

Press Note

TIM launches new TIMvision decoder with Android TV system

For the first time in Italy, TIM introduces a set-top box developed in collaboration with Google to offer a new entertainment experience: 4K-ready, voice search remote control, Wi-Fi, integrated terrestrial digital and new generation processor

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TIM is **the first in Italy and among the first in Europe** to launch the new TIMvision decoder running on the Android TV operating system. Developed in collaboration with Google, the new TIMvision set-top box interprets the evolution of Internet TV, bringing an innovative and extremely high quality digital entertainment model directly to any home TV set, thus redefining the spectator's viewing experience.

With the new decoder, TV sets become an open platform for TIM on-demand TV and other Web content. The new generation set-top box is the best technology to allow customers directly to access online videos, news and games from the huge range of apps available on Google Play, made for TV and already enabled on their mobile devices.

The TIMvision decoder introduces new functions and expands the range of services: it is in fact 4K-ready, for viewing Ultra HD content, and has the best Wi-Fi connectivity for video streaming (5GHz 802.11ac dual band), integrated terrestrial digital (standard DVBT2) and the latest generation processor to ensure smooth browsing, plus Google Cast to broadcast entertainment apps from Android, IOS, Windows and Mac devices on the TV screen. Furthermore, the Google Photo app, also available for IOS, allows you to view images on your smartphone or tablet on the big screen.

The set-top box comes with an infrared remote control and Bluetooth 4.1 with microphone to allow voice searching of programmes and news. TIMvision has also updated the content-focused graphic interface to allow easier and more intuitive browsing, based on customer preferences and providing direct access to your favourite digital terrestrial channels.

The new small-sized decoder, with its distinctive truncated cone shape, will be launched in June, with a promotional offer for new TIM Smart customers at 2 euros a month, and will subsequently be made available to customers who have already signed up to TIMvision.

“A new frontier in digital entertainment available on your home TV screen has been crossed in Italy. This initiative – says Daniela Biscarini, Head of TIM Multimedia Entertainment – is the result of an important collaboration with Google which allows us to offer TIMvision customers a new experience combining content and Web in an unprecedented way. The project is part of TIM's strategy to disseminate innovative services and confirms our role as a technological enabler, with the aim of bringing our customers increasingly into touch with good quality streamed content and the new ways of enjoying it made possible by super-fast broadband networks”.

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