

Xiaomi Presents Android TV STB

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Google finds an Android TV partner in Xiaomi-- the Chinese company announces the Mi Box at Google I/O 2016, an STB running on the aforementioned OS complete with 4K video support and Google Cast technology.



The STB is not the first featuring the Mi Box monicker, but earlier versions were not available outside of Xiaomi's home China. The new Mi Box is also the first to be both 4K- and HDR-capable. Google Cast technology allows users to easily push content from smartphones or tablets to the STB, while control comes through either included remote, voice or optional game controller.

The Google I/O conference also has announcements involving Google-powered TVs-- the company states Android TV will be available in Europe in Beko, Grundig and Vestel TVs. Google Cast will be compatible with soon-shipping TVs from Toshiba, Philips, Magnavox, Westinghouse and Polaroid.

In addition the search giant reveals Chromecast device shipments total 25 million to date, and while it won't tell how many Android TV devices are out there it says numbers clock in the "millions," with the OS running on cable STBs available in France, Italy and Korea.

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