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My Wife and Kids

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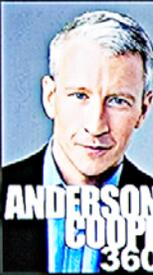
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DIRECTV High Definition User Interface

Since the introduction of the HR20-700, DIRECTV has delivered HD programming with a clean and uncluttered user interface consistent with its other receivers... but the public wanted more. Among the most common requests has been a truly high-definition user interface. The last update to the user interface in 2007 was comprehensive, but still provided graphics that were rendered based on standard resolution images and fonts.

DIRECTV has delivered a new user interface that is not only faster than the one it replaces, but renders all text and graphics in high resolution. The new interface does away with the Quick Menu in favor of a consistent full-screen experience while keeping the new channel banner introduced in 2010 and the same buttons used in prior user interfaces.

Whenever possible, screens are similar to existing ones in the old user interface to help subscribers adapt.

Among the new features is a new "My DIRECTV" landing screen that acts as a gateway to suggested content, playlists, and interactive content. This provides a more consistent experience for the common user while streamlining the experience for more advanced users.

Special thanks to Mike Bertelson and barryb for photographs of the user interface. Note that dates and other details have been obscured to preserve the integrity of the testing process.

Are you on the Cutting Edge?

DBSTALK.com is home to the Cutting Edge forums, where users actively participate in testing pre-release software for DIRECTV receivers. The resulting rapid-deployment development method allows for faster fixes and abundant new features.

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About DBSTalk.com

Since its inception in 2001, DBSTALK.com has grown to represent the satellite communities for DIRECTV, Dish Network, Sirius/XM and Free-to-Air satellite reception. We provide user-to-user support for tens of thousands of users and are read by millions across the Internet, giving us the title of "The Internet's Satellite Resource."

Please note that some DBSTalk.com testers and staff members may have received free equipment from DIRECTV or its partners for the purpose of evaluation and testing.

Words from the test team

It's fast. No, really it's FAST! Even on standard HR2x hardware, this new UI isn't just crisp, clear and modern in appearance, it's an order of magnitude quicker in everyday usage - keypresses are registered more quickly, Playlist scrolling is faster, and navigating through the Guide is downright speedy, whether left and right by timeslot, or scrolling up and down through the channels. Personally, using the new user interface as compared to the current one feels like the difference between using an HR21 versus an HR24.

—DBSTalk User *LameLefty*

The new User Interface reflects an upgrade to a more appealing "current generation" graphical experience. The attractive new guide, setup menus, program "posters", and sub-screens all reflect a visual presentation much like the DirecTV iPad application. In addition to the visual enhancements, the new UI also reflects a significant performance boost from previous generation versions. In particular, common activities such as scrolling through channels, menus, and other large groups of screen content is exponentially faster. Furthermore, the fact that the new user experience and accelerated operations can be enjoyed on earlier generation hardware will make it even more attractive to all DirecTV customers.

—DBSTalk User *HDTVfan0001*

Is it fast enough? Check out these comparisons!

Special thanks to Scott Kocourek for speed tests.

Scrolling performance in seconds
(ten consecutive PageDowns in guide)



