

DISH Network Operation with TracVision TV-series Systems

DISH Network® subscribers can enjoy high-definition (HD) programming and DVR capabilities onboard with a TracVision® TV-series antenna system and a ViP 211-series receiver. The ViP 211z model, available from KVH, offers a user-friendly program guide and access to many of the most popular HD programming packages. Additionally, it can be activated on the popular “pay-as-you-go” plan, which allows you to start and stop the service to suit your needs.

Figure 1: ViP 211z HD Receiver



Recording Shows

Want to record your favorite show for viewing at a later time? Simply connect an external USB hard drive to your ViP 211z receiver and activate DISH Network’s DVR service (*a one-time activation fee will apply*). DISH Network’s “Whole Home DVR” systems, such as the Hopper, are not compatible with mobile antennas.

Changing Channels

DISH Network delivers content over multiple satellites, so changing channels often requires switching satellites. A stationary home antenna can see all satellites simultaneously, so switching is instantaneous. A mobile antenna, on the other hand, can only see one satellite at a time, so it may take a few seconds to find the other satellite and decode its signal. During this time, the TV picture may go blank, or it might show a “signal loss” or “tuning to an equivalent SD/HD station” message. This is normal. However, you can minimize these switching delays and improve the viewing experience by selecting channels from the program guide, rather than scrolling through multiple channels. You can also limit viewing to HD channels (available in the 9400-9600 range) and set up the receiver to block SD channels (from the Main Menu, select Locks:5 > Channel Locks:2).

Figure 2: Channel Signal Loss Message

