

**Usability Action Plan: Response by.
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Designers and Manufacturers of a full accessible Freeview receiver for the visually impaired.

TASK 1. Core Requirements:

Response based on "Report on Core_Spec_v1.doc Nick Tanton 24/05/06".

As we do not have access to D Book V4 Ch.23-27 our comments are based on the above report.

Digital Tick Aspects: The Portset Digital Media Centre (www.portset.co.uk/pdmc.htm) currently is offered without a video output. This make it a non-license product and provides a total solution to Freeview accessibility by the use of high quality speech output of menus and broadcast information.

As such it would fail the current Digital Tick requirements in: A1.1; A1.3; A1.5; A4.1.1 (No Scart lead), (Remote Control is an option as VI users do not always want this.); A4.2; A4.2.1 (This is a speech output facility and not displayed.); A4.3.1 (No Scart Audio phono only) ; A4.3.3; A4.4; A6 (Interactive services are not accessible); A6.1(Current TeleText is not accessible, G Thomas meeting with OfCom July 2006, proposed to pass to DTG for a solution.)ref Appendix1; A8 Transmission downloads would not be a financial possibility Portset provides updates by CD sent to users, freepost.).

Thus to use the Digital Tick as a quality measure or as at present a conformance critia to give customer confidence we consider the current restrictions exclude our product.

In our opinion there is a need for an allowance of the use of the Digital Tick for such DTV receivers as our products.

Additional Note:

The CRR has interpreted A4.4 as a means of obtaining data to operate a voice synthesiser. We do not believe this is a viable solution in that should a non-robotic stand-alone synthesiser exist it would not be useable without a software command structure within the DTV receiver. High Quality Text to Speech, (TTS) is necessary for most VI persons who are usually elderly.

TASK 3 Accessibility:

Currently the Portset Digital Media Centre (DMC) is the only available product on the market which provides a fully accessible solution to DTV. We therefore feel that as leaders in this field and as a dependable and quality supplier to the VI market for 25 years we would like to be actively involved with this task.

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