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Quick Guide

Glossary of icons

My Shows

These icons appear next to shows in the **the** My Shows list. You'll see a My Shows list when you're connected to a host TiVo® DVR.



(Green) This show will be saved until you delete it.



(Yellow circle) In less than three days, this show may be deleted to make room for other recordings you have requested, but only if space is needed.



(Yellow circle with exclamation point) In less than one day, this show may be deleted to make room for other recordings you have requested, but only if space is needed.



(Yellow triangle) In less than three days, this show **will** be deleted due to copyright restrictions.



(Yellow triangle with exclamation mark) In less than one day, this show **will** be deleted due to copyright restrictions.



(Red) This show is currently being recorded.



(Blue) This show is currently downloading or transferring.



Plain folder – contains more than one episode of the same series.



Folder with red or blue dot – contains a show that is currently recording (red) or downloading/transferring (blue).



Folder with white star – contains one or more shows recorded by a WishList® search.



Folder with Thumbs Up – contains all shows recorded as TiVo Suggestions.



This show is a TiVo Suggestion. TiVo Suggestions are recorded only if space is available, and are the first to be deleted when space is needed.



TiVo box – for a TiVo box connected to your network.



Welcome



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Using this guide

Thank you for choosing the high-definition TiVo® Mini DVR companion from Optimum. With the TiVo Mini, you can watch live TV, search and browse for shows, watch shows saved on TiVo Premiere DVRs in your home network, enjoy Optimum On Demand, and more!

Getting started:

- 1. Take a tour!** The **Quick tours** in Chapter 1 of this guide will introduce you to the TiVo service and show you all kinds of cool things you can do with your TiVo Mini.
- 2. Learn more.** Find topic-specific help right on your TiVo Mini: go to ‘Help & Settings,’ then select ‘Help.’
- 3. Visit optimum.com.** Want more detail about features mentioned in this guide? You’ll find step-by-step instructions on everything your TiVo box can do. Plus, whenever your box receives an update from the TiVo service that contain new features, you’ll find instructions for using them at optimum.com. Note that not all features mentioned may be available in your area at this time.

Basic terms

When we talk about the TiVo service, here are some terms you should know:

Streaming. With the TiVo Mini, you can stream recorded shows or live TV from a TiVo Premiere series DVR in your network or from Optimum On Demand.

Host. When you stream shows or live TV to the TiVo Mini from a TiVo Premiere series DVR, the TiVo DVR is the “host.” Any TiVo Premiere series DVR on your home network can serve as a host. If you have more than one DVR in your home, your installer will select one to use as a default host when he/she installs your Mini. You can change the default host at any time. See the online Viewer’s Guide to learn more.

TiVo service. If the TiVo Mini is the body, the TiVo service is the brains! The TiVo Mini uses the program information provided by the TiVo service to power the program guide, allow you to search for shows, and more.

Tuner. A tuner is a device found inside set top boxes, DVRs, TVs — anything designed to receive TV signals. A tuner is what lets you watch a specific channel or video on demand show. It picks a show or channel to display; and it “tunes” to it. Your TiVo Mini does not have its own tuner inside. Instead, when you want to watch TV or video on demand, your TiVo Mini “borrows” a tuner from the host DVR. Your installer will set up the host to share a tuner when he/she installs your TiVo Mini.

Quick tour - The TiVo Central[®] screen

Your starting point - the TiVo Central screen

The TiVo Central screen is the starting point for just about everything you do with your TiVo[®] Mini. From the TiVo Central screen, you can find new shows to watch, explore great Optimum On Demand choices, and more. When your TiVo Mini is connected to a host TiVo DVR, you can also watch live TV and view your My Shows list — a list of all the shows available for streaming to your TiVo Mini!

To get to the TiVo Central screen from live TV or any TiVo screen, just press the TiVo  button on your remote control.

Discovery Bar

The Discovery Bar is the bar of thumbnail images across the top of the TiVo Central screen and many other TiVo menu screens. What you'll see in the Discovery Bar depends on you! Often, the Discovery Bar displays ideas for show you might like based on what shows you record and mark as your favorites. For example, if you record the show "American Idol," the Discovery Bar might display thumbnails for other shows, like "So You Think You Can Dance." It all depends on what you're interested in and what's available to you.

