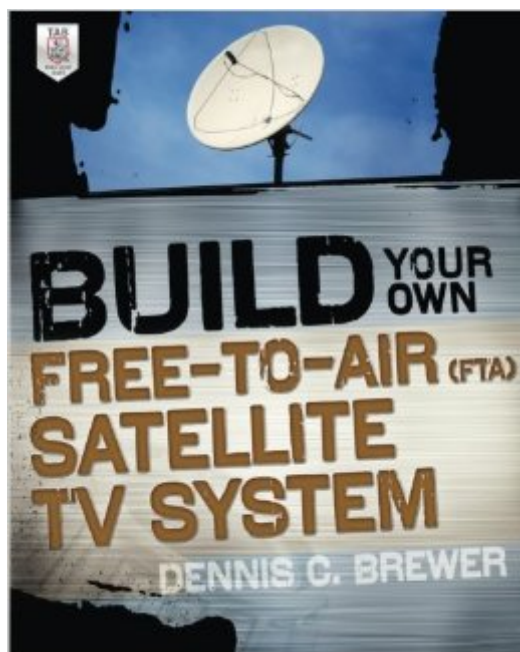


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Build Your Own Free-to-Air (FTA) Satellite TV System



Synopsis

LEGALLY TAP INTO ABSOLUTELY FREE SATELLITE TV! Replace or expand your paid TV services with Free-to-Air television programming with ease. Build Your Own Free-to-Air (FTA) Satellite TV System shows how to affordably put together your own subscription-free home entertainment center from start to finish. Find out how to choose the right components, set up a satellite dish and receiver, fine-tune reception, add local over-the-air stations, and go mobile with your FTA TV system. You'll get full details on recording to the latest digital devices, installing a TV card in your PC, viewing video over the Internet, and integrating theater-quality audio. Photos and diagrams illustrate each step along the way. Comprehensive lists of technical terms and definitions, available channels and satellites, and dish-aiming steps are also included in this practical guide.

COVERAGE INCLUDES: Equipment, component, and tool selection
Satellite dish and FTA receiver installation
Stereo, 5.1, and 7.1 sound
Dish alignment and synchronization
Local over-the-air channel reception
Video over the Internet and movies on demand
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Mobile, RV, and remote Free-to-Air TV

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First a quick definition- Free-to-air satellite transmissions are transmissions that you don't have to pay a subscriber fee. The satellites transmit the stations, sometimes encoded, but frequently not, so if you have a dish that's positioned correctly, you can pick up those stations. You pick up those

stations with a satellite dish. While you can certainly have a dish system installed that you pay a monthly fee for, this book is about building your own system to pick up free signals. My husband is a tinkerer who has been messing with building antennas for years. FTA satellite antennas were the obvious next step. This well written manual is written for non-experts and hobbyists who are just getting interested in building home satellite television systems. The language is very clear and defines the technical jargon in easily understandable ways. You learn how to set up anything from a small dish or if your budget and area zoning allows, a 6 foot dish. A resource list allows you to find the materials needed to build your dish, and sites that will help you position your dish according to location. The book also explains about how satellite transmissions work, going into the science in a clear way. There is also information on setting up surround sound for the best satellite television experience possible. I'm really impressed with how well it covers the subject matter without becoming too dry to read. It's laid out in such a way that it's easy to find what you need to go back over while your building your system. In a world where a lot of people think they have to have cable or a paid satellite service just to get basic channels, this opens up a lot of possibilities in finding free transmissions for a one time cost.

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