

DIGITALRADIO

NEWS



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Dear Sir or Madam,

Only 100 days to go until the next digital switchover in Germany takes place. By the end of April the analogue TV transmission via satellite ceases. The arguments for this switchover, which is being advertised under the slogan 'Klardigital 2012', are nearly the same as for the digitalisation of radio: Major efficiency, enhanced diversity of programmes and cost reduction. The meaning of the slogan being 'clear digital' - that would be a perfect fit for advertising the expansion of digital radio. Just the date has to be adjusted.

All the best

Wolfgang Paulus

RECEIVER



19.01.12 Pure Contour 100Di

[London] The radio maker PURE added Contour 100Di to their portfolio. The digital radio receiver comes with a dock for iPod, iPhone and iPad. The SRP is £99.99.

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17.01.12 Pure celebrates 10th anniversary

[Las Vegas] Pure – the world leading maker of wireless music and radio systems – is celebrating its 10th anniversary by unveiling a colourful new brand identity at this year's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas (South Hall Upper Level, Booth 36249). Says Paul Smith, Pure's general manager: "In...

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12.01.12 New Volkswagen CC with DAB standard fitting

[London] The new CC from Volkswagen has made its debut at the Los Angeles Auto Show in November last year. The CC can now be ordered in the UK with the comprehensive standard specification, including DAB digital radio.

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12.01.12 Digitalbox starts with DAB+

[Daun] Manufacturer Digitalbox Europe has announced five new DAB+ receivers for the German market. Among them are devices for both, the mobile and stationary use.

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10.01.12 Frontier Silicon in Las Vegas

[Las Vegas] Frontier Silicon, the world leading supplier of digital radio and network audio technology, announced today that it has now shipped over 17 million digital radio processor ICs. The Company provides the most field proven receiver solution with 75% of DAB/DAB+ digital radios in the market...

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PROGRAM



31.01.12 Saarland calls for tenders

[Saarbrücken] The Saarland regulatory authority for commercial broadcasting (LMS) has invited to tender for capacities on the regional DAB+ multiplex. Network operator is the public broadcaster for this region (SR). The deadline for applications is February 24, 2012.

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31.01.12 Licence for ERF in Saxony

[Leipzig] The Saxony regulatory authority for commercial broadcasting (SLM) has awarded a DAB+ licence to ERF Medien e.V. Wetzlar. The programme is already being broadcast on the national multiplex under the name 'ERF Plus'. The additional 60 capacity units now granted are to enhance the coverage...

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25.01.12 Antenne Bayern launches two new stations

[Ismaning] One of the major commercial broadcasters in Germany has launched two new digital radio stations: ANTENNE BAYERN TOP 40 and ANTENNE BAYERN Info are now on air via DAB+ across Bavaria. Later this year, the main station ANTENNE BAYERN will also start transmitting its programme via DAB+.

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18.01.12 Rock Antenne rocks on DAB+

[München] The digital radio station Rock Antenne changed from DAB to DAB+. A rescan at the device is necessary to keep receiving the station. No changes for users who listen to the station via FM, cable, satellite or webstream.

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18.01.12 Radio Augsburg now on DAB+

[Augsburg] Radio Augsburg has switched from DAB to DAB+. To keep receiving the station via DAB+ the listeners need to do a retune. Listeners via FM, cable or webstream remain unaffected by the switchover.

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18.01.12 NDR Musik Plus and NDR Traffic on air

[Hamburg] Public broadcaster NDR has expanded its portfolio with NDR Musik Plus, NDR Traffic and NDR Info Spezial.

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10.01.12 Start of 'SWR Info'

[Stuttgart] The public broadcaster of Baden-Württemberg and Rhineland-Palatinate has launched 'SWR Info', a news channel broadcast via DAB+ and as a web channel, in Stuttgart also on FM. Peter Boudgoust, director of SWR: "With digital radio we start a new era for radio, and with SWR Info we are a..."

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10.01.12 Traffic channel ARVID off air

[Halle] After 10 years of operating the traffic channel ARVID is closed down in Saxony-Anhalt. Because of the technological progress in the field of dynamic navigation systems, ARVID was superseded by TPEG. In the future traffic messages will be broadcast in the DAB technology via TPEG.

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COVERAGE



26.01.12 CH: Determining interest in a third digital radio coverage

[Biel/Bienne] In order to determine demand for transmission capacity for digital radio programme services, the Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM) is gauging interest in a third regionally configurable DAB coverage for German-speaking Switzerland. Companies who would like to construct and...

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27.01.12 Optimized postcode checker now online

[Hamburg] Digital radio in Germany has added an important new feature to their website. In order to find out which stations are available, including the national and regional layers in the different regions of Germany, a postcode checker has been installed at digitalradio.de. The coverage of the...

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12.01.12 rbb intensify commitment

[Berlin] The public broadcaster for Berlin-Brandenburg (rbb) has commissioned a new transmitter into service (Berlin-Alexanderplatz). In addition to the six rbb programmes, stations from other public broadcasters, e.g. Funkhaus Europa, Bayern 2, BR-Klassik, mdr Jump, SWR 3 and WDR 2 digital, are...

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12.01.12 News from Saarland

[Saarbrücken] The public broadcaster in Saarland (SR) now broadcast some of their programmes in DAB+ and will be providing further services in the future. Moreover, at the beginning of the year the digital radio stations altogether were migrated from channel 8B to 9A. To receive the stations the...

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Events



27.01.12 Digitalradio at embedded world

[Nürnberg] The embedded world Exhibition&Conference from 28 February to 1 March 2012 brings the embedded community together in Nürnberg for the tenth time. The world's biggest exhibition for embedded technologies is growing all the time and is a permanently established event in the sector. At the...

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25.01.12 Retailer workshops

[Baden-Baden] To keep the retailers informed and updated about the current developments concerning digital radio a series of training workshops is scheduled which is to take place consecutively in all regional states of Germany. The upbeat was in Baden-Baden at the SWR, the public radio authority...

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MISCELLANEOUS



18.01.12 New managing director for DRD

[Hamburg] Willi Schreiner succeeds Helmut G. Bauer as the managing director of Digitalradio Deutschland GmbH, an association of almost all DAB+ radio broadcasters of the national multiplex. Mr. Schreiner is also the managing director of Absolut Radio.

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10.01.12 New commercials for digital radio in Switzerland
[Zürich] In Switzerland digital radio is promoted with new TV spots. Themed "What is actually better with digital radio" the spots highlight the variety of stations, better sound quality and larger coverage. The spots can be seen on the digitalradio.ch website in German, Italian and French.

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Events

10.07.12-11.07.12 Lokalrundfunktage Nürnberg [▶ more](#)

15.03.12-16.03.12 Radiodays Europe Barcelona [▶ more](#)

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