The Discovery Bar also displays lots of other great viewing options: popular shows or sports events that are playing on live TV, items from your My Shows list, TiVo Suggestions, and more!

Press the UP arrow to move up to the Discovery Bar, then the LEFT and RIGHT arrows to move around. Press SELECT on an image that interests you to open an information screen about that item.



Quick tour - My Shows



 Icons to the left of the show's title in My Shows tell you the recording's current status. See the Glossary of Icons on the inside front cover for details.

When your TiVo Mini is connected to a host TiVo DVR, all the shows recorded on the host DVR that are available to watch on your TiVo Mini appear on the My Shows list. That includes recordings, video podcasts, and downloaded shows!

You can also see the My Shows lists of any other DVR on your home network. Just press the DOWN arrow on your remote control until you see the DVR you want. Highlight it and press SELECT to see that DVR's My Shows list. Doing this doesn't change your host DVR; it just lets you see the My Shows lists on other DVRs in your house. To return to the original My Shows list, just press the TiVo button, and then select 'My Shows.' To learn how to change your host DVR, see the *Viewer's Guide* online at optimum.com.

Watching (streaming) shows

Highlight any title in the My Shows list (even a show that's still recording) and press PLAY. The show will begin streaming from your host TiVo DVR to your TiVo Mini! If the show is paused or partially viewed, you can choose to start playing the show from where it was paused, or from the beginning. That means that you can start watching a show in one room, and finish in another!

While you're watching a show, you can:

- Press the PAUSE  button to pause the show.
- Press REWIND  to go back. Press REWIND a second time to rewind faster, and a third time to go at triple speed. Press PLAY at any time to return to normal speed.

- Press FAST FORWARD  to scan forward. Press FAST FORWARD a second time to rewind faster, and a third time to go at triple speed. Press PLAY at any time to return to normal speed.
- Press REPLAY  to jumps back 8 seconds — useful for when you miss a great sports play or a bit of dialog, or for when you fast forward too far. Or, press and hold REPLAY to jump back to the beginning of a show.
- Press ADVANCE  to jump forward 30 seconds. Or, press and hold ADVANCE to jump to the end of a show.

Deleting shows

To delete an individual show or a group, highlight the show or group name and press CLEAR. Note that deleting a show on your TiVo Mini will delete it from the host TiVo DVR.

Sorting shows

You can view My Shows either alphabetically by title (from A to Z) or by date recorded. Press the blue  button on your TiVo remote to change how the list is sorted. Press it again to switch back.

Grouping shows

When Groups are on, shows are organized into folders, and a number in parentheses to the right of each folder shows how many shows it contains. If you've recorded several episodes of the same show, they can all be collected into a group. You'll also see groups for HD recordings, TiVo Suggestions (if you have auto-recording of Suggestions turned on), and auto-recording WishList[®] searches.

 Deleted shows go to the Recently Deleted group, where they remain until space is needed for new recordings.

Groups are on by default. To turn them off, press the red  button on your TiVo remote to turn groups off. Press it again to turn Groups back on.

Even if Groups are turned off, you'll see the Recently Deleted group at the bottom of the My Shows list. Shows you delete go to the Recently Deleted group, where they remain until space is needed for new recordings.

A show's title may appear in more than one group, even though there is only one recording of the show. For example, you might have several episodes of a show in that show's group, and the same titles in the HD Recordings group, which includes all shows recorded in HD. When you delete a show in one group, the title also disappears from any other group.

When your shows are grouped, you can highlight the group name and press PLAY to play all of the shows in the group in sequence, beginning with the oldest.

Program information

You can highlight any show in My Shows and press SELECT to see the program details screen, which offers these options:

- **Play** (or **Resume playing** if you're returning to a partially watched show).
- **Delete now** (or **Stop recording** if recording is in progress).
- **Bonus features** Watch YouTube™ videos related to the show and more.
- **Explore this show** Find details about the show, including information about upcoming episodes and cast members.
- **More options** Choose how long to keep a recording, or get modify a Season Pass® recording of a series.



Quick tour - Watching live TV

When you're watching a show as it's broadcast, you're watching live TV. Press the LIVE TV button to go to live TV from any TiVo screen. Remember, your TiVo Mini must be connected to a host TiVo DVR, and the host must be set up to allow live TV on your Mini. For instructions on setting up your host DVR, see the *Viewer's Guide* online at optimum.com.

