

EXPLORER 2000 Remote User Manual

This guide describes using the Interactive Program Guide (IPG) with the Scientific-Atlanta's EXPLORER 2000 Digital Home Communications Terminal (DHCT) and the Model E2050-ER1 Remote Control. If you have a different remote control, refer to the instructions that came with the remote control.

Refer to the [EXPLORER 2000 Digital Home Communications Terminal User's Installation Guide](#) for installation and setup instructions.

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EXPLORER 2000 Remote Control

Power

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- Turn VCR power on or off
- Turn TV power on or off

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- Adjust volume

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- Display further information
- Select channels, up or down
- Enter channel numbers
(also used to enter your personal identification number [PIN] for parental control)
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Introduction to the IPG

What is the IPG?

The Interactive Program Guide (IPG) is a convenient way to find out what's on your television and to view a list of upcoming programs. Lists of programs are available for any date in the next seven days.

Features of the IPG

- With the browsing features, you can see what's on TV for a particular time, program theme, or program title.
- Instant program descriptions appear while using the browsing feature to see what's on TV. No need to go to another function to get detailed program information.
- While using the IPG, you can use Parental Control to restrict viewing of programs according to rating, time, or channel.
- Reminder Timers help you keep track of upcoming programs by giving you a reminder on the screen before the program starts.
- VCR Timers tune your EXPLORER 2000 terminal to a particular channel at the proper time to record a program.
- While using the IPG, you can use Quick Record to start recording a program immediately.
- Your current program is reduced to fit in the corner of your screen when you use any of the main IPG functions. You don't have to miss a minute of the program you are watching.
- You can purchase Pay-Per-View with the press of a button without having to make a phone call, if available in your area.

- While using the IPG, you can set up Favorite Channels for a quick browse of your favorites that are on now -- right at your fingertips.

How To Get To the IPG

Press the **GUIDE** button on the remote control to access the Interactive Program Guide main screen as shown in the following illustration. The guide appears two hours ahead with the program on the first channel in the lineup highlighted

Areas of the IPG

The current program is reduced to fit in the upper right area of your screen. It remains there while you are using the main functions of the IPG.

The banner under the picture gives the current date, time, and channel.

The Channel Banner provides a description for each program you highlight in the main program list.










The Browse By feature allows searching for programs by Time, Theme, or Title.

How To Highlight Your Program in the Guide

Press the **C** button to highlight the program you are watching in the guide.

Symbols Used on the IPG

The following table describes the symbols you can see on your TV screen on the IPG and on the channel banner.

Icon	Description
	Blocked channel, Parental Control On
	Blocked channel, Parental Control Off
	Closed Captioned - channel has text subtitles for hearing-impaired viewers. This option applies only to channels that offer closed captioning.
	Second Audio Programming - channel offers alternative audio (such as Spanish) with the TV picture. This option applies only to channels that offer SAP. Note: If you have SAP enables, and you experience sound on some channels, disable SAP. SAP is only available on channels that offer second audio.
	Channel transmits stereo sound. This option only applies to channels that offer stereo sound.
	Channel is included in your list of favorite channels.
	Pay-Per-View program that you have purchased.
	VCR timer is set on this program.
	Reminder timer is set on this program.

Browsing To See What's On TV

What is Browsing?

Browsing is a convenient way to find the programs you want to watch using the IPG. There are several ways to use the Browsing feature:

- Time Lists programs in order by time and channel
- Theme Lists programs of a particular type, such as Adventure, Comedy, or News for the date selected
- Title Lists programs in alphabetical order by their title for the date selected

This section explains how to get browsing information to see what's on TV.

How To Browse While Watching TV

Browsing while watching TV allows you to view program information about other channels and times full-screen.

How To Begin Browsing

While watching a television program, press any **arrow** button or the **INFO** button on the remote control once. The Channel Banner appears along the bottom of your television screen with current time and channel information.

More Browse Features

Press the **INFO** button to view details about the program in the Channel Banner.

Press the **SELECT** button to tune to the selected channel.

Press the **EXIT** button to exit Browse.

Press the **RIGHT** or **LEFT** arrow buttons to move through programs on the selected channel. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrow buttons to move through the channels for the selected time period.

How To Browse by Time

Use the Browse by Time feature to list the available programs in order by time of day.

