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Please note: All TV manufacturers differ, so menu options, wording and other items may vary. The best way to complete the channel scan is to refer to the **TV owner's manual**. If that is unavailable, the following general steps should guide you through the process.

1. Using your television's remote control, press the **Menu** or **Settings** option.

   Note: a **Smart TV** may have a ***smart button*** that must be used to access the **settings menu**. It will generally have the manufacturer's logo on it.

2. Locate **Channels** or **Tuner Set Up** option.

3. Check the menu for an option of **Antenna Type** or **Connection Type** followed by either **Antenna** or **Cable**.

4. Make sure that the designated setting is **Cable** (based on manufacturer, alternate choices may include **Digital Cable**, **CATV** or **Cable STD**.)

5. From the menu, choose **Channel Search** (based on manufacturer, alternate choices may include **Channel Scan**, **Channel Search** or **Autoprogram**.)

6. Allow the TV to complete the search. You will see a bar listing how many channels have been found. *The process may take up to an hour.*

7. Once complete, **confirm** the menu prompt, then press an **exit** or **quit** option.

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