



# Explorer® 1850

## Digital Home Communications Terminal

### User's Guide



#### United States FCC Compliance

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the applicable limits of Part 15 of FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio or TV reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on. The user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult your cable company or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

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**Important:** The information shown in the FCC Declaration of Conformity paragraph below is a requirement of the FCC and is intended to supply you with information regarding the FCC approval of this device. *The phone numbers listed are for FCC-related questions only and not intended for questions regarding the connection or operation for this device. Please contact your cable service provider for any questions you may have regarding the operation or installation of this device.*

#### FCC Declaration of Conformity

This device complies with *Part 15 of FCC Rules*. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: 1) the device may not cause harmful interference, and 2) the device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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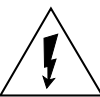
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## IMPORTANT RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION


### Note to the Installer

**Note to CATV System Installer**

This reminder is provided to call the CATV system installer's attention to Article 820-40 of the NEC (Section 54, Part I of the Canadian Electrical Code), that provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the CATV cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.



This symbol is intended to alert you that uninsulated voltage within this product may have sufficient magnitude to cause electric shock. Therefore, it is dangerous to make any kind of contact with any inside part of this product.



This symbol is intended to alert you of the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying this product.

### Read and Retain These Instructions

- Read all of the instructions before you operate this equipment. Give particular attention to all safety precautions. Retain the instructions for future reference.
- Comply with all warning and caution statements in the instructions. Observe all warning and caution symbols that are affixed to this equipment.
- Comply with all instructions that accompany this equipment.

### Placement

Place this equipment in a location that is close enough to an electrical outlet to accommodate the length of the power cord. Place this equipment on a stable surface. The surface must support the size and weight of this equipment.

**WARNING:**  
Avoid personal injury and damage to this equipment. An unstable surface may cause this equipment to fall.

### Ventilation

This equipment has openings for ventilation that protect it from overheating. To ensure the reliability of this equipment, do not obstruct the openings

- Do not place other equipment, lamps, books, or any other object on the top of this equipment.
- Do not place this equipment in any of the following locations:
  - On a bed, sofa, rug, or similar surface
  - Over a radiator or a heat register
  - In an enclosure, such as a bookcase or equipment rack, unless the installation provides proper ventilation

### Cleaning the Equipment

Before cleaning this equipment, unplug it from the electrical outlet. Use a damp cloth to clean this equipment. Do not use a liquid cleaner or an aerosol cleaner. Do not use a magnetic/static cleaning device (dust remover) to clean this equipment.

### Object and Liquid Entry

Never push objects of any kind into this product through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Do not expose this equipment to liquid or moisture. Do not place this equipment on a wet surface. Do not spill liquids on or near this equipment.

### Accessories

Do not use accessories with this equipment unless recommended by your cable service provider.

### Overloading

Do not overload electrical outlets, extension cords, or integral convenience receptacles, as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock. For equipment that requires battery power or other sources to operate, refer to the operating instructions for that equipment.

### Lightning and Power Surges

Ground (earth) your cable system to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Plug your equipment into a surge protector in order to reduce the risk of damage from lightning strikes and power surges. If you have questions, call your cable service provider.

### Power Cord Protection

Arrange all power cords so that people cannot walk on the cords, place objects on the cords, or place objects against the cords, which can damage the cords. Give particular attention to the cords at the point at which the cord connects to the plug, at electrical outlets, and at the places where the cords exit the equipment.

### Power Sources

A label on this equipment indicates the correct power source for this equipment. Operate this equipment only from an electrical outlet that has the voltage and frequency that the label indicates. If you are unsure of the type of power supply to your residence, consult your cable service provider or your local power company.

### Grounding

This equipment has a two-prong plug. Properly ground (earth) this equipment by inserting the plug into a grounded electrical, two-socket outlet. If this plug is polarized, it has one wide prong and one narrow prong. This plug fits only one way.

**CAUTION:**  
To prevent electric shock, match wide blade of plug to the wide slot, and then fully insert.

If you are unable to insert this plug fully into the outlet, contact an electrician to replace your obsolete outlet.

