Subject: Re: Roku
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Update:

I've found that when using the HDMI output from the Roku box, it intermittently just "forgets" how to transfer sound. Cycle power and it's fine. But no amount of fiddling or changing settings helps - You just gotta cycle power sometimes. I'm sure they'll update firmware sometime and fix this. Still, I like the box well enough I've ordered a couple more to put on televisions in other parts of the house.

Another thing I've found is you can get BluRay players with IPTV interfaces built-in, some with wireless, in the $100-200 price range. So Roku may have a hard time competing with those. The Roku boxes are less expensive, so that may help them keep some of the IPTV market but since a lot of people will be upgrading from DVD to BluRay in the next few years, many of them may buy devices capable of doing the same thing the Roku box does.

If you're thinking of upgrading or replacing a worn-out DVD player, look for those with streaming video capability. It doesn't cost much more and it allows you to stream movies from NetFlix, Blockbuster and a bunch of other sources, provided you have a decent internet connection.