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Thank You ALL,,,

Armed with this knowledge, I will be calling the company and really stick it to em. Don't think I'll get a refund or an exchange since I had it for a while. But I'm gonna speak my mind after I let them explain how to get dual signals from a single signal source. Also since this tuner will be probably flying out the window sometime soon,, ANYBODY WANNA BUY A TUNER CARD. LOL.

I will look into the NTV since it sounds promising.

Ill post the out come here. Thanks again ppl

"Peter Near [MCE MVP]" wrote:

- > Unfortunately, the Hauppauge PVR-500 is not the best card for your
- > situation.
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- > Analog cable / antenna:
- > Uses the analog tuners on the card to tune into a signal.
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- > Digital cable / satellite:
- > Your cable tv provider scrambles the signal, which makes it impossible
- > for the Hauppauge card to use its internal tuner. They have mandated
- > that you must use their set-top-box to decode the signal, one channel at
- > a time. Once decoded, you can feed this single channel into the tuner
- > card to be captured to your MCE machine. Each channel you want to watch
- > requires its own set-top-box. That is a limitation of your cable TV
- > provider.
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- > The best setup:
- > Plug each STB into a tuner card using SVideo and RCA audio cables.
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- > The rub:
- > The hauppauge PVR-500, while it is a dual tuner card, does not have dual
- > inputs for STBs. Bad design on their part. More info here:
- > <http://www.thenears.com/?p=102>
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> What you can do about it:
> Get two STBs and pay your cable company the extra fee they charge you
> for doing so. Figure out how to connect that to your tuner card – some
> people have put one STB on coax and the other on Svideo. Better yet,
> buy the daughtercard for the Hauppauge PVR500 mentioned in the link above
> and connect the STBs that way. If it were me and I had the option, I'd
> return the PVR–500 and get either two single–tuner cards (like the
> PVR–150) or a single dual–tuner card with dual STB inputs (like the eVGA
> NVTV).
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> Light at the end of the tunnel:
> The FCC has mandated that cable companies allow subscribers access to
> their TV programming without an STB. This access is known as
> "CableCard" and will allow you to bypass the STB. Rumor has it that
> this might be supported in future versions of MCE.
> http://www.ehomeupgrade.com/entry/672/my_interview_with
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> Not what you wanted to hear I'm sure, but I hope you appreciate the
> honesty. The card you bought simply doesn't do what you want.
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> Pete
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> three3peat wrote:
>> Thanks for the responses guys,,, I just ran the setup again and there was a
>> mention of set top boxes. So let me get this straight ,, I have to get
>> another STB put a splitter on my tuner and connect two boxes to it in order
>> for the dual tuner to split the signals.
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>> "JW" wrote:
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>>>Yes what they say is true if you are using an antenna or a direct cable feed
>>>to the tuner card then the 2 tuners in the card can each select a different
>>>channel.
>>>However there is no way to get two different program signals out of a single
>>>STB unless the STB also has two tuners and 2 different S–Video and audio out
>>>connections.
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>>>"three3peat" <three3peat@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>>news:48BAA7E4-5A32-498B-8735-4600B2A772A0@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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>>>>Hi,
>>>>Martin Kirk: Well to be honest if thats true about needing 2 set top
>>>>boxes,then MCE 2005 kinda blows. Heres why
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>>>>Watch and record up to three different shows at the same time: Windows XP
>>>>Media Center Edition now features dual tuner support and adds support for
>>>>a
>>>>3rd over–the–air local DTV/HDTV tuner, so you can watch and record up to
>>>>three different shows at the same time

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> >>>
> >>>This is what they boast and at no time saying you need 2 set top boxes. I
> >>>do
> >>>know that the specs from the tuner card I have (
> >>>http://hauppauge.com/Pages/products/data_pvr500mce.html)
> >>>says the splitter is internal .
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> >>>And this is what the tuner company says
> >>>
> >>>For Windows XP Media Center Edition users:
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> >>>Watch TV with the MyTV button on MCE
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> >>>Watch one TV show while recording another to disk using the
> >>>WinTV-PVR-500's
> >>>built in dual hardware MPEG encoders.
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> >>>Record two TV shows at once
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> >>>So now I'm really confused
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> >>>"Martin Kirk" wrote:
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> >>>>[A quick caveat that I am in the UK, and my experience of US cable TV is
> >>>>a
> >>>>little sketchy.]
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> >>>>Do you use the IR senders to allow MCE to change channel on the set top
> >>>>box?
> >>>>Do you have the set top box connected to the MCE system with a single
> >>>>cable
> >>>>and a splitter? If so, I suspect that your problem is that you are
> >>>>feeding a
> >>>>dual channel tuner with a single source. Here in the UK standard set top
> >>>>boxes are only able to output a single channel. I would need a second set
> >>>>top
> >>>>box to enable dual channel recording.
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• *Follow-Ups:*

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