Moving around in time

1. First, press the PAUSE  button. You can pause live TV for up to 30 minutes.



When you pause live TV, you see a status bar showing a one-hour period. The green

segment shows the portion of the hour that has been saved by your host TiVo DVR. The white line marks your current point in time. When the white line is back in the green segment, you're "behind" live TV.

2. Press PLAY  to continue watching the show. Next, press REWIND  and the show rewinds. Press REWIND a second time to rewind faster, and a third time to go at triple speed. Press PLAY at any time to return to normal speed.
3. Press PAUSE  again, and, with the show paused, press FAST FORWARD  to move a small step forward. Press REWIND to move a small step back. Press PLAY to resume watching at normal speed.
4. Press the REPLAY  button. The show jumps back 8 seconds — useful for when you miss a great sports play or a bit of dialog, or for when you fast forward too far.
5. Press REPLAY again, then immediately press SLOW  to see your own slow-motion replay.

 Before you begin, take a few moments to make sure the TiVo Mini's video settings are optimized for your TV. From the TiVo Central screen, select 'Settings & Messages', then 'Settings', then 'Video.' For more information, see the *Viewer's Guide* online at optimum.com.



6. Press the ADVANCE  button. You'll instantly move forward 30 seconds.
7. Press and hold the ADVANCE  button and presto! You're caught up to live TV.
8. Press and hold the REPLAY  button to skip back to the beginning of the saved portion.

Changing channels

To move one channel at a time, press CHANNEL UP/DOWN  on the TiVo remote.

To go to a specific channel, use the numbers on your remote control, then press ENTER. (If you don't press ENTER, the channel changes automatically after a few seconds.) To jump back to the previous channel on the same tuner, press ENTER again.

Tired of channel surfing? Press GUIDE to display the program guide. Highlight any show and press SELECT. If the show is currently on, the channel changes. If the show is on later, you'll see options to record it.

Quick tour - Finding & recording shows

It's easy to find shows by searching or browsing. The TiVo service searches upcoming shows and movies available on TV or video on demand. And once you find something you like, you can choose to record it on your host DVR!

Searching for shows (and more!)

Search by show title, episode title, show description, or person name (actor, director, etc.). The TiVo service searches upcoming TV shows and movies, web videos, and Optimum On Demand offerings all at the same time. You can even search for a particular channel by its network name or call sign (e.g., NBC or ESPN).



1. From the TiVo Central® screen, select 'Find TV, Movies, & Videos,' then choose 'Search.'
2. Use the letter grid to spell out the title, person, or word you're looking for. Press the arrow buttons to move around, then press SELECT on each letter you want. As you select letters, a list of possible matches sorted by popularity appears on the right. For example, if you enter the letters HOW, you might see matches for the TV show "How I Met Your Mother," the Optimum On Demand movie "How To Lose A Guy In Ten Days," and the director Ron Howard. Results are sorted by popularity, with better matches higher in the list.
3. Keep selecting letters until you see what you're searching for. If you make a mistake, you can press CLEAR to erase everything, or REWIND  to erase one letter at a time. Insert a space by pressing FAST FORWARD .
4. Use the RIGHT arrow to highlight the show or person name, and press SELECT to view the information screen.



Press the **C** button on your remote to filter the type of episodes displayed in your results: choose from 'All,' 'Available,' and 'Free.'

5. For a show, select 'Get this show' to record the next showing or to set up a Season Pass[®] recording on your host DVR. From the information screen, you can also view upcoming episodes or an episode guide, learn more about cast members, and access bonus features!

Browsing TV & movies

Browse specific categories of TV shows and movies.

1. From the TiVo Central screen, select 'Find TV, Movies, & Videos,' then choose 'Browse TV & Movies.' You'll be able to browse for shows using any of the following:

Collections Browse shows that are grouped by related subject matter, like holiday movies or trendy topics.

Movies Browse movies that are available either on channels you receive or from Optimum On Demand.

TV Browse upcoming TV shows that are available either on channels you receive or from Optimum On Demand.

Sports Browse upcoming sporting events that are available either on channels you receive or from Optimum On Demand.

Available From... Choose a video provider, or a featured channel or network, and browse its shows.



Quick tour - Watching On Demand

Your TiVo® Mini has access to tons of movies, TV shows, and videos on demand. Here's how to get the most out of the Optimum On Demand service.

