

Amplifier	TV or Radio Signal amplifier/booster
Antenna	Term for an aerial used in European/U.S.
Attenuator	Reduces Signal Strength
Booster	TV or Radio Signal amplifier/booster
CAI	Confederation of Aerial Industries - represents manufacturers, installers & other interested parties.
CATV	Community Aerial TV - covering a set neighbourhood/Town/City/County
Chimney Lashing Kit	Used to secure an aerial to a chimney
Coax Coupler	Used to join together 2
Coax Plugs	Coax plug Terminates coaxial cable for insertion to TV etc via a coax plug
Coaxial Cable	Aerial lead to appliance
Cob	Coaxial (aerial lead) outlet box, surface mounted within the room
Combiner	Combines two or more aerial leads into one single aerial (coaxial) lead
DAB	Digital audio broadcast
DAB Aerial	Enhances DAB reception
DAB Radio	Stereo Digital Radio Offering a wide range of channels, as an alternative to FM.
Db	Decibel - signal measurement
Digital Aerial	Aerial/Antenna capable of receiving the new digital signal, providing more channels and enhanced services for the UK
Diplexer	Combines two or more aerial leads into one single aerial (coaxial) lead
Dipole	This element connects to the aerial downlead, receiving signals from the director and reflector elements.
Director Element	Forward of the dipole, these are a series of tuned elements.



Dish Pack	The satellite dish or external part of a sky installation
Distribution Amplifier	When sending signals to two or more TV's or Radio, this is the signal booster.
Downlead	This is the cable which connects the aerial or dish to TV, radio or set top box
DTT	Digital Terrestrial TV
F Connector	Terminates coaxial cable for insertion to appliance
F Coupler	Enables 2 f connectors to be joined
Fascia Mount	Used to mount an aerial to a soffit
FM	Stereo analogue radio reception, alternative to DAB, but cannot receive all radio signals
FM Aerial	Boosts FM radio reception
Freesat	New non subscription digital satellite system from BBC & ITV, featuring over 80 digital channels and estimated 200 by 2009. Broadcast in HD with no subscription required
Freesat	Sky Broadcasting subscription free package
Freeview	Digital Terrestrial TV, channels are provided by the UK's mainstream broadcasters
Ghosting	Repeat image(s) on analogue TV sets, caused by a reflected signal
Grid Aerial	A TV aerial with 2 or more dipoles and a grid reflector
Grouped Aerial	A TV aerial that will receive a segment of UHF (terrestrial TV) channels
High-Gain Aerial	Multi-element aerial that utilises 32 elements, or more
IRS	Integrated Reception System: A system providing UHF, Sky and radio, which also enables connection of individual Sky boxes
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display: A flat panel TV, alternative to plasma screens.
LNB - Quad	This is a dish mounted device, which converts Sky signals to send the reception through to multiple (2 - 4) Sky boxes via the Coaxial (Aerial) cable.
LNB - Quattro	This is a dish mounted device, which converts Sky signals to send the reception through to multiple switches
LNB - Solo	This is a dish mounted device, which converts Sky signals to send the reception through to a single Sky box via the Coaxial (Aerial) cable.
Loft Mount	Internal aerial mounting.
Magic Eye	Device which the Sky box can be controlled from another room.
MATV	Master Aerial TV: a UHF (terrestrial TV) reception distribution system

Multiplexer - MUX	This is where groups of freeview channels are broadcast on a single UHF channel. This is known as a multiplexer
Multi-Switch	One Sky dish receives the signal for multiple Sky boxes, usually used in apartment buildings & hotels.
Outlet Plate	Mounted to the backbox or Patras, this plate is flush to the mount.
Pixellating	Caused by a defective signal which produces a mosaic or frozen image on the screen.
Plasma	Flat Panel/Screen TV which is an alternative to LCD (Liquid Crystal Display)
Polarity	The UHF signal is transmitted on either horizontal or vertical polarities.
Pre-Amplifier	The signal booster is installed directly on the aerial, with a power supply unit which is required.
PSU - Power Supply Unit	This converts the mains voltage to 12v, and is used to energise the pre-amplifier via the download.
Reflector Element	Rear element of an aerial
Set Back Amplifier	Sits next to the TV and boosts TV reception signal.
Set Top Box	Sits on top of the TV set - usually a Sky box, Freeview box, DVD player or VCR
Sky Digital	Sky digital satellite system providing access to hundreds of digital channels and a vast range of pay to view movies, interactive services and radio stations
Sky Freesat	Sky digital system providing access to a range of Free To Air channels, no monthly subscription required
Sky HD	Sky HD brings a new home viewing experience, providing images in much greater detail and vibrant colours, complete with full recording facilities as Sky+. HD Compatible TV & Subscription required to take full advantage of a Sky HD system
Sky+	Sky digital with recording facilities. Provides the viewer to control what they watch by pausing, rewinding and playing live TV! You can also record and watch 2 channels at the same time
SMATV	Satellite Master Aerial TV: Sky/UHF reception distribution system
Splitter	Splits signal to two or more TV's
Tetra	Terrestrial Trunked Radio. Used by the Emergency Services.
Tetra Filter	Blocks interference from Tetra transmissions
Top-Up TV	Pay as you view Digital TV
UHF	Terrestrial TV reception
VHF	Redundant frequency bands 1, 2 & 3. Part of Band 3 is now used for DAB.

Wall Bracket	Secures an LCD or Plasma screen TV to the mounting surface.
Wideband aerial	A TV aerial used to receive UHF channels 21-68
Yagi	A tv aerial that has a dipole, director and reflector elements