

Re: Getting Fed Up With MapSource Unlock

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Bitstring <[aUL%f.13871\\$T5.11455@trndny08](mailto:aUL%f.13871$T5.11455@trndny08)>, from the wonderful person Bruce E. Stemplewski <Bruce.Stemplewski@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> said

Dale DePriest wrote:

And how do you prevent the user you sold the unit to from continuing to use the maps? He has an unlocked GPS with maps on it possibly. For Garmin to do this they would have to have a way to disable the locks on the original unit and ensure that there are no maps left installed on the original unit(s).
Dale

Real simple. The unlock software would remove all maps on the GPS and present you with a new code that could never be used again on the GPS that you unlocked. This would probably mean Garmin would have to keep a database of locked and unlocked serial numbers for you.

You have failed to grasp the fact that the mapsource product can be installed on an infinite number of PCs, none of which need to be connected to Garmin in order to download to the GPS handset, and all of which are capable of being backed up and restored to some previous state where the old unlock key was still valid.

What happens if the honest guy has his GPS stolen or lost and has already used up his two unlocks across to devices? It's bad enough he is out a GPS now he is whacked for maps too?

I insure my GPS. I insure it for the cost of the hardware, and ythe unlocked maps that I'd lose.

The PC industry went through this problem years ago with special disks that needed to be inserted or dongles. The public finally said ENOUGH and the software manufactures were forced to remove those protections.

So the real answer of how do they make sure the maps aren't on more than one GPS? They don't, they take their chances with piracy just like the rest of the software industry.

They have a solution, you just don't like it. Fair enough – buy elsewhere.

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Failed to parity check ...

Global warning, you were to give them some global warning, you dumb drone!

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