1. Press the **GUIDE** button on the remote control. The IPG main screen appears in Browse by Time. It appears two hours ahead with the program on the first channel in the line-up highlighted.
2. Press the **C** button to highlight the program you are watching in the IPG or press the following buttons:
 - **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to move through the channels.
 - **RIGHT** and **LEFT** arrow buttons to move through the time periods.
3. Press the **SELECT** button to watch the highlighted program if it is on now.

How To Browse by Theme

A Theme is a category that describes the kind of programs available, such as Adventure, Comedy, or News.

1. Press the **GUIDE** button on the remote control. The IPG main screen appears in Browse by Time. It appears two hours ahead with the program on the first channel in the lineup highlighted.
2. Press the **A** button to display the Browse By menu, then press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrow buttons to highlight Theme.
3. Press the **SELECT** button. The IPG appears in the Browse by Theme view with the theme for the program you are currently watching highlighted.
4. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to move through the programs for that theme, or press the **LEFT** arrow button to move to the list of themes.
5. From the theme list, you can press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to move through the themes and press the **RIGHT** arrow button or the **SELECT** button to move back to the list of programs for that theme. The example shows the theme News selected. Note: Asterisks indicate that a program is available now.
6. Press the **C** button to highlight the program you are currently watching in the Theme view, or press the **SELECT** button to watch the highlighted program in the current time period.

How To Browse by Title

Use the Browse by Title feature to list programs in alphabetical order by their title.

1. Press the **GUIDE** button on the remote control. The IPG main screen appears in Browse by Time. It appears two hours ahead with the program on the first channel in the lineup highlighted.
2. Press the **A** button to display the Browse By menu. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrow buttons to highlight Title.
3. Press the **SELECT** button. The IPG appears in the Browse by Title view with the title of the program you are currently watching highlighted.
4. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to move through the programs by title, or press the **LEFT** arrow button to move to the alphabetical list. Asterisks indicate that a program is available now.
5. From the alphabetical list, you can press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrow buttons to move through the letters of the alphabet, and press the **RIGHT** arrow button or the **SELECT** button to move back to the list of programs that begin with that letter.
6. Press the **C** button to highlight the program you are currently watching in the Title view, or press the **SELECT** button to watch the highlighted program if it is in the current time period.

How To Browse by a Different Date

You can view upcoming program information for seven days in advance by changing the date for browsing.

1. Press the **GUIDE** button on the remote control. The IPG main screen appears in Browse by Time. It appears two hours ahead with the program on the first channel in the lineup highlighted.
2. Press the **B** button to view the Date screen. Note: You can do this while in any of the three previously described views.

3. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrow buttons to highlight the date you want to view.
4. Press the **SELECT** button. The programs listed are for the date selected.

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Ordering Pay-Per-View

What is Pay-Per-View?

Pay-Per-View (PPV) events are special events that are not available on other channels. You can purchase PPV events by pressing a button on your remote control. PPV events are charged to you on a pay-per-view basis, so you only pay for the programs you order. After you purchase a PPV program, a dollar symbol in the channel banner indicates programs you have purchased.

How To Order Pay-Per-View

Complete the following procedure to order PPV events:

1. Press the **GUIDE** button on the remote control. The IPG main screen appears in Browse by Time. It appears two hours ahead with the program on the first channel in the lineup highlighted.
2. Press the **UP**, **DOWN**, **RIGHT**, and **LEFT** arrow buttons to find the event you want to purchase. See your channel listing for Pay-Per-View (PPV) channels.
3. Press the **SELECT** button.
4. If you can order the program at this time, the preview or purchase screen appears with event information. Press the B button to buy the event, or follow the instructions on the screen.
5. If you have a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for Pay-Per-View purchases, the PIN Entry screen appears.
6. Enter your PIN to authorize the Pay-Per-View purchase.

Note: Once the purchase has been authorized, a confirmation message appears for a few seconds if the program has already started. Otherwise, an attention screen counts down until the program begins.

How To See What You Have Ordered

The channel banner indicates PPV programs you have purchased with a dollar symbol. You can also review your Pay-Per-View purchases from the General Settings menu:

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to highlight PPV: Purchases.
3. Press **SELECT**.
4. Enter your PPV PIN, if required.
5. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to highlight Past, Pre-purchased, or Pending.

