

Re: my first GPS – suggestions?

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>I am a real estate investor, I rehab houses... so most of my days are spent driving around looking at properties. So a MUST feature for me is the multiple destination routing feature. I would like to be able to program multiple addresses into the GPS in my house or through my computer, and then take it to the car with me the next morning, ready to go.

I am a 'technical-savvy' user, so ease of use isn't that big of a deal to me. I'm also in a HUGE hurry most of the time, sometimes when I find out about a house just on the market, I need to leave within 5 minutes to go see it, and get there as fast as possible. I also would like to occasionally like to use the GPS in my second car.

In your situation the best solution (incl function and bang-for-buck) lies in either a a laptop or a pda or a combination of both.

Being a technical-savvy investor, very likely you have a laptop with all your business contacts in outlook or notes, it can be turned into a full blown gps unit while driving or in office (doing routing).

>I also want to be able to use the GPS for occasional out-of-state travelling, so I'm thinking that one with pre-loaded maps for the whole USA is important.

No problem for your laptop or even a pda (with an inexpensive 2 G sd card at say \$150 a piece)

>With these requirements in mind, which GPS will best suit ME?

>-What baout the Lowrance iWay500? I haven't seen as much on this model, but I like the built-in MP3 player. thoughts on this compared to the Garmin and the Magellan?

Not only that your laptop and pda can do a lot more function than a simple mp3 player.

> I'm having trouble figuring out which

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models have this feature, although I think I've seen that the Magellan RM500/700 and the Garmin SP 2610/20/50/60 have this.

If you are a Garmin fan, look at their gps 10 deluxe set up for your laptop or pda or both .

For pda choice you have no lack of brand name to choose, HP, Dell, Asus, Toshiba.....

Gps software for your laptop and pda, Garmin, Iguidance, Delorme, Routis, Co-pilot.....

When it comes map update in 2 years, you are not tied down to any software at all as you have not chosen any proprietary hardware.

Stay away from any proprietary hardware that limit your choice of software at present as well as in your future updates

My 2 cents

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