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Cisco 8685DVB (CT8685) High-Definition Hybrid Set-Top

The Cisco[®] 8685DVB High-Definition Hybrid Set-Top for Virgin Media offers subscribers some of the latest enhancements in cable television viewing. It combines multiple compelling video services into one integrated unit. This three-video tuner digital video recorder (DVR) features MPEG-4 Part 10/H.264 standard-definition (SD) and HD capabilities and robust interactive capabilities using the DOCSIS[®] and EuroDOCSIS2.0+ cable modem. The Cisco 8685DVB (Figure 1) offers consumers a rich home entertainment experience with HD picture clarity, the movie theatre experience of surround sound, personalized recording with personal video recording (PVR) control, and the convenience of on-demand services such as video on demand (VoD).

The Cisco 8685DVB is compliant with DVB-C, MPEG-2, and MPEG-4 standards; supports PAL video formats; and complies with required safety, emissions, and immunity specifications (according to the mandatory laws that may be applicable to Cisco. With its smartcard reader, the set-top is built to support renewable security.



Figure 1. Cisco 8685DVB DVR

Note: Images in this document may vary from actual product and specification.

Features

- Multiformat video decoder capable of HD MPEG-2, MPEG-4 Advanced Video Coding (AVC), and H.264 decoding
- Support for multiple output formats (576i, 576p, 720p, 1080i, and 1080p60) to allow outstanding picture performance with both standard TVs and HDTVs
- Internal 1-TB hard disk drive
- Embedded DOCSIS and EuroDOCSIS 2.0 cable modem with support for downstream channel bonding
- Three DVB-C video tuners and separate data tuner for cable modem
- · Connection from an HDTV to the set-top through the high-definition multimedia (HDMI) connector

- Digital audio output that allows easy connection to high-end audio equipment
- SCART output to connect to SD TVs or VCRs
- Ethernet port for connection to video source or connected home residential gateway
- Dual USB 2.0 ports for connectivity

Figure 2. Cisco 8685DVB DVR Front Panel



Front-Panel Features

Table 1 provides information on the features of the Cisco 8685DVB DVR front panel (Figure 2).

Feature	Description
Controls	10 buttons: Power, home, TV, back, increase volume, decrease volume, increase channel, decrease channel, select, and record
Indicators	7 LED indicators: Power or standby, connectivity status, remote control activity, 4 recording-in-process
Other	IR receiver

Figure 3. Cisco 8685DVB DVR Back Panel



Back-Panel Features

Table 2 provides information on the features of the Cisco 8685DVB DVR back panel (Figure 3).

 Table 2.
 Back-Panel Features

Feature	Description
Connections In	Cable in (75 ohm female IEC connector)DC power
Connections out	 HDMI TV SCART S/PDIF digital audio (optical) 10BASE-T and 100BASE-T Ethernet Dual USB 2.0 host ports
Other	ISO7816 smartcard
Power switch	On or off rocker switch

Product Specifications

Table 3 provides product specifications for the Cisco 8685DVB DVR.

Table 3.Product Specifications

Specification	Value			
Audio and Video Outputs				
Inputs and outputs	 75 ohm female IEC connector RF input HDMI output TV SCART output Digital audio output - optical type 			
HDMI 1.3a output with High- Bandwidth Digital Copy Protection (HDCP) and 3D television (3DTV) extensions	 HDMI provides uncompressed digital video and audio in a simple, user-friendly connector HDMI combined with HDCP is designed to provide an outstanding, secure connection to an HDTV that supports the HDMI with HDCP interface Support for 3DTV extensions from HDMI 1.4a 			
USB 2.0 high-speed data outputs rear panel	480-Mbps output for connection to devices such as external hard drives [*] * USB support requires middleware and application support for functionality			
Tuning and Decoding	Tuning and Decoding			
Multiformat video decoder	 Decoding and presentation of audio and video in both MPEG-2 and MPEG-4 Part 10 formats SD formats: MPEG-2 MP@ML, MPEG-4 Part 10 MP@ Level 3.0, and HP@ Level 3.0 HD formats: MPEG-2 MP@ML and MP@HL; MPEG-4 Part 10 MP@ Level 3.0, 4.0, and 4.1; and HP@ Level 3.0, 4.0, and 4.1 Support for multiple decoding formats (576i, 576p, 720p, 1080i,or 1080p25) to allow exceptional picture performance with both SD TVs and HD TVs 			
Multiformat audio decoder	Tuning of digital audio MPEG-1 layer I and II, MP3, MPEG-2 layer II, AC3 Dolby Digital and MPEG-4 AAC audio formats			
Embedded DOCSIS and EuroDOCSIS 2.0 cable modem with dedicated 324-MHz processor	 IP-based, real-time, two-way communications is supported between the set-top and the headend The cable modem has a processor separate from the main CPU to achieve optimum performance without affecting set-top functions Downstream channel bonding of tuners is supported to allow video over DOCSIS implementations 			
10BASE-T and 100BASE-T Ethernet output	The Ethernet port can provide high-speed cable modem data service when connected to a PC. The Ethernet port can also be used to provide connection to other in-home IP devices (this capability is application software dependent)			
Powerful graphics engine	 OpenGL for Embedded Systems (OpenGL ES) 1.0 3D graphics engine Support for high-resolution graphics up to 720 x 576 pixels 			
Memory and Storage				
DVR with 1-TB hard drive	 The 1-TB hard drive is designed to allow up to 500hours[*] of SD programs to be recorded and stored using DVR functions Subscribers have complete control over watching, pausing, rewinding, replaying, and fast forwarding live programs using the remote control The total program hours that can be stored depends on the format and data rate of the programming source. 			
Memory configuration	 Base model contains: 256-MB NAND flash memory for firmware 2-MB boot flash 512-MB RAM for system and applications 128-KB electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM) 			
Processor				
Broadcom BCM7019 system on chip with 32-bit MIPS processor	Fast main CPU (400 MHz or 1100 DMIPS) delivers quick tuning changes and on-screen response times			
Data Transmission and Tuner				
QAM 64 and 256 ITU J.83 Annex A support	DVB-C (EN 300 429)-compliant for QAM delivery and demodulation			

Specification	Value	
Conditional Access and Security, Operation System, and Application		
Smartcard	ISO7816 Smartcard reader for renewable security	
Conditional access system	 Compliant with Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB) Common Scrambling Algorithm (ETR 289) Supports Nagravision conditional access system 	
Macrovision copy protection (optional; requires a separate agreement between the cable operator and Macrovision Corp.)	Allows cable service providers to add another layer of copy protection software, called Macrovision to restrict unauthorized subscribers from making analog copies of digital transmissions	
Power Supply		
Power supply	External 230VAC 50 Hz power supply	
Dimensions		
Product (W x D x H)	Approximately 415 mm x 245 mm x 45 mm (16.3 in. x 9.6 in. x 1.8 in.)	

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