# Reaching Your Market's Antenna Viewers

Tyler the Antenna Man



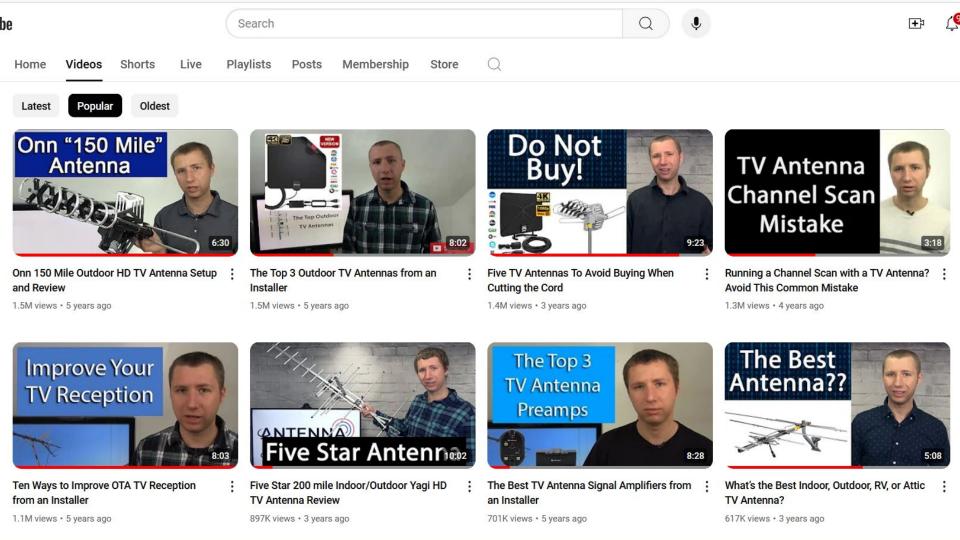
- TV Antenna Hobbyist Since Age 5, Experimented with TV Antennas Growing Up
- Studied Film/Video in College
- After College, Installed Antennas for Extra Income
- Combined My Antenna Hobby & Video Production
   Skills to Create Antenna Man YouTube Channel



#### Antenna Man YouTube Channel

- Operating it full time for over five years
- Over 300,000 subscribers
- Reaches between 500,000-800,000 people each month
- Videos include antenna reviews, reception tips, news about OTA TV
- Directly help people with my antenna recommendation service
- Helped millions of people successfully cut the cord with an antenna





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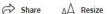
To access local stations—for free—without paying for a cable subscription, try these updated versions of old-fashioned rabbit ears

By Jennifer Bradley Franklin

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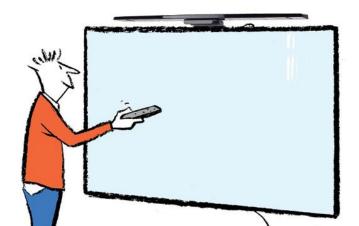












# Why the Antenna is Making a Comeback

- Great Alternative to Expensive Cable & Satellite
- Provides Dozens of Free Channels in HD
- Technology like Network Tuners and DVRs Enable Easy Access to Local Channels on All Devices
- Local TV Provides a Connection to the Community Streaming Services Can't Match

# The Importance of Reaching Antenna Viewers

- About 20% of Americans Use an Antenna
- Many First Time Cord Cutters Don't Pick Up All Local Channels Due to a Bad Antenna Setup
- Don't Let Your Station Lose Viewers Who
   Cut the Cord

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# Why Antenna Viewers Don't Pick Up All Local Channels

- There's Very Little Information on Antennas
- Purchase a Junk Antenna on Amazon
- Do One of a Dozen Things to Mess Up Reception
- Think They Are Getting All Possible Channels After Purchasing a "200 Mile Antenna"







# Tips for Antenna Viewers

#### You May Need to Rescan Your TV to Watch MeTV

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At times, over-the-air viewers need to rescan to update channel reception. This can happen when new channels are launched, when television station transmission equipment changes, or at other times when television sets need revised information to receive local channels.

