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Free is increasing its Internet bandwidth for unbundled Freebox subscribers, offering speeds up to 28 Mbit/s

This means that Free's unbundled subscribers have the fastest Internet available on the ADSL market

Launched in October 2004, Free's ADSL 2+ service offering allows unbundled subscribers to benefit from even higher speeds, at no extra cost. By choosing Freebox for their telephone line, unbundled subscribers have the fastest Internet available on the ADSL market.

Ever since the Freebox was first launched in October 2002, Free has made a point of developing its own equipment (Freebox and DSLAM) in-house. This policy enables Free to have overall control of its network from end to end and to ensure that it is able to provide top quality, innovative services to its customers.

Its decision to integrate Broadcom® chipsets in the Freeboxes and DSLAMs and to activate the Nitro™ function developed by Broadcom, has allowed Free to offer its unbundled subscribers the fastest Internet available on the residential ADSL market in France.

This increase in bandwidth, which is already in effect for some subscribers, will automatically be available to all Free's unbundled broadband subscribers with a v4 or v5 Freebox who have opted for the latency control mode which allows users to benefit from synchronisation without throttling. This mode can be activated directly by the subscriber online from his/her account page.

As at 31 December 2005, 70.2% of Free's subscribers were already unbundled, and Free expects more than 75% of the total number of its broadband subscribers to be receiving unbundled services by the end of December 2006.

Free is the only provider to offer ADSL 2+ to all its unbundled subscribers.

<http://adsl.free.fr>

ATM bandwidth subject to the suitability and technical characteristics of the telephone line.

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