

Amazon Fire Recast Over-the-Air DVR

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What This Solution Offers

- One-time fee for equipment (\$200-\$400); *no monthly fee*
- Access to all local over-the-air stations via an antenna
- DVR (75-150 hours)
- Remote viewing of live local TV or your recordings
- Dozens of Apps (more TV networks, streaming services like Netflix, music, browser) all ***integrated into one interface***
- “Alexa” support via Fire Stick or an in-room device
- Screen magnifier and VoiceView
- Full support of Audio Description

What You Don't Get

- Access to Non-Broadcast networks (like TBS or USA)*
- Sports packages*
- DVR only for Broadcast networks

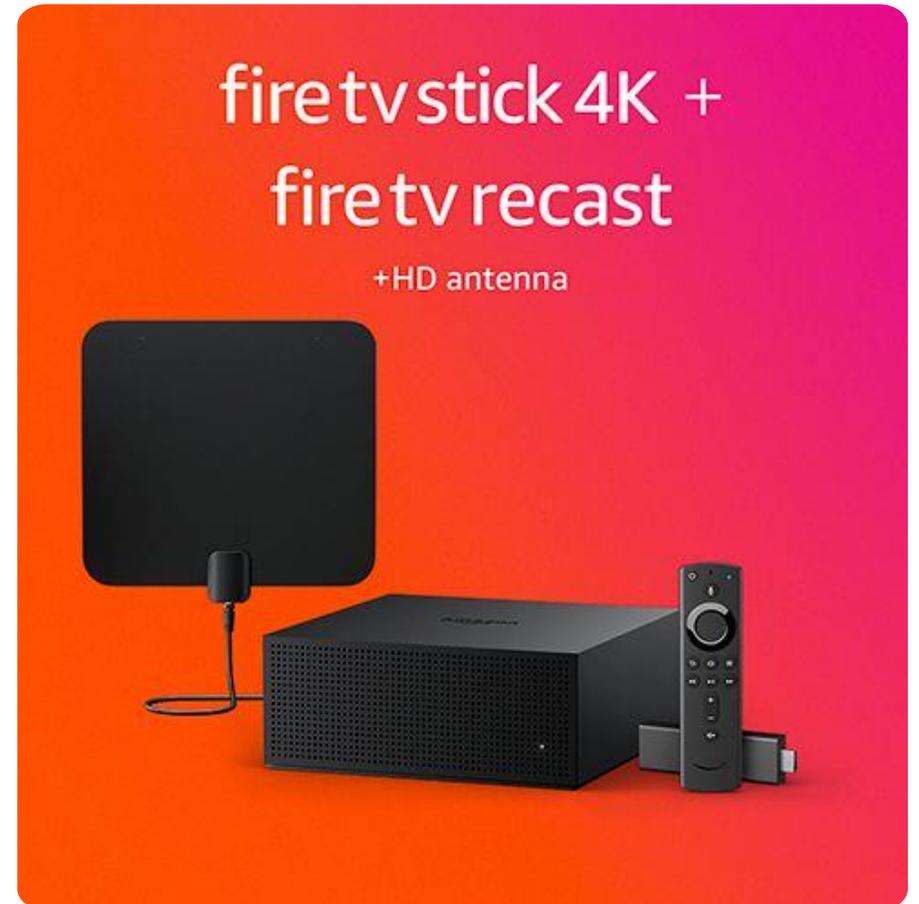
* unless you can find an App supporting them