6. Press the **SELECT** button. The programs are listed.
7. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

How To Cancel a Pay-Per-View Order

You can cancel an order from the General Settings menu:

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings screen, press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to highlight PPV: Purchases, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Enter your PPV PIN, if required.
4. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to highlight Pending, then press the **SELECT** button. The programs you have ordered are listed.
5. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to highlight the program you want to cancel, then press the **SELECT** button. Press **A** to confirm the cancellation. The order is cancelled.
6. Press **EXIT** to return to watching television.

How To Change your Pay-Per-View PIN

You can change your Pay-Per-View PIN from the General Settings menu:

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to highlight PPV: PIN.
3. Press the **SELECT** button.
4. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to highlight **Change**.
5. Press the **SELECT** button.
6. Enter your CURRENT PIN.
7. Enter your NEW PIN.
8. Re-enter you new PIN to CONFIRM your new PIN.
9. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

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Using Parental Control

What is Parental Control?

Use the Parental Control feature to block programs by channel, program rating, or time of day. You select the channels, ratings, or times to block from the General Settings screen. The channel banner shows a padlock symbol for blocked channels and blocked programs. It also shows a padlock if any part of the program is blocked by time or rating. You set up Parental Control and turn it on and off for the entire system by entering your Personal Identification Number (PIN). When you turn the Parental Control feature on, you cannot view blocked programs. When the Parental Control feature is off, the blocks are no longer in effect and you can view all channels and programs.

How To Change your Parental Blocking PIN

You can enable, disable, or change your Blocking PIN from the General Settings menu:

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to highlight Block: PIN, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to highlight Change, then press the **SELECT** button.
4. Enter your current PIN.
5. Enter your new PIN.
6. Re-enter you new PIN to confirm.
7. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

How To Block Channels

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to highlight Block: Channels, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Enter your Parental Control PIN, if required.
4. Use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to highlight each channel you want to block.
5. Press the **SELECT** button. The channel ID is listed in the column on the right and a lock appears in the Channels list by each channel you selected. Note: You can press the **SELECT** button again to unblock the channel.
6. Continue highlighting and selecting channels you want to block.
7. When all channels that you want to block have a padlock shown, press the **A** button to accept. Note: Blocks do not take effect until you turn Parental Control on.
8. To turn the Parental Control feature on and off, follow the instructions for [How To Turn Parental Control On or Off](#).
9. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

How To Block Ratings

To select ratings you want to block, follow these steps:

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to highlight **Block: Rating**, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Enter your Parental Control PIN if required.
4. Use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to highlight the rating you want to block.
5. Press the **SELECT** button to block the highlighted rating, or press **B** to block the rating and all ratings that follow the selected rating in the list on the screen. Notes:
 - Blocked ratings have a padlock next to them.
 - You can press the **SELECT** button again to unblock the rating.
6. Continue highlighting and selecting ratings you want to block.
7. When all ratings that you want to block have a padlock shown, press the **A** button to accept.
Note: Blocks do not take effect until you turn Parental Control on.
8. To turn the Parental Control feature on and off, follow the instructions for [How To Turn Parental Control On or Off](#).
9. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

How To Block Programs by Time of Day

You can block programs by setting **Block: Time New** for a particular time range, for a single day, a range of days, or a day of the week such as every Saturday. You can set block timers for a maximum of 14 days in the future:

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a TV program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to highlight **Block: Time New**, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Enter your Parental Control PIN if required.
4. Use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrows to highlight the date you want to block, then press the **SELECT** button.
5. In the **START** column, change the time shown to the time you want the block to start:
 - a. Use the **RIGHT** and **LEFT** arrows to highlight a setting.
 - b. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrows to change each setting.
 - c. When the correct **START** time is shown, press the **SELECT** button.
6. In the **STOP** column, change the time shown to the time you want the block to end:
 - a. Use the **RIGHT** and **LEFT** arrows to highlight the setting to change.
 - b. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrows to change each setting.
 - c. When the correct **STOP** time is shown, press the **A** button to accept.

7. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

Note: To clear a blocked time, highlight the **Block: Time #**, the # representing the number of the time period to clear. Press the **C** button.

