



World's smallest TV tuner

VideoMate USB 2.0 TV Box Rs 4,500

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Carry this with your notebook for TV viewing and recording by simply plugging it in to one of the free USB ports of your computer. And the name of this product is so misleading. It's not a box ... it's an ultra cool small USB STICK (as wide as a credit card and as thick as a matchbox)!!! It won't be a surprise if you take it to be a USB thumbdrive at the first glance.

All it took was four minutes to interconnect the TV cable with my notebook using this gizmo, install the bundled software and start channel surfing. Installation is an absolute no-brainer and operational-functional understanding is likewise.

The bundled software ComproPVR's control panel resembles the controls on a VCR and lets you watch and record TV on your computer. The channel surfing function lets you have a complete grid of channels. It also uses Timeshifting function to pause live TV and review favorite scenes. Also having the facility to customize brightness, hue, saturation, contrast and sharpness in each TV channel, the software provided is super cool a partner to the device.

We recorded programs from the television onto the hard-disk as well as gave couple of shots to on-the-fly www.comprousa.com

recording-cum-burning onto an optical disc. And the recorded videos turned out to be simply too good with no compromise to the quality of Live Television that we recorded it from. It allows recording in MPEG-1/2/4 formats which basically means a lot of disc space saved. Also the flexible pre-scheduled recording function of VideoMate turned out to be pretty neat.

We are simply too impressed by what this tiny creature does without any external power adaptor. VideoMate supports all TV standards viz. PAL/SECAM/NTSC. And all the required connectors, extension cables, software CDs and manual comes bundled with the package.

Although it lacks a remote, the user interface makes up for it. Trust us on this: You'll simply fall in love with it. Oh by the way, this is supposed to be the world's smallest USB 2.0 analog TV Box. **RN 0512-24**

PROS Couldn't have got smaller and smarter

CONS No remote. Price

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PERFORMANCE ★★★★★
COOLNESS ★★★★★