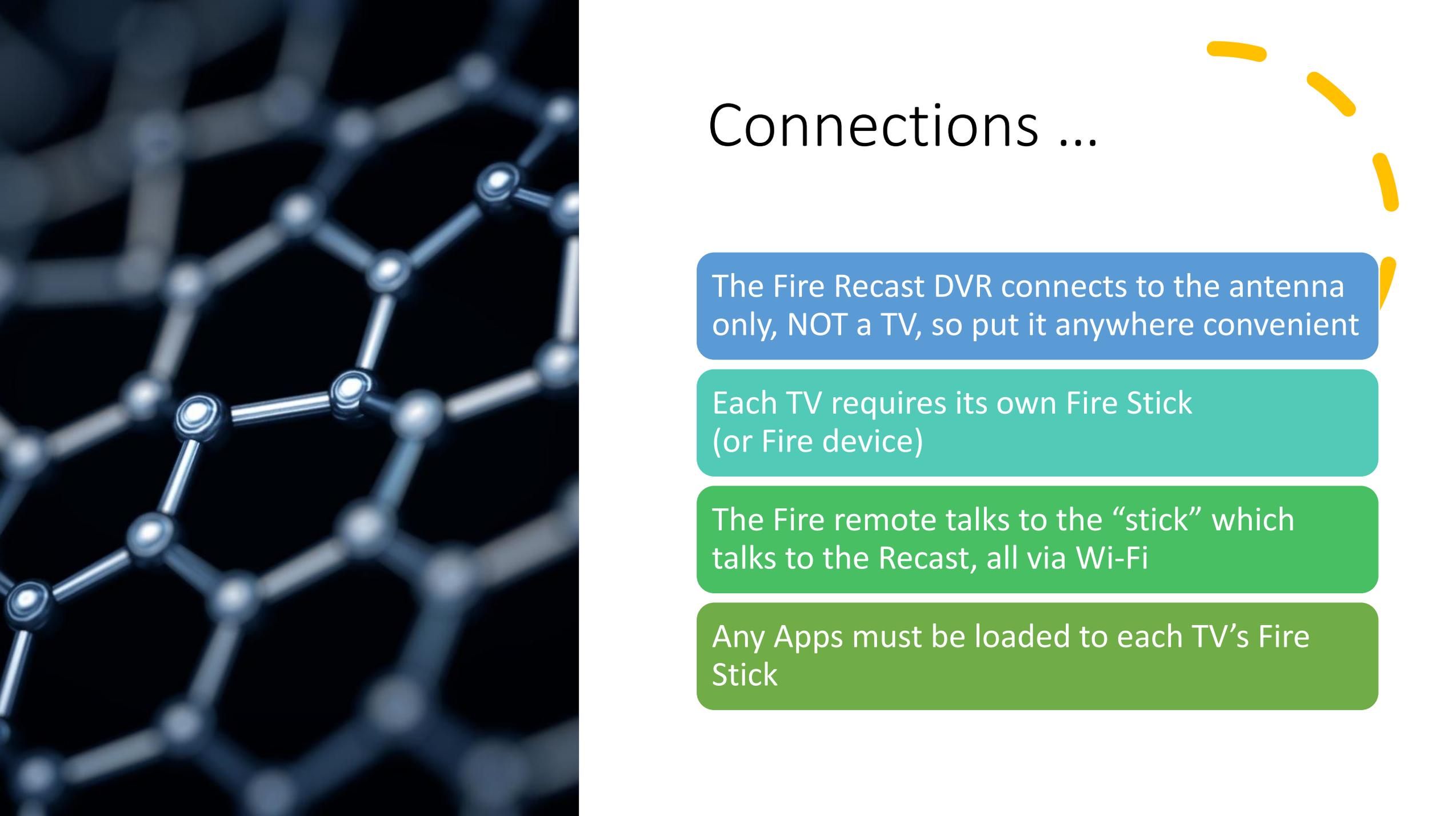


Components Needed

- Antenna
- Fire Recast DVR
- Fire Stick* (or other Fire product) for each TV
- A Wi-Fi Network