#### What is a rescan?

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A rescan is an update to the television set by using the "menu" button to have the television re-tune all available signals. In many instances, if a station changes frequency, the television set needs to be instructed to "rescan" the frequencies to find any new ones now available. Specific rescan steps vary by manufacturer. https://www.fcc.gov/rescan is a resource for more information, including manufacturer details.

Do I need to rescan if I watch by cable or satellite?

No. This applies to over-the-air viewers only.

Does it matter what kind of television or antenna Luse?

In most cases, no. Refer to the television set instructions. If MeTV is available in your area, most broadcast antennas should be able to get the signal, although performance varies depending on many factors including distance from the actual television station transmitter site, and the configuration of your home.

#### On MeTV



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# Provide Help on Station Website

- Link Reception Report Websites FCC DTV Reception Maps and Rabbitears.info
- List Reception Tips
- Include Links to Recommended Antennas
- Provide Email or Phone Number for Support

# Reception Tips

- Set Up the Antenna Near a Wall or Window Ideally in Direction of the Broadcast Towers
- Try the Antenna in Different Locations Use TV as Guide
- Only Run a Channel Scan if All Current Channels are Picked Up so None are Lost
- Make Sure Antenna is a Decent Model

# Best TV Antennas

- Indoor: Channel Master FLATenna, ClearStream
- Small Outdoor: Televes Dinova Mix, RCA Compact Yagi, ClearStream 2V
- Medium Outdoor: Televes Ellipse Mix
- Large Outdoor: Televes LR Mix

# The VHF Disadvantage

- RF Channels 2-13
- Noisy and Prone to Interference
- Doesn't Penetrate Well Through Building Material Like UHF
- Many People Don't Have a VHF Capable Antenna
- Requires an Outdoor Antenna in Some Cases













































# Ways To Mitigate VHF Reception Issues

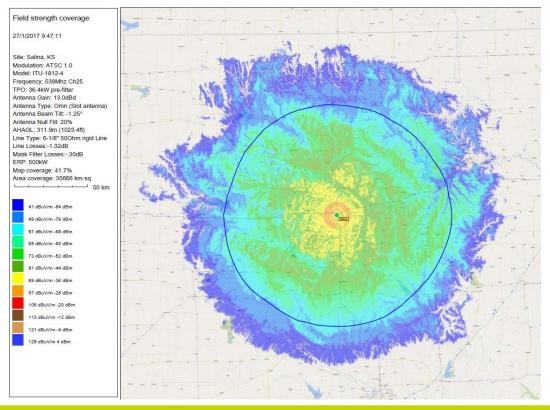
- Apply for Power Increase with the FCC
- Might Require a Mutual Interference Agreement
- Simulcast on Sister Station (Even if SD)
- Simulcast on Low Powered UHF Station

# ATSC 3.0 Reception Benefits

- More Robust COFDM Modulation is More Resistant Against Multipath from Buildings & Trees
  - Flexible PLPs like 64QAM, 16QAM and QPSK
  - Single Frequency Networks to Expand Coverage
- In the Early Stages, Problems Need to be Resolved for ATSC 3.0 to Succeed



# ATSC 1.0 AND ATSC 3.0 COMPARISON



ATSC 1.0 Calculated Coverage:

SNR: 15.2dB (19.39Mbit/s)

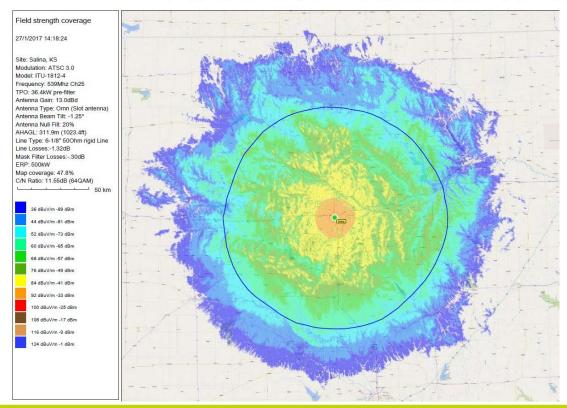
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Gaussian Channel (AWGN)

