

# Domestic 1.72 Release Notes



## Weather Star XL

### Release Overview

The Weather Channel Domestic 1.72 release contains enhancements to the domestic Weather Star XL units that are identified in these release notes.

#### 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 1.72 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 36 Hour Text Forecast* 2

*Improvements to Forecast Map Icons* 3

### Test Environment Description

The Domestic 1.72 release was tested in The Weather Channel Quality Assurance Lab and verified to be working after applying the 1.72 release. 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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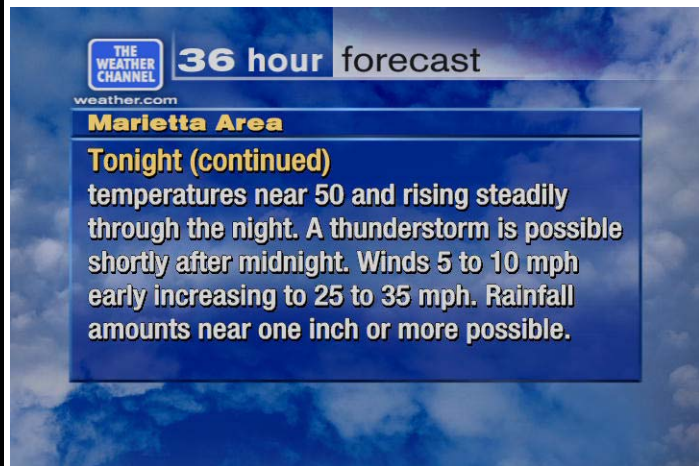
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# Items Included in the Domestic 1.72 Release

## Improvements to the 36 Hour Text Forecast

### What You Saw Before . . .

The 36 hour forecast consists of three 12-hour time periods (i.e., today, tonight, and tomorrow). Each time period will display on a separate page when possible. If a time period is too long to fit on a page, the text will be split across two pages. Currently, text might appear crowded, and therefore difficult to read.



### What You See Now . . .

Each time period will continue to display on a separate page when possible. If a time period is too long to fit on a page, the text will be split across two pages; however, whenever possible, the break will occur at the end of a sentence. In addition, a blank line will separate two (or more) forecast period statements displayed on the same page. This will improve the readability of the text.



# Items Included in the Domestic 1.72 Release (Continued)

## Improvements to Forecast Map Icons

### What You Saw Before . . .

The Weather Channel uses icons to represent the weather forecast on several products including the Regional Forecast maps and the Metro Forecast maps. Although the expected weather condition was represented accurately, the specifics and the timing were not included.

### What You See Now . . .

The Weather Channel has updated 21 of the map icons to better represent the expected weather condition. The improvements are as follows.

- If a weather condition will only occur in the morning, the icon will now be labeled "am"
- If a weather condition will only occur after noon, the icon will now be be labeled "pm"
- If the forecast calls for few showers, the showers icon will now be labeled "few"
- Two of the icons forecasting fog in the morning will now be labeled "fog"

