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# Domestic 1.74 Release Notes



Weather Star XL®

## Release Overview

The Weather Channel Domestic 1.74 release contains enhancements to all the domestic Weather Star XL® units. These enhancements are identified in this document.

### Release Deployment

This release will be deployed by satellite transmission to each domestic Weather Star XL in the field. No assistance from the cable headend engineer is required.

During installation, viewers may temporarily experience one or more of the following anomalies:

- Screen briefly locks and jitters
- Ad tags display and end late
- Local Ad Crawl freezes during Local Forecasts

- Local Forecasts start and end late or are missed
- Screen flashes to pink/black, etc.
- Audio briefly not operational

Each of these issues will rectify itself after a very short time.

### Document Purpose

This document describes the enhancements contained in the Domestic 1.74 release. Each item in the release is described in terms of what the home viewer would see on a television screen.

### Scope

The information in this document applies to domestic Weather Star XL units only. Corrections to any other unit types are not addressed in this document.

### Items Included:

*Improvements to the 60-Second 'Local on the 8s' Segments* 2

## Test Environment Description

The Domestic 1.74 release was tested in The Weather Channel Quality Assurance Lab and verified to be working. The QA lab is configured as follows:

### Satellite Receivers

Standard Agile Omni Professional Channel 13  
Frequency 6500—Medium

Drake Earth Station Receiver (ESR 1255) Channel 13  
Frequency 3.960

### Video Cipher

Wegener VideoCipherII Plus (model 2900)

### Video Distribution Amplifier

Lenco PFM-300 (with PVA-350 cards)

### Commercial Insertion Equipment

Channelmatic, Inc. Spotmatic Jr.  
Channelmatic, Inc. Moneymaker

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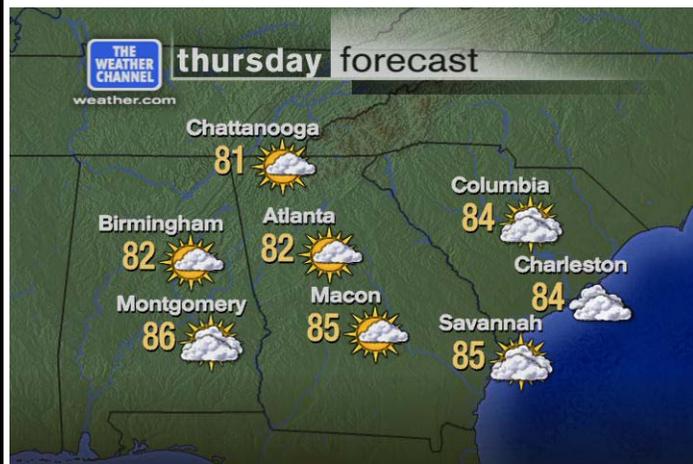
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# Items Included in the Domestic 1.74 Release

## Improvements to the 60-Second 'Local on the 8s' Segments

### What You Saw Before . . .

In most of the 'Local on the 8s' segments, the text for the 36 Hour Forecast provides a very detailed local forecast for the next three time periods (either today, tonight, and tomorrow; or tonight, tomorrow, and tomorrow night) displayed on three individual graphics. However, the local segments of 60 seconds duration did not include the 36 Hour Forecast, as there was not enough time to display all three pages of graphics. In the past, each time period may or may not have neatly displayed on one page, so including only two pages of the 36 Hour Forecast would not have always been readable or understandable for the viewers.



### What You See Now . . .

Since The Weather Channel has improved the arrangement of the text for the 36 Hour Forecast, we are able to display only the first two pages and the product will still be understandable and attractively presented. Therefore, these very detailed local forecasts will now be available in all 'Local on the 8s' segments. In the 60-second 'Local on the 8s' segments, the two pages of the 36 Hour Forecast will replace the hour-by-hour forecast and the regional forecast graphics. The hour-by-hour forecast and the regional forecast will continue to display in the other 'Local of the 8s' segments as they have in the past.