* Pictured: A Fire Stick + remote





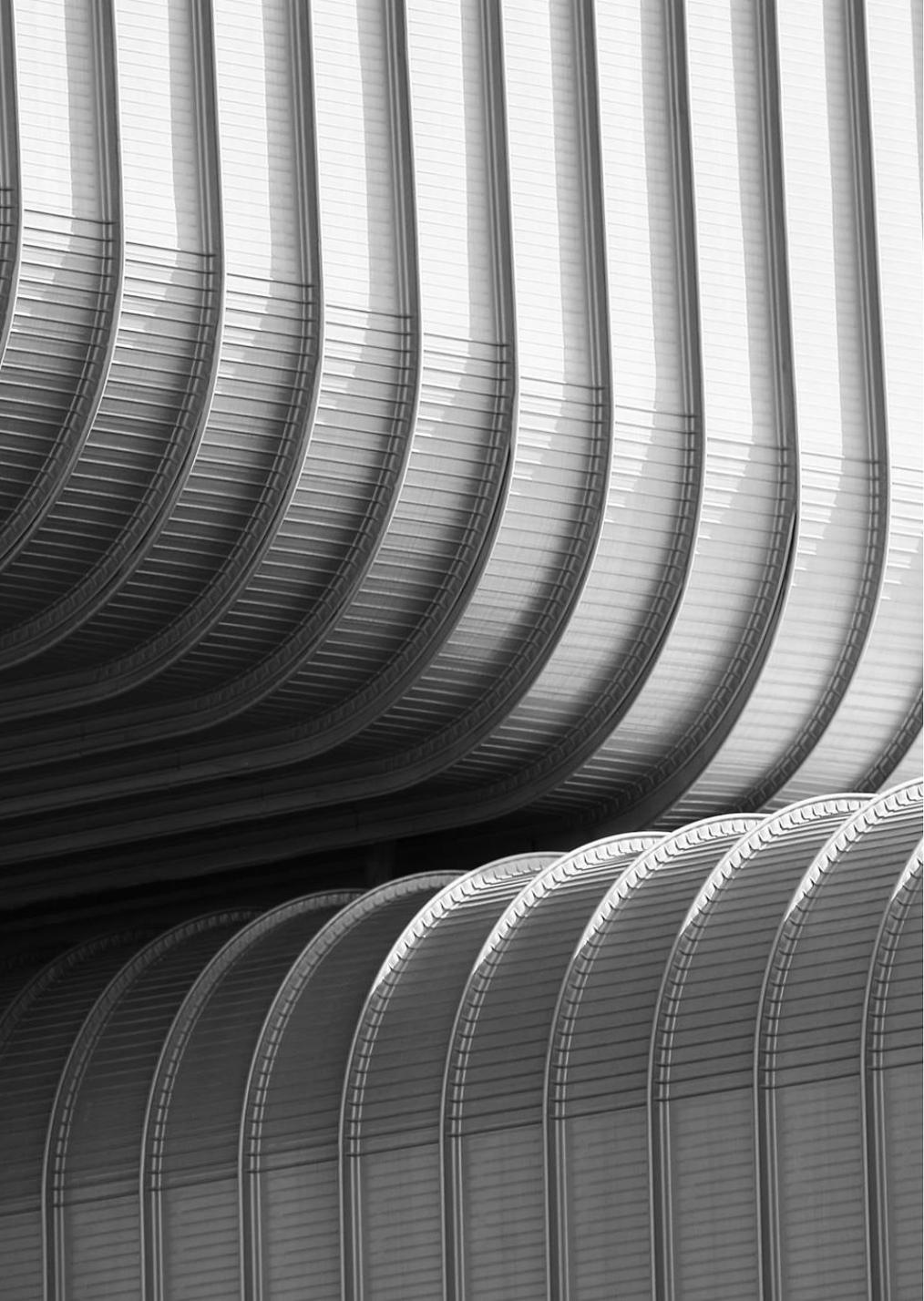
Connections ...

The Fire Recast DVR connects to the antenna only, NOT a TV, so put it anywhere convenient

Each TV requires its own Fire Stick (or Fire device)

The Fire remote talks to the “stick” which talks to the Recast, all via Wi-Fi

Any Apps must be loaded to each TV’s Fire Stick



Limitations

You need to be in range of local stations (~75 miles)

Only two TVs can have local stations at once

Two DVR options:

- 2 tuners and 75 hours of storage
- 4 tuners and 150 hours of storage
- But only \$50 difference in price



The Fire Stick Remote

- On/Off and Alexa button at top
- Volume and mute at bottom
- Raised ring with Select at center, up/down, and left/right (back/forward)
- Two rows of three buttons each
 - Back, Home, Menu
 - Rewind, Play/Pause, Fast Forward

Recording and Playback

- Use the Channel Guide (“Show channel guide”) to select an upcoming show to record. Recording will default to Series.
- Or use Alexa to say “Record NCIS” or whatever
- Say “Show my recordings” and select one to playback
- Or say “Play NCIS” or whatever
- To skip commercials, say “Fast forward 3 minutes” or press the Fast Forward key to move 30 second



Accessing Audio Description

- Unfortunately, you cannot turn AD on and off via voice
- You must select it via the Menu button, then Captioning and Audio
- Your Audio choices will be English and Spanish (sorry 'bout that)
- Your choice will remain on until changed, which could cause a loss of audio when English isn't simulcast

My Advice

- Buy a 4K Fire Stick even if you don't need it (it's faster and has more storage)
- Make sure you have a good “path” between your router and devices

