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While we wait for TV to become a feature of next-generation handhelds – and it's just about the only feature still to come – we will continue to need other methods of getting our favourite shows onto our devices. Pinnacle Video Transfer represents just about the easiest way. It's a one-click device that can record from your TV (or other device) straight onto a USB device or even a video-supporting iPod. Rather handily for PDA or smartphone users, that USB device can include a dongle containing a microSD card that you can then pop straight into your phone.

It's a cinch to use. Just plug it into a TV or DVD player with the supplied cable, and plug a source for the output into the other end. An LED system lets you know whether it's working or not, although you will need the manual to interpret the various systems of flashes. An on-screen menu system would have been preferable.

The output quality is very good. There are three Quality settings for

each output device: iPod, PSP and USB. Recording to USB in MP4 was simple and impressive. At the highest quality the image on a PC screen was interlaced but was surprisingly good on a TV, making the device a good option for digitising old VHS tapes as well. Lower res settings are fine for use on a handheld. You might need additional software to play the files on your smartphone, and there is no editing software included so you will need your own if you want to remove ad breaks, for example. You also cannot change the channel when recording TV – at least not without recording that change.

But overall, the Pinnacle Video Transfer is a pretty good device. It's a touch expensive, maybe, but if you have a large memory just waiting to be filled, then it might be worth it. ●

Overall score

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