Accessing Optimum On Demand

The easiest way to access Optimum On Demand is to press the ON DEMAND button on your remote control. This will take you to the main screen of available content.

Another way to access the Optimum On Demand catalog is by pressing the TiVo button to go to the TiVo Central® screen, then selecting 'Find TV, Movies, & Videos,' then 'Optimum On Demand.'

Choosing a video

To select an on-demand video:

1. On the main Optimum On Demand page, you'll see a list of categories (like 'New,' 'Drama,' or 'Comedy') to choose from. Highlight the category you wish to browse and press SELECT.
2. If you are offered sub-categories, choose a sub-category and press SELECT.
3. A list of available videos is displayed. You'll see the video's price, and when you highlight the video, you'll see a brief description in the right column.
4. Once you've located a video you want, highlight it and press SELECT. This will bring you to a screen that gives you more details on the video and, in many cases, allows you to watch a free preview.



5. If the video is free, the information screen will have an option to 'Play.' Select 'Play' to start the video.

If the video must be rented to view it, the information screen will have an option to 'Rent & watch now' (the price will be listed). Select 'Rent & watch now' to order the video. You will be asked to confirm your purchase by pressing the THUMBS UP button on your remote control.

Controlling a video

You can control the playback of a video on demand selection in much the same way you control recorded programs:

Stopping the video. Once you've started watching your video, you can stop it at any time by pressing the LEFT arrow on your remote control. Partially watched videos are stored in the 'My Rentals' folder. See "Watching a saved video" on page 11 for information on watching a video saved in the 'My Rentals' folder.

Pausing. Press PAUSE on the your remote. To resume playing, press PLAY on your remote.

Rewinding. Press REWIND on your remote control. When you are ready to watch, press PLAY.

Fast Forwarding. Press FAST FORWARD on your remote control. When you are ready to watch, press PLAY. (NOTE: Some videos from the Optimum On Demand library will not allow you to fast forward.)

Watching a saved video

Partially and completely viewed on-demand videos are saved in the 'My Rentals' folder for as long as they are available from Optimum On Demand. You can watch them again at any time.

To restart a video in progress, or to re-watch a video you have already viewed:

1. Press the ON DEMAND button on your remote control.
2. Select the 'My Rentals' folder.
3. Select the video you want to watch.
4. Select 'Resume playing' to start playing from where you left off, or, to play the video from the beginning, press the RIGHT arrow to select 'from beginning.'

Getting more info

Got a question? Here's how to find answers:

- 1. View the full 'Viewer's Guide.'** The Viewer's Guide, available online optimum.com, contains lots more information that will help you get to know your TiVo Mini. There you'll not only find more detail about the topics covered in the Quick Guide, but also information on your Mini's settings and troubleshooting.
- 2. Use the help screens on your TiVo Mini.** For general troubleshooting, go to the TiVo Central[®] screen and select 'Settings & Messages,' then 'Help.'
- 3. Get how-to information online.** You'll always find the latest information about what you can do with your TiVo Mini online at optimum.com.
- 4. Use online support.** Visit Optimum Customer Support online at optimum.com.
- 5. Call Customer Support.** If you still have questions, contact Optimum Customer Support at 1-888-822-5151.

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Remote Control Tips

Program your TiVo® remote to control your TV or A/V receiver. See *Customize Your TiVo Remote* to the right.

Press the **TiVo button** once to go to the TiVo Central® screen, or twice to go to the My Shows List—the list of recorded shows on the host TiVo box.

Press **FAST-FORWARD**  and **REWIND**  up to 3 times for 3 speeds while watching a show. Press **PLAY**  to resume normal play.

REPLAY  repeats the last 8 seconds of a show.

Press **CLEAR** to delete a title in a list (like the My Shows List) or to hide things that aren't part of the show you're watching (like the TiVo info banner).

CHAN UP/DOWN does more than change the channel—it also pages up or down through lists of shows or menu items.

Press **GUIDE** to see the TiVo program guide, then press **A** (while the guide is visible) for Guide Options that let you change the way channels display or show only certain types of shows.

When you're viewing the TiVo program guide, press **FAST-FORWARD** and **REWIND** to move the displayed time incrementally. Press **ADVANCE**  to jump 24 hours ahead. Press **INSTANT REPLAY**  to go back 24 hours.