How To Watch a Blocked Program

Parental Control allows you to watch a blocked program by completing the following steps:

1. Tune to the blocked channel.
2. Press the **SELECT** button.
3. Enter your parental control PIN.

How To Turn Parental Control On or Off

When Parental Control is on, the Blocks set up earlier are enabled—blocked channels or programs are locked out. A padlock symbol on the channel banner shows that a channel or program is blocked. When parental blocking is off, an open or unlocked padlock symbol on the channel banner identifies each parental blocking channel or program.

Important! When you turn off Parental Control, all channels, ratings, and times are unblocked.

Note: Before using Parental Control, you must set up the channels, times, or ratings you want to block. See [How To Block Channels](#), [How To Block Ratings](#), and [How To Block Programs by Time of Day](#), earlier in this section.

1. While watching any television program full-screen, press the **SETTINGS** button.
2. At the Quick Settings menu, press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to highlight **Turn OFF/ON Parental Control**. (This line changes to show whether Parental Control is off or on.)
3. Press the **SELECT** button to change to setting to ON or OFF. The PIN Entry screen appears.
4. Enter your Parental Control PIN.

Note: Each time you power off the EXPLORER 2000, the Parental Control is automatically turned ON, if it is set up.

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Selecting Favorites

What are Favorites?

The Favorites button on the remote control lets you browse through the channels you have set up as your favorite channels; you skip over other channels. A blue ribbon symbol on the channel banner indicates that this channel is a favorite channel. First, you need to select your favorite channels.

How To Select Your Favorite Channels

Complete the following steps to set up your favorite channels.

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to highlight **Viewer: Favorites**, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons on the remote control and highlight the channel to add or remove for your list of favorites.
4. Press the **SELECT** button to add or remove a highlighted channel to the favorites list on the right. For example, if a channel has a Favorite blue ribbon beside it, you can press **SELECT** to remove the blue ribbon and take the channel off your list of favorites.
5. Press the **A** button to accept your new list of Favorite Channels and return to the General Settings menu.
6. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

How to Surf Favorite Channels

Press the **FAV** button on the remote control to surf the list of channels you set up as your favorites.

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Setting Timers

What are Timers?

You can set up several types of timers to turn your EXPLORER 2000 DHCT on and off automatically and to remind you of programs to watch.

How To Set a Reminder Timer From the Guide

A Reminder Timer displays a message on your screen reminding you of the program you wanted to watch. You can set up to eight Reminder Timers. A clock symbol on the channel banner indicates that a Reminder Timer is set.

1. Press the **GUIDE** button on the remote control. The IPG main screen appears in Browse by Time. It appears two hours ahead with the program on the first channel in the lineup highlighted.
2. Press the **UP**, **DOWN**, **RIGHT**, and **LEFT** arrow buttons to move through the list of upcoming programs and highlight a future program you want to watch.

3. Press the **SELECT** button once on the remote control. The Future Program Options menu appears.
4. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to choose **Set a Reminder Timer for...**
5. Press the **SELECT** button on the remote control. The timer is set and the IPG main screen appears. A clock icon indicates that a reminder timer was set for the highlighted program.

Note: You can also use the General Settings menu to set a Reminder Timer. See [How To Set a Reminder Timer Using General Settings](#) for instructions.

How To Set a Reminder Timer Using General Settings

To use the General Settings menu to set a Reminder Timer, follow these steps.

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to highlight Timer: Remind New, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrows to look at the different options in the CHANNEL column. Highlight the channel you want, then press the **SELECT** button.
4. Use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrows to look at the different options in the DAY column. Highlight the date you want, then press the **SELECT** button.
5. In the START column, use the **UP**, **DOWN**, **RIGHT**, and **LEFT** arrow buttons to select the time when the program that you want to watch starts.
6. If all the information is correct, press the **A** button to accept the setting.
7. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

Note: You can also set a Reminder Timer while using the IPG. See [How To Set a Reminder Timer From the Guide](#) for instructions.

How To Set a VCR Timer

A VCR Timer tunes your EXPLORER 2000 terminal to a particular channel at the proper time to record a program. You can set up to eight VCR timers. A REC symbol on the channel banner indicates that a VCR Timer is set.

How To Set VCR Timer From the Guide

Complete the following steps to set a VCR Timer from the Guide.