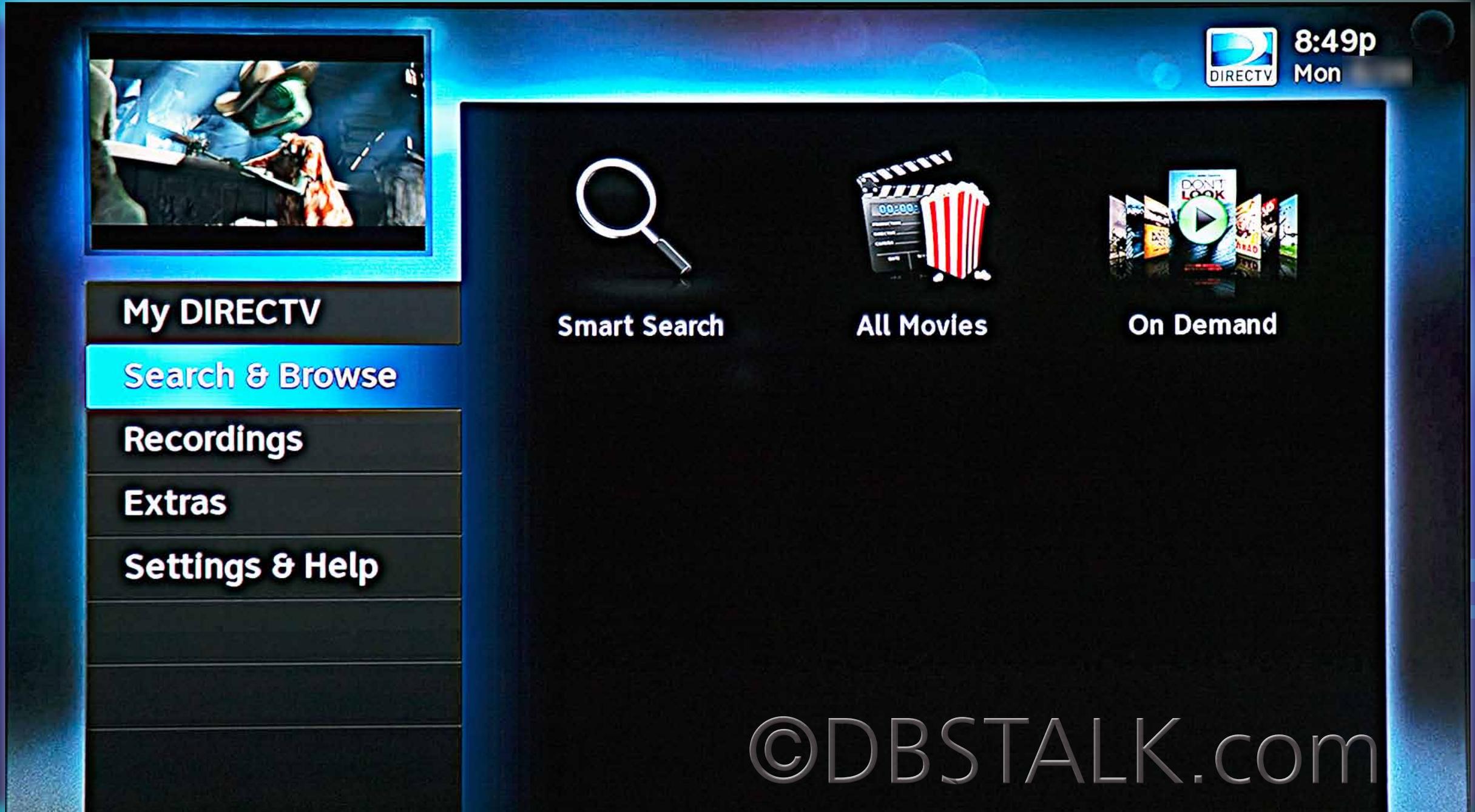
Scrolling performance in seconds
(scrolling through 66-page playlist)



