

# Re: Why doesn't GPSmap 76C convert to British Grid?

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Stan Gosnell <[me@work.com](mailto:me@work.com)> writes:

>*Bruce Stemplewski* <[Bruce.Stemplewski@nospamstempsoft.com](mailto:Bruce.Stemplewski@nospamstempsoft.com)> wrote

>*in*

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>> *Ahh didn't realize it has to be in the Grid. Or I should say*

>*I did*

>> *not realize the Grid did not cover the whole world.*

>*The Empire is long gone.*

Nothing to do with the Empire. The British National Grid was very specifically designed to cover Britain's particular size and shape, and wasn't used anywhere else.

What the British Empire did do with respect to world wide navigation was to fix zero longitude as passing through Greenwich, and refer world time to it; hence the name, the Prime Meridian. It's nice to see you ex-colonials still finding that useful :-)

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