1. Press the **GUIDE** button on the remote control. The IPG main screen appears in Browse by Time. It appears two hours ahead with the program on the first channel in the lineup highlighted.
2. Press the **UP**, **DOWN**, **RIGHT**, and **LEFT** arrow buttons to move through the list of upcoming programs and highlight the future program you want to record.
3. Press the **SELECT** button once on the remote control. The Future Program Options screen appears.
4. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to choose **Set a VCR Timer for...**
5. Press the **SELECT** button on the remote control. Note: If you select a

blocked channel, rating, or time for this VCR Timer, a prompt requests that you to enter your parental control blocking PIN.

6. The timer is set and the IPG main screen appears. A REC icon indicates that a record timer was set for the highlighted program.

Note: When you set a VCR timer, you must program your VCR at the proper time. If you have an optional VCR Commander module, the EXPLORER 2000 terminal automatically starts and stops the VCR function.

How To Set or Edit a VCR Timer Using General Settings

You can set up a timer to record a program on a particular channel on a regular, recurring schedule or record individual programs. You can also edit existing VCR timers:

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to highlight **Timer: VCR New**, then press the **SELECT** button. Note: To edit a VCR timer, highlight the VCR timer number, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to select the channel you want to record. When the correct channel is highlighted, press **SELECT** or the **RIGHT** arrow button.
4. In the DAY column, use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to select when and how often you want to record programs, then press the **SELECT** button, for example, every weekday.
5. In the START column, use the **UP**, **DOWN**, **RIGHT**, and **LEFT** arrow buttons to select the time when the program that you want to record starts.
6. In the STOP column, use the **UP**, **DOWN**, **RIGHT**, and **LEFT** arrow buttons to select the time when the program stops.
7. When the VCR timer information is correct, press the **A** button to set the VCR timer.
8. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

How To Set a Sleep Timer

Use this feature to set the number of minutes to wait until the timer turns off the power to the EXPLORER 2000 terminal.

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to highlight **Timer: Sleep**, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to highlight Enable, then press the **SELECT** button.
4. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to select the number of minutes to wait before turning the terminal off.
5. When the number of minutes information is correct, press the **A** button to set the timer.
6. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

How To Set a Timer to Turn Off Your EXPLORER 2000 Terminal

Use this feature to set the time of day for the timer to automatically turn off the power to the EXPLORER 2000 terminal.

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to highlight **Timer: Turn Off**, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to highlight Enable, then press the **SELECT** button.
4. Press the **UP**, **DOWN**, **RIGHT**, and **LEFT** buttons on the remote control to set the day and time you want to turn the terminal off.
5. When the correct time is shown, press the **A** button to set the timer.
6. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

How To Set a Wake-Up Timer

Use this feature to set the time of day for the timer to automatically turn on the power to the EXPLORER 2000 terminal.

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to highlight **Timer: Wake-up**, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to highlight Enable, then press the **SELECT** button.
4. Press the **UP**, **DOWN**, **RIGHT**, and **LEFT** buttons on the remote control to set the channel and time you want to turn the terminal on.
5. When the correct time is shown, press the **A** button to set the timer.
6. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

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Cancelling Timers

How To Cancel an Active REC (Record) Timer

To cancel an active record timer, the EXPLORER 2000 terminal must be powered on. If the VCR is actively recording a program, the remote control is locked. You cannot use the remote control to cancel the record timer.

1. Press the **POWER** button on the terminal if the power is off.
2. Press **EXIT** on the remote control. The recording is cancelled.

How To Cancel a Reminder or VCR Timer From the Guide

You can cancel an inactive Reminder or VCR Timer while viewing the IPG.

1. Press the **GUIDE** button on the remote control. The IPG main screen appears in Browse by Time. It appears two hours ahead with the program

on the first channel in the lineup highlighted.

2. Press the **UP**, **DOWN**, **RIGHT**, and **LEFT** arrow buttons to move through the list of upcoming programs and highlight the future program for which you already set a timer.
3. Press the **SELECT** button once on the remote control. The Future Program Options menu appears.
4. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to highlight the cancel option for the timer.
5. Press the **SELECT** button on the remote control. The timer is now cancelled.

How To Cancel a Timer From General Settings

You can cancel a timer from the General Settings menu.