### Servicing

Do not open the cover of this equipment. If you open the cover, your warranty will be void. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel only. Contact your cable service provider for instructions.

### Damage that Requires Service

For damage that requires service, unplug this equipment from the electrical outlet. Refer service to qualified service personnel when any of the following occurs:

- There is damage to the power cord or plug
- Liquid enters the equipment
- A heavy object falls on the equipment
- There is exposure to rain or water
- Operation is not normal (the instructions in this guide describe the proper operation)
- If you drop this equipment, or damage the cabinet of this equipment
- If this equipment exhibits a distinct change in performance

Upon completion of any service or repairs to this equipment (home terminal), ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the equipment is in proper operating condition.

# Welcome!

Congratulations on adding the Explorer® 1850 Digital Home Communications Terminal (DHCT) to your television viewing experience!

The Explorer 1850 DHCT can receive and display analog and digital signals, as well as provide exceptional picture quality.

Through the Explorer 1850 DHCT, you can access interactive services, such as video-on-demand and pay-per-view programs. Contact your cable service provider for information about these and other available services.

Use the instructions in this guide to install the Explorer 1850 DHCT, to become familiar with the keys on the front panel, and to access your cable services. Then, begin enjoying the Explorer 1850 DHCT.

## Explorer eClub

To obtain additional information about the Explorer 1850 DHCT, Scientific-Atlanta invites you to join the Explorer eClub. This online club provides news and "what's up" information about the Explorer 1850 DHCT and offers you a chance to win prizes and other premium items.

To join the Explorer eClub, you must know the serial number of your Explorer 1850 DHCT. The number is located on the back panel of your Explorer 1850 DHCT and looks similar to this example:



The serial number is located in the lower left corner of the bar code. Write the serial number here: \_\_\_\_\_.

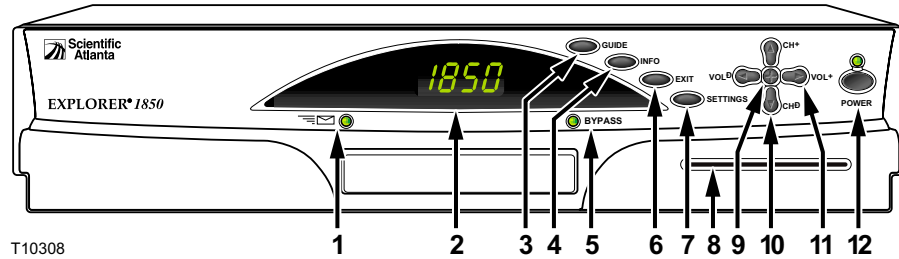
To access the Explorer eClub Web site type: [www.scientificatlanta.com/explorerclub](http://www.scientificatlanta.com/explorerclub)

## Before Installing the Explorer 1850 DHCT

Before you begin to install the Explorer 1850 DHCT:

- Read the IMPORTANT RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION section of this guide.
- Locate the Explorer 1850 DHCT serial number, which is on a bar code on the back panel of the Explorer 1850 DHCT. You will need this serial number to join the Explorer Club. Also, if your system requires troubleshooting in the future, your cable service provider may ask for the serial number.
- If you plug the Explorer 1850 DHCT into an outlet that is controlled by a wall switch, keep the switch in the ON position. The on-screen guide is updated nightly. If the wall switch is in the OFF position, your Explorer 1850 DHCT will not receive the latest programming updates.
- Keep the top of the Explorer 1850 DHCT free of all objects and electronic devices, including your TV.
- It is recommended that you use a surge protector with your cable equipment and electronic devices.