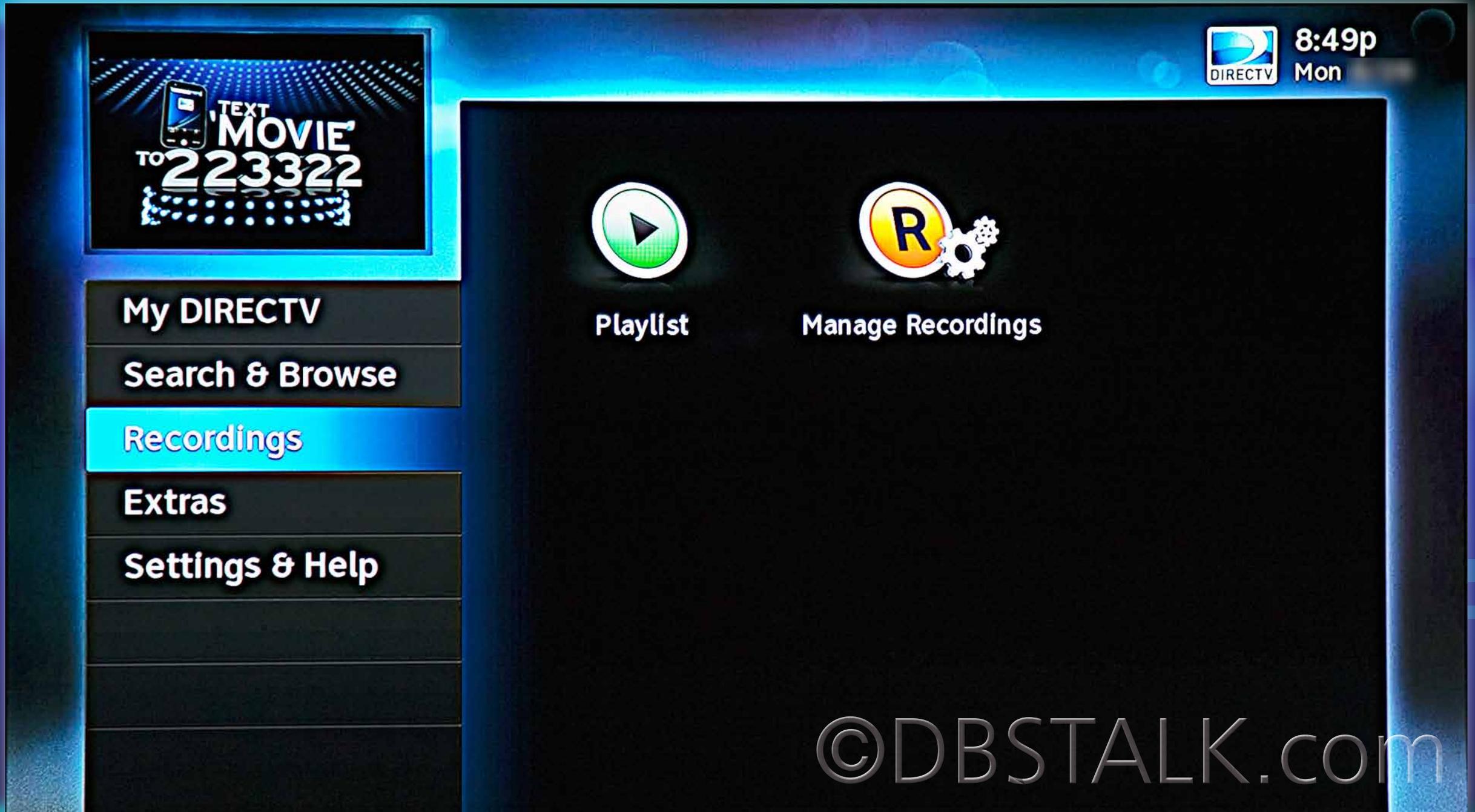
My DIRECTV Landing Screen: When the user presses **MENU**, this is the screen that appears.

The screenshot shows the DIRECTV landing screen interface. At the top right, the DIRECTV logo is displayed next to the time '8:49p' and the day 'Mon'. In the top left corner, there is a promotional poster for the movie 'THE BEAVER' with credits including Jodie Foster, Mel Gibson, and Antonio Yelchin. Below the poster is a navigation menu with the following options: 'My DIRECTV', 'Search & Browse', 'Recordings', 'Extras', and 'Settings & Help'. The main area is titled 'What's On Now?' and features a grid of program thumbnails. The first row includes 'Hell's Kitchen' (FOXwHD 8:00p), 'America's Got Talent' (NB... 8:00p HD), 'CONAN' (TBS... 8:00p HD), and 'My Wife and Kids' (NIK... 8:30p HD). The second row is titled 'You Might Like' and includes 'Last Call with Carson Daly' (NBC WHD), 'The Tonight Show with Jay Leno' (NBC WHD HD), 'the office' (FOXWHD HD), and 'ANDERSON COOPER 360' (CNNHD HD). A large watermark 'DBSTALK.com' is visible across the bottom of the screen.

