

Re: Garmin GPSMAP 296 Spoken messages/alerts in aviation mode?

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Frank wrote:

"Jack Erbes" wrote:

The manual has a details on configuring the alarms and audio outputs. It has a setting for what language to use. It certainly implies spoken guidance, not just simple noises.

Hi Jack,

I am familiar with the setting of the audio outputs and which language to use in the menu. Also I read the manual from A to Z and back, but there is absolutely no mentioning of voice guidance or voice status messages in *Aviation* mode. The only thing I can conclude from the manual is that it has voice guidance in Automotive mode, so I have to just rely on what others tell me here.

Okay, I'm not familiar with the aviation models. But you're probably right about it only giving voice prompts in the automotive mode.

It also shows the details of the wiring in the cable and the connecting pins on the 296. The simplest solution might be to get the DC adapter with the built in speaker, if that worked out okay wiring it as an input to an intercom could be explored.

Yes, but have you ever tried to connect a speaker to the weird connector of a 296? This is virtually impossible without using the bare wires cable (which I don't have yet), also I don't want to risk to make a short circuit. In the meantime I ordered the power charger with built-in speaker, and I expect it in a couple of days to arrive, after which I can do some really good testing.

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Yeah, I've done that a number of times. I usually use a Amp or similar crimp on connector (either pin or socket, as appropriate) soldered to the end of the wire. Put shrink tube over the exposed part to avoid shorts and slide it down over the pin or into the socket. That was my standard technique for stuff with missing power and data cords.

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I fly in Piper PA28 and Cessna 172 planes, and I think these environments are too noisy for a speaker to be heard, but of course I shall try it first.

Thanks for your reply.

You're right about that. I used to work on planes sometimes and occasionally flew in one. Most of the time the guys that wanted me to take a ride with them did not have a gun on me and could not get me into the plane. :>)

Good luck with that!

Jack

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