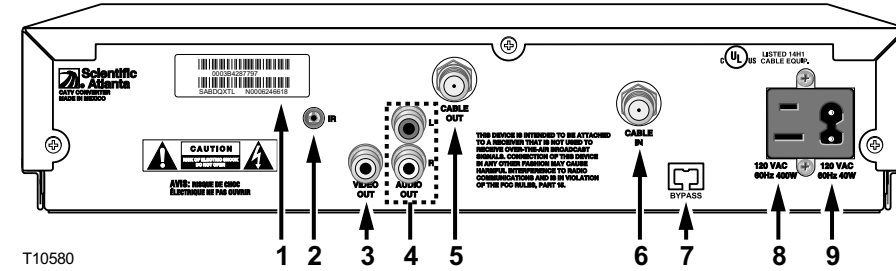
## Explorer 1850 DHCT Front Panel



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| <p>1 Message Indicator</p> <p>2 LED Display</p> <p>3 Guide</p> <p>4 Info</p> <p>5 Bypass Indicator</p> <p>6 Exit</p> <p>7 Settings</p> <p>8 Smart card slot</p> <p>9 (Select)</p> <p>10 CH+ and CH-</p> <p>11 VOL+ and VOL-</p> <p>12 Power</p> | <p>Indicates a message from your cable service provider is waiting when blinking or illuminated. To access the message, press the Info key.</p> <p>Displays the selected channel number and time of day</p> <p>Accesses on-screen services, such as the on-screen guide, video-on-demand, or pay-per-view</p> <p>Displays a description of the selected program—available from the on-screen guide and while viewing a program</p> <p>Indicates the optional bypass feature is on when illuminated*</p> <p>Exits menus, on-screen guide, and program information</p> <p>Accesses the Settings menu</p> <p>Allows smart card access*. If you remove the smart card from this slot, the DHCT will not work correctly</p> <p>Accesses your on-screen selection</p> <p>Scrolls up and down through the channels</p> <p>Increases and decreases volume</p> <p>Provides power to the DHCT. The light above the Power key illuminates when the power is on. To receive nightly programming updates, keep the power on</p> |
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\* Contact your cable service provider for more information.

## Explorer 1850 DHCT Back Panel

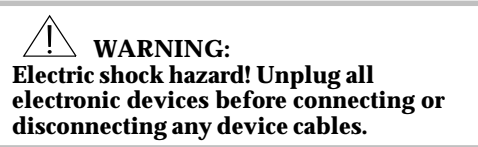


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| <p>1 Serial Number</p> <p>2 IR</p> <p>3 Video Out</p> <p>4 Audio Out</p> <p>5 Cable Out</p> <p>6 Cable In</p> <p>7 Bypass</p> <p>8 AC Switched Outlet</p> <p>9 AC Power Input</p> | <p>Located in the lower left corner of the bar code. Your cable service provider may ask for this number if your system requires troubleshooting in the future. You must know the serial number to join the Explorer eClub</p> <p>Connect to optional VCR Commander™ service</p> <p>Connect to video input of TV or VCR (standard definition)</p> <p>Connect to left/right (L/R) audio inputs of a stereo receiver or a TV with stereo sound</p> <p>Connect to cable input of TV or VCR (standard definition)</p> <p>Connect to coaxial cable coming from the wall</p> <p>Connect the optional RF Bypass module*</p> <p>Connect the AC power cord from another device, such as a TV</p> <p>Connect the DHCT to an AC electrical outlet using the cord provided</p> |
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## Installing the Explorer 1850 DHCT

### Connect the Explorer 1850 DHCT to a Stereo TV and Non-Stereo VCR

Use the connection diagram and follow these steps to connect the Explorer 1850 DHCT to a stereo TV and a non-stereo VCR.



1. Unplug all electronic devices before connecting the DHCT.
2. Connect the DHCT to the TV and VCR as shown in the diagram.
3. Connect the DHCT to the coaxial cable coming from the wall.
4. Insert the smart card into the slot provided on the front panel of the DHCT.
5. Plug the DHCT and the TV into an AC power source.
 

**Important:** Do not press the Power key on the DHCT yet.
6. Turn on the power to your TV, and set the input channel assigned by your cable service provider (channel 3 or 4).

7. Wait for the time to appear on the LED display of the DHCT.
 

**Important:** It takes 2 to 3 minutes for the DHCT to be updated with the latest programming and service information. When the front panel displays the time, the update is complete.
8. Press the Power key on the DHCT.