Press **ADVANCE**  to move forward 30 seconds in a show, or press and hold to jump to the end. Press and hold **REPLAY**  to jump to the beginning of a show.

Inserting the Batteries

1. Open the battery door:
Push the battery door where it comes to a point, near the center of the back of the remote, to open.
2. Insert the batteries. Match the + and - marks on the batteries to the + and - marks in the compartment.
3. Replace the battery door.

Remote Control Troubleshooting

Press any button on the remote. Does the light above the TiVo button on the remote flash?

If the red light does not flash, make sure the batteries are positioned correctly in the remote. If they are correctly positioned, try a new set of batteries.

If the red light on the remote does flash, but the lights on the front of the TiVo box do not respond to the remote, restart your TiVo box by unplugging it, waiting 15 seconds, then plugging it back in.

See the Troubleshooting chapter in the online *Viewer's Guide* for more help with your remote control.

Customize your TiVo® remote

Some buttons on your TiVo Mini's remote are programmable:

TV POWER

TV INPUT

VOLUME & MUTE (can control sound on your TV or A/V receiver)

To program your TiVo Mini box remote, press the TiVo button to go to the TiVo Central® screen and select 'Settings & Messages,' then 'Settings,' then 'Remote & Devices,' then 'Remote Control Setup.' Follow the easy on-screen instructions.

Due to the wide variety of brands and models available, some TVs and A/V receivers are not compatible with your TiVo remote.



On-Screen Menus and the Remote Control

To navigate the on-screen menus, use the remote control's arrow buttons to move to the option you want, then press SELECT.

The LEFT arrow button often takes you to the previous screen.



Two Types of On-Screen Arrows

The arrows that appear beside or near the highlight bar show the directions it can move. For example, on this screen, you could press the RIGHT arrow to view details about the highlighted title, or the LEFT arrow to go back to the previous screen.

Highlight Bar



Arrows near the Highlight Bar

Page Up Arrow



Page Down Arrow

When you see page up or page down arrows at the top or bottom of the screen (or a list), press the CHAN UP/DOWN button to jump an entire page at a time.



CHAN UP/DOWN Button

TiVo® Remote Control

The **TiVo** button takes you to the TiVo Central® screen, the starting point for all your TiVo features and settings.

If programmed, **TV PWR** turns your TV or A/V receiver on/off. See the "Settings" chapter in the *Viewer's Guide* for info.

Use **Input** to select the input (such as the TiVo Premiere DVR, DVD player, game system) your TV displays.

Use **Zoom** to change the aspect ratio of shows on your TV.

If programmed, **Volume** and **Mute** control the volume on your TV or A/V receiver.

Use the **Thumbs Up** and **Thumbs Down** buttons to rate shows. You can give up to three Thumbs Up (great!) or three Thumbs Down (terrible!).

Rewind rewinds a show. Press it up to three times for three speeds. When a show is paused, press Back to go back frame-by-frame.

Pause freezes a show. Press it again to resume playing.

Slow plays a show in slow motion.

Replay repeats the last 8 seconds of the show. Press and hold to jump to the beginning of a show.

On Demand takes you to a list of available video on demand titles.

Use the **A B C D** buttons to sort and filter views. Look for the onscreen tips.

Use the **Number** buttons to enter channel numbers.

Clear removes the display of the channel banner or program guide, and deletes titles from the My Shows list.

Live TV/Swap takes you to live TV.

Info shows the info banner while watching live TV; press it again to make it disappear.

Guide takes you to the program guide, where you can find shows to watch. Press it again to clear the guide.

Use **Select** to choose menu options or shows.

Use the **Arrow** buttons to navigate the TiVo menus and the program guide.

Use the **Channel Up/Down** buttons to change the channel and to page up or down while in the program guide or TiVo menus.

Press **Record** to record the show you're watching, or to set up a recording for a show selected in the guide.

Play starts playing a show from the My Shows List. When you are using pause, rewind, fast-forward or slow, pressing Play will resume playing at normal speed.

Fast-Forward fast-forwards through a show. Press it up to three times for three speeds. When a show is paused, press Fast-Forward to advance frame-by-frame.

Advance moves forward in 30-second increments; press and hold to jump to the end of the show. When fast-forwarding or rewinding, press Advance to jump to the next tick mark.

Enter/Last returns you to the last channel tuned to in live TV. In the program guide, press Enter/Last to see Guide Options.