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN**
2. buttons to highlight the time you want to cancel.
3. Press the **C** button to clear (or cancel) the timer. The timer is cancelled.
For example, highlight **Timer: VCR 1**, and press the **C** button to clear it.
Note: You can also cancel a timer by highlighting **Timer: All**, then pressing the **SELECT** button.
4. Using the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons, you highlight the timer you want to cancel, then press the **SELECT** button to clear (or cancel) it.
5. Press **EXIT** to return to watching television.

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Listening to Digital Music Channels

How do I get a Digital Music Channel?

Digital music channels are listed along with other channels in your Interactive Program Guide. You tune to a music channel just like any other channel. If you have subscribed to the service, you receive the channel.

Notes:

- Refer to the [EXPLORER 2000 Digital Home Communications Terminal User's Installation Guide](#) for instructions for connecting your stereo equipment.
- You can add a music channel to your favorites list.
- You can set a reminder timer for a program on a music channel.
- You can record a program on a music channel.

How To Listen to Digital Music Channels

Complete the following steps to listen to a digital music channel.

1. Press the **GUIDE** button on the remote control. The IPG main screen

appears in Browse by Time. It appears two hours ahead of the current time with the program on the first channel in the lineup highlighted.

2. Press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to move through the channels to highlight your choice of a digital music channel. Digital music channels are listed in the Channel Lineup in the front of this guide.
3. Press the **SELECT** button to tune to a highlighted digital music channel. The music plays immediately through your speakers.

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Using Other Settings

About Settings

There are two ways to set options for the EXPLORER 2000 terminal features while you are watching television full-screen:

- Press the **SETTINGS** button *once* to get to Quick Settings.
- Press the **SETTINGS** button *twice* to get to General Settings.

Note: [Quick Settings](#) and [General Settings](#) are described in the following sections.

What are General Settings?

General Settings allow you to set up certain features of the EXPLORER 2000 terminal based on your own preferences. Your cable company may not offer all of the settings described in this section. Use the General Settings screen to control the following kinds of features:

- Viewer: Use the Viewer settings to select your favorite channels for quick viewing and to set up the channel the terminal tunes each time you turn it on. Instructions for Viewer settings are given later in this section.
- Language: Use the language settings to select languages for audio for digital channels and for screen displays. Instructions for Language settings are provided later in this section.
- Set: Use these settings to control basic operation of your terminal such as which output channel to tune your TV to for cable programming (See the [Set: Output Channel](#) section for instructions).
- Block: Use the Block settings to set up Parental Control and to turn the blocks on and off. Refer to [Using Parental Control](#) earlier in this guide for instructions.
- PPV: Use the PPV settings to change your PPV PIN and to view PPV purchase information. Refer to [Pay-Per-View](#) earlier in this guide for instructions.
- Timer: Use the Timers settings to automatically turn your DHCT on and off at the times you schedule. Refer to [Timers](#) earlier in this guide for instructions.

What are Quick Settings?

The Quick Settings screen allows you to quickly change the features that you want to change often. You can use Quick Settings to change the following features:

- Add/Remove (Channel): Adds the channel you are watching to your pre-set to/from Favorites List list of favorites, or removes the channel from your list of favorites.
- Turn ON/OFF: Toggles between OFF and ON for Parental Control.
- Parental Control: See [Using Parental Control](#) in this guide for details about setup.
- Start Recording Now: Indicates that the channel you are watching will begin recording now if you select this option.
- Set Sleep Timer: Indicates OFF when the sleep timer is OFF, or the number of minutes before the EXPLORER 2000 terminal powers off.
- Enable SAP: Toggles between Enable and Disable for second audio programming for analog channels that support this feature.

How To Change Quick Settings

Complete the following steps, while you are watching television full-screen, to make changes to your Quick Settings.

1. Press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control once.
2. At the Quick Settings menu, press the **UP** and **DOWN** arrow buttons to highlight a setting.
3. Press the **SELECT** button to perform the highlighted action.

How To Use General Settings

Complete the following steps to use the General Settings menu.