Search and Browse: When the user scrolls down after pressing **MENU**, this is the screen that appears.



Recordings: Easy access to the playlist or for managing recordings and series links.



Playlist: When the user presses **LIST** or chooses "Playlist", this is the screen that appears.



8:49p
Mon

Hell's Kitchen

49min (Partial) | TV-14-D-L

[GARAGE] "7 Chefs Compete" Reality, Cooking.

(2011) Scott Leibfried, Andrea "Andi" Van

Willigan. The teams face each other in challen...

Ordered by Date (Newest First)

Hell's Kitchen 

Today

8:00p

399 FOXwHD

 *The Big C*

12 New/20 Total

 *Weeds*

2 New/2 Total

Kate Plus 8 

Today

6:00p

280 TLCHD

 *The Millionaire Matchmaker*

2 New/2 Total

 *Giuliana & Bill*

5 New/7 Total

 Delete  Options  Keep

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Manage Recordings: When the user selects "Manage Recordings," this screen appears.

Manage Recordings

8:50p
Mon

To Do List

- Series Manager
- Queue
- History
- Purchases
- Manual Record
- Record Defaults
- Done

Scheduler status is listed below. Press SELECT on a left menu item to view or change scheduled events. Use CHAN to scroll.

To Do List:	16 Items
Series Manager:	5 Items
Queue:	0 Items
History:	61 Items
Purchases:	0 Items

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Extras: Many of the common extra features of the receiver have been grouped in one menu.

The screenshot displays the DIRECTV receiver's main menu. On the left is a vertical sidebar with the following options: My DIRECTV, Search & Browse, Recordings, Extras, and Settings & Help. The 'Extras' option is currently selected. At the top left, a movie poster for 'YOUR HIGHNESS' is shown with the text 'Premieres August 9th' and 'DIRECTV CINEMA'. At the top right, the DIRECTV logo is displayed next to the time '8:50p' and the day 'Mon'. The main area contains several feature icons: 'TVmail (4)' (represented by an envelope icon), 'Active' (represented by a weather icon for Sunday, 73°F, and a crab), 'Music & Photos' (represented by a photo of a child), 'Caller ID' (represented by a cordless phone), and 'Game Lounge' (represented by a chess knight and dice).

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Settings and Help: Items commonly used in first-time setup are grouped together.



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System Info: Specialized information about the receiver, similar to the previous user interface.



System Info & Test



9:00p
Mon

Receiver: **HR21/700**

Receiver ID:

Access Card:

Software

Original Version: **0x16c**

Software:

Scheduled Upgrade: **Not Scheduled**

SWM Firmware version: **2.0.24**

SWM Library version: **2.0.24**

Completion Code: **1646**

Internal Temp: **117 °F**

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Favorite Channel Lists: Modifying favorites is done the same way as the previous interface.

Favorite Channel Lists

Choose a List

- Channels I Get
- Custom 1
- Custom 2
- Done

Favorites status is listed below.

Current Favorites:	All Channels
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Available Lists	Total Channels
All Channels:	819
Channels I Get:	755
Custom 1:	None
Custom 2:	None

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Help menus are unchanged with the exception of matching the new user interface.



8:52p
Mon

Help

Press **SELECT** on a list item to view info or to expand a group (shown in *italics*). Press **CHAN** to scroll and **LEFT** to close a group when opened.

-  *Troubleshooting & Frequently Asked Questions*
-  Channels and Program Info
-  Movies, On Demand, and Pay Per View Events
-  Recordings
-  Special Features
-  Settings

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DIRECTV MediaShare is supported in the new interface.

Welcome to DIRECTV MediaShare

DIRECTV 8:51p
Mon

DIRECTV is proud to bring you MediaShare. This free service allows you to stream music, photos, and video from your computer home network directly to your TV.

With MediaShare you can:

- **View slideshows and listen to music from your PC.**
- **View slideshows while listening to your favorite XM Radio channel.**
- **View video stored on your home network.**

Get Started

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Parental Controls are as extensive as ever.