41.7% of the Total Map Area

Source: GatesAir





ATSC 3.0 Calculated Coverage: **64 QAM** 

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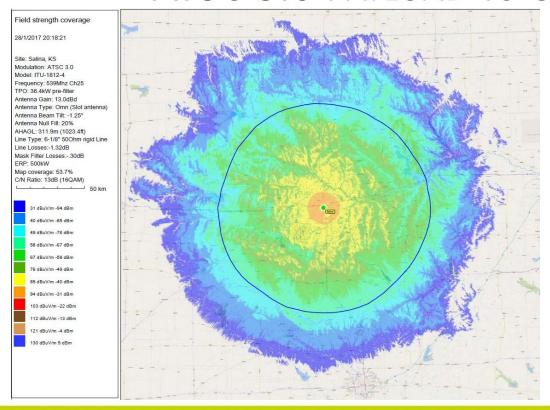
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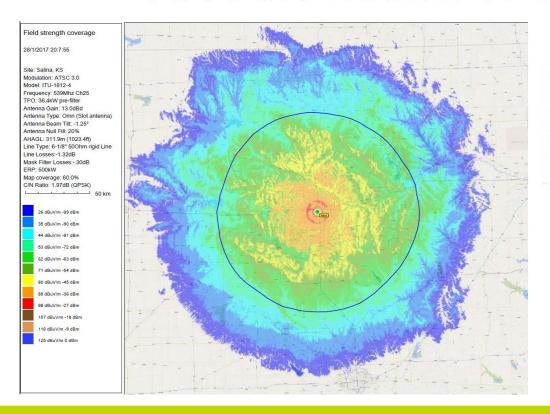


ATSC 3.0 Calculated Coverage: **16 QAM** 

SNR: 7.32dB (13 Mbit/s) Map Area: 85478 km2

Gaussian Channel (AWGN)

53.7% of the Total Map Area



ATSC 3.0 Calculated Coverage: **QPSK** 

SNR: 1.97dB (6.5Mbit/s)
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60% of the Total Map Area









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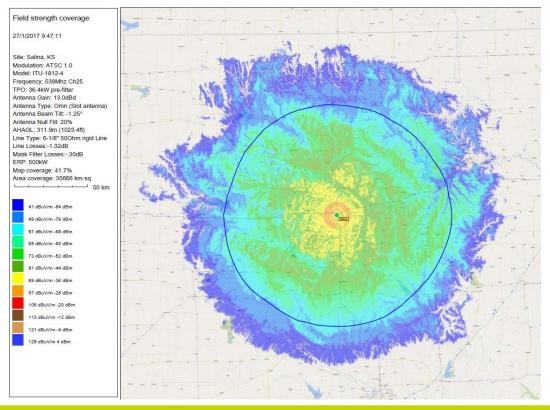
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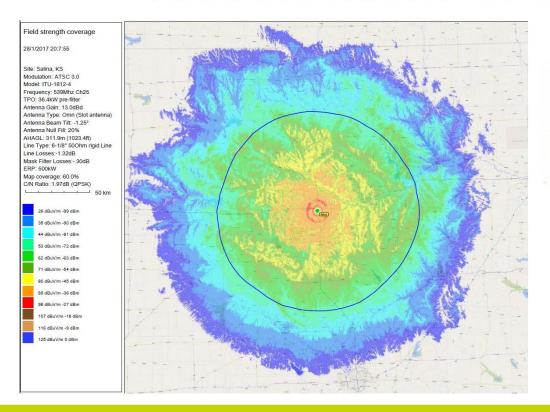
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# Promoting Free OTA is Important for Broadcast TV's Future

- Broadcast TV is Losing Audience to Streaming
- No Marketing Most Don't Know it's an Option
- Very Few Millennials and Gen-Z Watch Local TV
- If Made Aware of OTA TV, More People Would Be Inclined to Watch than Not At All



# Conclusion

- Free OTA TV is Making a Comeback Make Sure Your Station is Picked Up by TVs in the Market!
  - Provide Tips for Antenna Viewers on Website
- Promote and Market Free OTA TV so it's Known as an Option Among Younger Audiences



# Questions?

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