

## FM/DAB Radio Station Updates

As a digital radio listener you'll know that stations and station names change so you'll need to rescan your digital radio regularly to see the latest stations available.

- Jan 10: Kiss has replaced Magic on digital radio in Aberdeen, Bradford & Huddersfield, Stoke-on-Trent and Swansea.
- Jan 6: Kiss has replaced Heat on digital radio in Inverness.
- Jan 6: Kiss has replaced Magic in Ayr, Sussex Coast, Kent, Dundee/Perth, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Northern Ireland and Birmingham. Magic is no longer on DAB in Cambridge, Peterborough and Norwich.
- Jan 5: Gold has replaced The Arrow in the North East, North West, Leeds, Humberside and South Yorkshire.
- Jan 4: Absolute Radio 90s is no longer on local digital radio in Southend, Swindon, Reading, Bristol and Cardiff - you need to now listen to it on the national DAB signal.
- Jan 4: Voice Radio is now on digital radio in the Cardiff area.
- Jan 3: Heart has replaced Galaxy in Leicester and Nottingham.
- Jan 3: Capital FM has now replaced Galaxy, Red Dragon, Leicester Sound and Trent FM in all areas.
- Jan 1: Gem 106 has replaced Heart 106 in Leicester and Nottingham.
- Dec 20: Absolute Classic Rock is now available on digital radio in Cardiff, Exeter, West Wiltshire, Coventry and Ayr.
- Dec 10: Absolute Radio 00s has launched on DAB digital radio in London.
- Dec 10: Absolute Classic Rock has replaced Gold in the Central Lancashire, Humberside, Leeds, Liverpool, South Yorkshire, Teesside and Tyne & Wear areas.
- Dec 10: Angel Radio has started broadcasting on DAB digital radio in the South Hampshire region.
- Dec 7: New transmitter turned on at Wrotham. Extends and improves digital radio coverage for BBC and commercial stations in London and the South East.
- Nov 17: French Radio London has started broadcasting on DAB digital radio in London.
- Nov 16: The Arrow has replaced Galaxy on DAB digital radio in London.
- Nov 11: New BBC transmitter turned on for Tavistock and Princetown, Devon.
- Nov 10: New BBC transmitter switched on for Bridport, Dorset.
- Nov 2: New BBC transmitters switched on for Scotland and Northern Ireland in Larne, Enniskillen and Rosneath.
- Oct 9: Rock Radio is now available on DAB digital radio in the Yorkshire and South Wales & Severn Estuary areas.

**NOTE!!! MOST OF THESE LISTED ABOVE ARE AVAILABLE ON YOUR DIGITAL CTV NOW IN YOUR AREA.**

Q: What is DAB+?

A: DAB+ is not currently used in the UK but is an upgraded version of the technology used to bring you DAB digital radio. DAB+ uses exactly the same transmitters and broadcast technology as DAB, it simply converts sound to digital in a different way and therefore requires sets capable of receiving DAB+.

Q: I've read that my DAB radio will become obsolete when DAB+ comes in. Is that true?

A: There are currently no plans for the UK to start using DAB+.

Existing DAB radios will continue to receive all the stations currently broadcasting. It is currently against Ofcom regulations to transmit in DAB+ and so there are no DAB+ stations planned by broadcasters. While there are few DAB+ radios available to buy in the UK, some models do include DAB+ as standard, and more are upgradeable to DAB+ via a firmware download. You can generally check DAB+ capability with the manufacturer.

An international agreement signed earlier this year means that all digital radio technologies within the DAB family will be receivable by one standard radio chip, making it easier for both consumers and manufacturers. This chip, known as 'Profile 1', is now being built into the digital radios on sale in the UK. Although there are no plans in the UK to switch to DAB+, the Profile 1 chip means that new digital radios are future proof and DAB+ compatible.

Q: Why isn't the UK using DAB+?

A: The benefits to UK radio listeners of DAB+ are relatively marginal, plus the vast majority of the UK's 11.5 million DAB radio sets would not be able to receive those services. However, DAB+ is compatible with DAB and could, in due course, be introduced alongside existing DAB services.

Other countries are adopting DAB+ simply because they are launching now and it is the most up to date version available to them. DAB+ uses exactly the same transmitters and broadcast technology as DAB, it simply converts sound to digital in a different way and therefore requires sets capable of receiving DAB+.

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