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Box of delights

Adding two new machines to its good value home entertainment range, Bush Australia now offers USB recording or a built-in DVD player in its high definition digital set-top boxes. The DFTA45R is the budget option for those looking to make the move to digital as painlessly as possible. Available for less than \$100 and allowing owners to connect a USB thumb drive or external hard drive for recording, setup is simple and there's a seven-day Electronic Program Guide for easy

reference. Similarly budget conscious is the DFTA49DVD, which still receives all the free, HD digital channels but also ships with an integrated DVD player that will play just about every image, video or audio format available. The DVD player set-top box even includes a digital output to connect to an AV receiver, if you have a surround sound system.

Price: DFTA45R \$100
DFTA49DVD \$129

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Conran Audio debuts dock

With iTunes the main music source for many households, there's a real trend away from cheap and nasty speaker docks towards more premium offers, with the latest addition to this crowd being from Conran Audio. Styled by the UK's Studio Conran, whose principal, Terence Conran, has leant his expertise to the interior looks of restaurants and hotels, as well as products ranging from lights to spectacles, cutlery, cars, carpets, cups bathroom fittings and cookware for more than 50 years, the Conran Audio speaker dock allows for horizontal or vertical placement of your iThing and integrates a recessed home for the remote control, which is held in place magnetically.

The Conran is, however, more than a pretty chassis, with sound credentials provided by British (again) company, Q Acoustics. These include 2 x 15 watt amplifiers, 2 x 75mm midrange drivers and 2 x 25 mm soft dome tweeters, plus six EQ settings, each described by the room the dock is likely to be located in (kitchen, bedroom, living room). All docked iThings are supported, plus there is a mini USB for connection to a PC, and stereo RCA and 3.5mm plugs for connecting to other devices. Wireless playback is supported by A2DP Bluetooth and, with apt-x support you can expect to enjoy

CD-quality streaming over Bluetooth when paired with other apt-x devices. This includes iPods, iPhones and MacBooks, and the Jaybird headphones mentioned elsewhere in these pages, plus the next generation of smartphones, laptops and MP3 players.

Price: \$549 (black or white)



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