

## **Phillips DVP 5140 DVD Player**

My beloved Pioneer DV-363 DVD player started to go up the creek. Get this: It will still play any type of burned media I stick in the drawer, but it has started to not recognize about 50% of the commercial discs I try to play. Not to be outdone by this, I did some online research and fairly quickly settled on the Phillips DVP-5140 multiformat player.

Why, you may ask, not the Cyberhome which is reputed to play anything, up to and including thinly sliced bagels? The reviews I read indicated that a disproportionate number of Cyberhome users had issues with the digital audio outputs, and since this was to be my main (read 'only') player in my home theater system, that was seriously unsat.

To make a long story short, the Phillips is everything the reviews, and its specs, say it is. Not only will it play any type of CD or DVD, commercial or burned, it can be made region free. (Special thanks to the guy who posted the hack in his Amazon review!) It now plays my Japanese import of Leon with no issues as well as my PAL copy of Hex season 2. Also, this little gem will play DivX and XviD encoded AVI files! These can be burned to either CD-R or DVD. Multiple files can be burned onto a single disc. I did have trouble with some files of resolution 906 x what have you, all others have played fine.

I did note that Amazon claims the unit has DVI video outputs. Wrong a ding ding! It has component and composite video outs. No S-video, not that I care. It has coax digital and analog stereo audio outs. Once setup for progressive scan and widescreen, the picture and sound are at least as good as my failing Pioneer. The lack of DVI out does not bother me because I designed my system around component video. This is a great player. BTW, I paid a whopping \$50, delivered. Thanks, Amazon!

<http://tinyurl.com/34hnwn>

### **To make it region code free follow these instruction:**

1. Turn on the unit
2. Open the loading tray
3. Press the "Setup" button on the remote
4. Navigate to the "Preferences" page using the right arrow key
6. Press the down arrow once to enter the Preference page
5. Enter 138931 on the remote
6. You will now see the current region code displayed
7. Use the Up/Down arrow keys to select the region required or "0" for all regions
8. Press the "Play" button on the remote