutes” or press the Fast Forward key to move 30 second



Accessing Audio Description

- Unfortunately, you cannot turn AD on and off via voice (*yet?*)
- You must select it via the Menu button, then Captioning and Audio
- Your Audio choices will be English and Spanish (*sorry 'bout that*)
- Your choice will remain on until changed, which could cause a loss of audio when English isn't simulcast

My Advice

- Buy a 4K Fire Stick even if you don't need it (it's faster and has more storage)
- Watch for sales!
- Make sure you have a good “path” between your router and devices

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