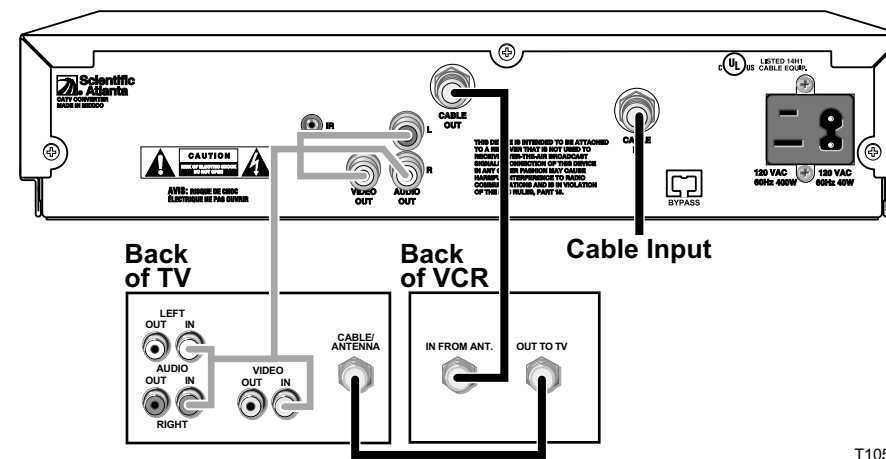
### Audio Output

Audio output from the CABLE OUT is monaural (non-stereo).

Audio output from the AUDIO OUT LEFT and RIGHT is stereo.

### Other Types of Connections

If you are connecting the DHCT to a different type of TV or VCR, or to additional devices, contact your cable system operator, or access the Explorer eClub Web site: [www.scientificatlanta.com/explorerclub](http://www.scientificatlanta.com/explorerclub)



**Required Cables**  
 1 Set of Video/Audio Cables  
 2 (75 ohm) Coaxial Cables

## Accessing Programs

### Access Cable Services and Programs

You can access your cable services using the remote control or the keys on the front panel of the DHCT. (Refer to your remote control user's guide for programming instructions.)

- Press the Guide key to access the on-screen guide. The on-screen guide displays schedules of TV programs and other services available from your cable service provider, such as video-on-demand and pay-per-view programs.
- Use the arrow keys to highlight a program in the schedule.
- Press the Info key for a description of a specific program (either from the on-screen guide or while viewing a program).
- Press the Select key to view a specific program in the guide.

For more information, read the user's guides that your cable service provider included with the DHCT installation package. These guides provide operating instructions for the on-screen guide, your remote control, and the VCR Commander™ service (if available).

### Check and Correct

If your DHCT does not perform as expected, check the following conditions:

- Verify that the power to your TV is turned on.
- Verify that the SmartCard is inserted in the front slot of the DHCT (if required by your cable service provider).
- If plugged into a wall switch, verify the switch is in the ON position.
- Verify that all cables are properly connected.
- Verify that the TV is tuned to the proper output channel (3 or 4).

If your DHCT does not perform as expected after checking the power, the cables, and the output channel, check the following conditions:

### No picture

- If your system includes a VCR and/or stereo, verify that you have properly connected them to the DHCT.
- Verify that the DHCT power light is on and the Bypass light is off.

### No color

- Verify that the current TV program is broadcast in color.
- Adjust the TV color controls.

### No sound

- If your setup includes a VCR and/or stereo, verify that you have properly connected them to the DHCT.
- Verify that the volume is turned up.
- Verify that the Bypass feature is disabled.

### The LED on the front panel displays question marks instead of the channel number.

You may have pressed the Power key before all of the latest programming updates were received by the DHCT. Press the INFO key on the remote control or the front panel of the DHCT to correct this situation.

### The TV screen displays a message indicating that the DHCT is automatically updating its software.

Wait for the time to display on the LED before continuing with the installation process. When the front panel displays the time, the update is complete.

**Note:** If you need further assistance, contact your cable service provider.