

USING THIS GUIDE

Welcome to TiVo!

Unless otherwise noted, features described in this guide apply to TiVo BOLT series (TiVo BOLT/BOLT+), TiVo Roamio series (TiVo Roamio, TiVo Roamio Plus/Pro, TiVo Roamio OTA), and TiVo Mini boxes. We'll use the term "TiVo box" to refer to all models collectively, regardless of your TV source (cable/antenna). We'll use "DVR" to refer to boxes that have the ability to record shows. Other features that are available only on a particular models or TV source will be noted.

GETTING STARTED

- 1. Activate the TiVo service.** The TiVo service is what makes your TiVo box smart. It includes everything from your show listings to SkipMode and OnePass searches. If you haven't yet activated your TiVo service, visit tivo.com/activate or call 1-877-367-8486.

TiVo service is required. No functionality is represented or should be expected without a paid subscription to the TiVo service.
- 2. Connect your TiVo box.** Use the installation guide that came with your TiVo box to connect the box to your TV programming source, your home network, and your television.
- 3. Complete Guided Setup.** After connecting your TiVo box, follow the steps in on-screen Guided Setup. This configures the TiVo box for your home, and ensures you have the latest product updates.
- 4. Take a tour!** Once you're done with Guided Setup, the **Quick tours** in this guide will introduce you to the great things you can do with your TiVo box.
- 5. Visit tivo.com/howto** For the latest information on how to use the features of your TiVo box (including new features as they become available), visit tivo.com/howto.
- 6. Learn about accessibility features.** Your TiVo box is equipped with assistive technologies for the visually- and hearing-impaired. Learn more in Quick tour - Accessibility Features, or by visiting tivo.com/accessibility.

BASIC TERMS

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

Live TV. If you're watching a show as it's being broadcast, you're watching live TV. You can pause live TV for up to 30 minutes. When you resume watching, you're "behind" live TV. (You can always get to live TV by pressing the LIVE TV button on your remote).

Streaming. With the TiVo box, you can stream shows from sources like Amazon, Netflix, and your cable company's video on demand service (if available). You can also stream recordings to your mobile device, or to/from another TiVo DVR in your network.

Host. When your TiVo DVR streams shows to another TiVo box, your DVR is a "host."

Client. The TiVo box receiving streaming shows is the "client." TiVo DVRs can be both hosts and clients. The TiVo Mini is only a client.

Network Connection. Your TiVo DVR can connect to your home network through either a wireless or wired connection (using either Ethernet or MoCA). The TiVo Mini must use a wired connection.

To get the most out of your TiVo DVR experience, especially if you want to stream shows, you must use a wired connection -- either Ethernet or MoCA. For more on MoCA (Multimedia over Coax), see below. For more details on connecting your box to your home network, see the "Get set up" section on tivo.com/howto.

MoCA®. A MoCA (pronounced “Mocha,” like the chocolate-flavored coffee drink!) connection is a great option if you want a wired connection to your TiVo box but you don’t have easy access to a wired Ethernet cable. MoCA delivers the same high-speed network connection you get through an Ethernet cable, but delivers it through your existing coax wire (the wire you use to receive cable TV). When you set up MoCA in your home, your TiVo box will receive cable TV and connect to your home network through that one cable! Just follow the instructions you’ll find at tivo.com/moca, and you’ll be ready to go in no time.

And the best news? You can use your TiVo DVR to turn on MoCA throughout your whole home with nothing additional to buy! (This is not applicable to the TiVo Mini.)

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

Tuners. A tuner is a device found inside DVRs, TVs, cable boxes — anything designed to receive TV signals, including the TiVo box. A tuner picks one channel to display; it “tunes” to that channel. Your TiVo DVR has multiple tuners inside and can record a variety of shows at once. Pressing the LIVE TV button while watching live TV will cycle through your tuners. The 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. You’ll choose a host DVR and set it up to share a tuner with your TiVo Mini when you go through Guided Setup.

OTA. OTA refers to “over-the-air” programming, or a television signal that you receive using an HD antenna. The TiVo box can receive its television signal this way.

CableCARD decoder. Your TiVo DVR can use a CableCARD decoder to receive programming. If using a CableCARD, the TiVo box requires a multi-stream CableCARD (M-CARD), which will allow you to watch and record multiple shows at once. The CableCARD will replace your existing cable box. You can order a CableCARD from your cable provider.