1. From the Interactive Program Guide, press the **SETTINGS** button on the remote control, or from a television program, press the **SETTINGS** button twice.
2. At the General Settings menu, press the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to move through the list of preferences in the left column. Highlight the setting you want to view or change, then press the **SELECT** button.
3. Press the **UP**, **DOWN**, **RIGHT** and **LEFT** arrow buttons to select and set options listed.
4. When the setting information is correct, press the **A** button.
5. Press the **EXIT** button to return to watching television.

How To Use Online Help for General Settings

Press the **INFO** button to get online help while scrolling through the list of preferences in General Settings.

How To Use Viewer Settings

Use the Viewer settings to select your favorite channels for quick viewing and to set up the channel the EXPLORER 2000 terminal displays each time you turn it on.

Viewer: Favorites

Use this feature to select the channels you view most often. After you select your favorite channels, press the **FAV** button on the remote control to skip over other channels and quickly tune to your favorite channels. For detailed instructions, refer

to [Selecting Favorites](#) earlier in this guide.

Viewer: Power-On

Use this feature to select a specific channel for the EXPLORER 2000 terminal to tune to when powered on. Scroll through the list and highlight the channel you want, then press the **SELECT** button.

How To Use Language Settings

Use the language settings to set up digital channels for a language for screens and audio. The default language is English. Note: For analog channels, set up second audio language using the [Set: SAP](#) feature, described later in this section.

Language: Audio

Use this feature to select the language you want to use for digital channels that support more than one language for audio. Note: Refer to [Set: SAP](#) for instructions for enabling second audio for analog channels.

Language: Screen

Use this feature to select the language you want to use for EXPLORER screens and the IPG.

How To Set Controls

Use the following settings to control EXPLORER 2000 terminal features. Note: For digital channels, see [Language: Audio](#).

Set: AC Outlet

Use this feature to choose how to activate the AC outlet on the back of your EXPLORER 2000 terminal.

- **Always on:** The AC outlet on the back of the terminal remains on when you turn off the terminal. You turn off your TV separately.

On with Terminal: The AC outlet has power available to it only when the

Use this feature to choose the EXPLORER 2000 front panel display.

- Show Time-of-Day Always: The current time always displays.
- Show Channel Always: The channel number always displays.
- Show Channel When Tuning: The time displays unless you are changing channels. When you are changing channels, the channel number displays.

Set: Output Channel

Use this feature to set the output channel to 3 or 4, the cable channel in your viewing area. If you have connected a VIDEO or S-Video connector instead of the RF cable to your TV, this setting has no effect.

Set: SAP (Analog Channels)

Use this feature to set up Second Audio Programming (SAP) for analog channels that offer audio in a second language. If the second language is not available for a channel, the audio is in English. The SAP symbol in the channel banner indicates that Second Audio Programming is available for this channel. Note: For digital channels, refer to [How to Use Language Settings](#) earlier in this section.

Set: VCR Commander

Use the VCR Commander setup options to set up the optional VCR Commander recording feature. Refer to the *VCR Commander User's Guide* for detailed instructions for setting up the VCR Commander.

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Understanding Program Rating Categories

How To Understand Ratings

The following table describes the rating categories and codes associated with movies and television programs in the United States.

Rating Description

TVY: Program is appropriate for children of all ages, and specifically designed for children ages 2 through 6 years.

TVY7: Program is appropriate for children age 7 years or older. This rating can include the code FV, indicating mild fantasy or comedy violence.

G: Program is appropriate for viewers of all ages.

PG: Parental guidance suggested. The program contains material that parents can find unsuitable for young children. Additional codes that can be included with the rating are:

V: Some violence

S: Some sexual situations

PG-13: Parental guidance suggested. Parents can find some program material unsuitable for children under 13 years. Additional codes can be included with the

rating.

TV14: Parents strongly cautioned. Parents can find some program material unsuitable for children under 14 years. Additional codes that can be included with the rating are:

- **V:** Intense violence
- **S:** Intense sexual situations
- **L:** Strong Indecent language
- **D:** Suggestive dialog

MA: Mature audience. The program is designed for an adult audience. Parents can find program material unsuitable for children under 17 years. Additional codes that can be included with the rating are:

- **V:** Graphic violence
- **S:** Explicit sexual situations
- **L:** Crude or indecent language
- **R:** Restricted to adult audiences only. The program contains material unsuitable for children.

NC17: Under 18 never admitted.

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