Parental Controls

8:52p
Mon

Lock Now
Ratings Limits
Adult Channels
Channel Blocks
Spending Limits
Viewing Hours
Done

Parental Controls status is listed below. Press SELECT on a left menu item to change settings. Use CHAN to scroll.

Movie: Allow R
TV: Allow TV-14
TV Content: Some Blocked
Other: Allow No Rating

Channel Blocks: No Blocked Channel(s)

Spending Limit: \$10 Per Purchase

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Guide: When the user presses **GUIDE**, this screen appears.

The screenshot shows a TV guide interface. At the top, a large card for 'The Colbert Report' is displayed. It includes a thumbnail image of Stephen Colbert, the show's title, the time slot '8:31p - 9:01p | TV-14', and a description: '"The Cars" Comedy. (2011) Stephen Colbert. Musical group The Cars. Interview, CC, Series.' To the right of the card is a DIRECTV logo, the time '8:57p Mon', and a smaller promotional image of Stephen Colbert. Below this card is a grid of program listings for the current time slot (8:30p to 9:30p). The grid has columns for 'Mon', '8:30p', '9:00p', and '9:30p'. The first row shows '249 COMHD' with a left arrow, 'The Colbert Rep... HD' (highlighted), 'South Park HD', and 'South Park HD' with a right arrow. The second row shows '251 OXGN' with a left arrow, 'The Bad Girls Club', and 'The Bad Girls Club'. The third row shows '252 LIFEHD' with a left arrow, 'The Protector HD', 'The New Advent... HD', and 'How I Met Your Mot...'. The fourth row shows '254 amc' with a left arrow, 'The Italian Job', and an empty cell. The fifth row shows '256 TCM' with a left arrow, 'Forbidden Planet', 'Brainstorm', and a right arrow. The sixth row shows '258 FMC' with a left arrow, 'Call Northside 777', 'Brubaker', and a right arrow. At the bottom left, there are navigation icons: a red dot for '- 12hrs', a green dot for '+ 12hrs', and a yellow dot for 'Guide Options'. At the bottom right, there is a 'FAVORITES (Fav)' icon. A large watermark '©DBSTALK.COM' is overlaid on the bottom half of the screen.

The Colbert Report
8:31p - 9:01p | TV-14
"The Cars" Comedy. (2011) Stephen Colbert.
Musical group The Cars. Interview, CC, Series.

Mon 8:30p 9:00p 9:30p

249 COMHD	< The Colbert Rep... HD	South Park HD	South Park HD	>
251 OXGN	< The Bad Girls Club	The Bad Girls Club		
252 LIFEHD	< The Protector HD	The New Advent... HD	How I Met Your Mot...	
254 amc	< The Italian Job			
256 TCM	< Forbidden Planet	Brainstorm		>
258 FMC	< Call Northside 777	Brubaker		>

- 12hrs + 12hrs Guide Options FAVORITES (Fav)

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Channel Banner and Time Bar: Note the extensive use of transparency.

The image shows a television channel banner and time bar. At the top left, there is a logo for 'COMHD' (Channel 249) and the text '249 COMHD'. In the center, the program title 'The Colbert Report' is displayed, along with the time '8:31p - 9:01p, TV-14'. On the right, the 'DIRECTV' logo is shown next to the time '8:56p Mon'. Below the banner, a navigation menu includes 'TVmail', 'Info', 'Last 4', 'Favorites', 'CC', 'Audio/Video', and 'Parental'. A large, semi-transparent text box in the center contains the text: '"The Cars" Comedy. (2011) Stephen Colbert. Musical group The Cars. Interview, High-Def, CC.' A blue button labeled 'More Info' is positioned to the right of this text box. The background of the banner is a blurred image of a stage with purple and blue lighting. At the bottom, a red bar contains the text 'HEROES: ARON B. KOONTZ, JOSEPH POIRIER, JON ELDER' and a 'COMEDY CENTRAL' logo. A large, semi-transparent watermark '@DBSTALK.COM' is overlaid across the bottom of the image.