



Hopefully, any of you still using StarBand have received notification about StarBand shutting down at the end of September.

Since the [announcement](#), MobileInternetSatellite.com has been scrambling to find a new tripod-based mobile satellite Internet solutions.

We are getting very close to offering a solution that includes HughesNet KaBand equipment and services! So, please let me know if you are still interested and I will keep you updated on our progress.

If I don't hear from you, I will not send you further updates.

Auto-acquire Systems – Tripod, Non-pen, or Rooftop

For anyone interested in an automatically pointing system, we are working with a well-known manufacturer of auto-acquire satellite Internet systems to offer a more business-oriented solution. Please email or call for more information.

Tripod-based Mobile Satellite Internet

Please check out our “good-bye to StarBand page”: <http://www.mobileinternetsatellite.com/>

Then, just click “**HOME**” to enter our site, which has been updated with information about the new HughesNet services we will soon offer in an affordable manually pointed tripod setup.

We should soon have our dealer systems and we can then start getting familiar with the setup procedures ... and, of course, we can start preparing our helpful documentation.

A complicating factor is that currently, there are two satellites and two different sets of equipment.

This means that until sometime next year, when Hughes launches another satellite, you will have to choose from the following options:

- Restrict movement of the system to within one set of coverage beams or the other – for some of you, this should work quite well ... especially if your travels keep you in the beams for the newer satellite and equipment combination (Jupiter). These offer faster services. An approximate coverage map is shown below.
- Not have satellite coverage at all locations – Depending on where you will need coverage, this might work fine for some of you.

Likely, there will be some kind of upgrade special, when the new satellite is available, but I can't promise when.

Current Coverage Beams

Coverage on both coasts (shown in darker green) is on the newer satellite/equipment (Jupiter 17). Jupiter offers the faster services (up to 15 Mbps down and 2 Mbps up) . There is also Jupiter coverage around the Phoenix-Tucson, AZ area, the Denver, CO area, and the Spokane, WA area.

The big light green area you see in the middle of the map below is where the older satellite and equipment (Spaceway 3) is used. Speeds are up to 5 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up.



The good news is that the newer equipment and speeds will be available everywhere, once the new satellite is in service. The satellite is currently scheduled for an early 2016 launch, but several months of testing must take place, before the satellite can be put into service. So actual availability is not known yet.

Services range from \$50 to \$130 per month: <http://www.mobileinternetsatellite.com/hughesnet-service-plans.html>

In addition to the [tripod, mounts, and other mobility equipment](#), you will need a [HughesNet system](#) (\$400 before rebates/discounts) and installation (\$200 before rebates/discounts).

Please let me know if you have any questions. :-)

Take care,

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