

Garmin SP 2610 Route Anomalies

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I recently downloaded and installed SP 2610 firmware V3.5 and Mapsource 6.1. Previous versions being 3.4 and 6.06 beta respectively.

If I now create a route on the computer and download it to the 2610 unit – the routing and mileages are the same but the time differs. For example, a 180 mile route which is shown to take 3 hours on the computer is shown to take more than 11 hours on the 2610 unit. If I press the page button and look at the route listing you can see that some sectors between turns are shown to take grotesquely excessive times. If you ask the 2610 to recalculate the route – it then calculates reasonable times but not necessarily the same time as shown on the computer.

New routes created by the 2610 unit since the upgrade seem OK but routes created before the upgrade stored in the 2610 unit also show excessive times until recalculated.

Whilst I can overcome the problem by recalculating a route before using it – this is not always convenient because many of my routes include via points to force the route onto particular roads. If I use the recalculate function in the 2610 unit it calculates either the fastest or shortest route and does not take account of all via points.

I have reported the problem to Garmin but wondered whether others have similar problems.