

### TERRESTRIAL OMNIDIRECTIONAL

## Grade Status 315 **£139.95**

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## Maxview Gazelle **£75.00**

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Next time you overtake a caravan, have a look at its roof, and the chances are that you will see a Status 315. It's the archetypal 'flying saucer' omnidirectional antenna, 12in (320mm) in diameter. Sticking out of the top, there's a 4in (100mm) spike that (according to the bumpf) is intended to cope with vertically polarised transmissions.

Maxview's Gazelle is a more modern-looking flying saucer, mounted on an aerofoil cross-section base. It has a telescopic antenna to receive FM broadcasts and is supplied with 14ft 9in (5m) of cable. Like the rival Status 315, it has an amplifier built into the head, controlled by what appears to be a separate booster box.

These two essentially similar products turned in very similar performances. The cheaper Maxview version showed a higher signal strength, which might have been expected to give it a slight advantage, but the quality of the analogue pictures we received was virtually the same through the two antennas. The Status is probably the better bet if you're looking for a quick and simple pole mount, while the Gazelle has a looks and price advantage if you're prepared to spend more time on a permanent installation.

#### GRADE STATUS 315

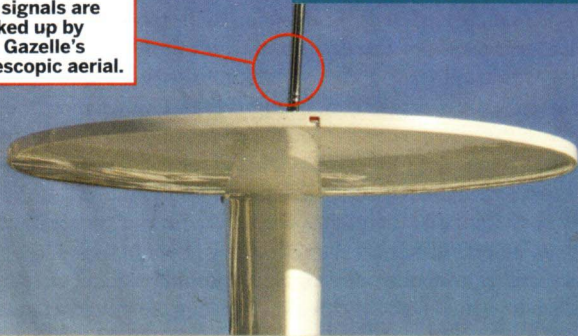


The Status's spike receives vertically polarised signals.

**SIGNAL STRENGTH** ★★☆☆☆  
**CONVENIENCE** ★★★★★  
**PICTURE QUALITY** ★★★☆☆

#### MAXVIEW GAZELLE

FM signals are picked up by the Gazelle's telescopic aerial.



**SIGNAL STRENGTH** ★★★★★  
**CONVENIENCE** ★★★★★  
**PICTURE QUALITY** ★★★☆☆

#### Verdict ★★★

Better looking and less windage than the venerable Omnimax and the same hassle-free operation – but their performance was pretty similar.