

Re: GPS Handheld with AutoRouting

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Carl Heinz wrote:

> *Thanks for the suggestions for the 60C/CS and 76C/CS.*

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> *It appears that none of these are bundled with any detail CD's such as are available with
> the various Street Pilots.*

That is correct.

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> *So it becomes a process of determining which has the features that best meet our needs and
> supplementing that with a European CD map set.*

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> *I'm under the impression that the 76C/CS does not have auto routing, but the 60C/CS does
> have this feature.*

Both the 60c/cs and the 76c/cs support autorouting.

Although Garmin's descriptions of these units are somewhat different, it appears that the only actual differences between the 60c/cs and 76c/cs are:

- more memory on the 76c/cs
- a better basemap on the 76c/cs
- a somewhat smaller physical size on the 60c/cs.

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> *In comparing the prices for the various detail map CD's, Metroguide is by far the least
> expensive. I'm also left with the impression that I could use the auto routing features
> found on the 60C/CS.*

No, the current version of MetroGuide-US and MetroGuide-Eur will *not* support autorouting directly on any GPS receiver. They will do routing on your PC. (Note that an older version (4) of MG-USA did support autorouting on the GPS directly but it is getting rather dated and its routing support was more limited.)

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> *So, my next questions are whether this assessment is accurate, and whether there is a
> reason to consider the more expensive City Select or City Navigator CD's.*

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The big reason to pick City Select over MetroGuide for either the US or Europe is the support of autorouting directly on your GPS. City Navigator is yet more expensive and appears to offer only marginal

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improvements in routing instructions over City Select.

Also note that MG-USA and MG-Eur do not have the unlock system of City Select/Navigator. You can use maps that use unlock codes on up to two GPS receivers whereas there is no such technical limit with the other map products (there may still be license agreement issues depending on the circumstances).