

Re: Advice sought: upgrading from Garmin GPSmap 60C

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On Nov 20, 8:45 am, "nickw7...@xxxxxxxx" <nickw7...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

On 20 Nov, 12:45, Jonathan Spencer <j...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I've got a Garmin GPSmap 60C (bought it in the spring of 2003) and it's served me well. I've used it when out for walks, on my boat at sea (the boat has a Lowrance GPS fitted too), but mainly for auto-routing in the car.

Used with City Navigator Europe v9, the GPSmap 60C has been excellent in getting me to where I need to be, whether in the car or on foot. However, it has 'only' 56MB of memory and I'm finding that I can't download the full map set that I need for the kind of journeys I do. For example, if I drive along the M42 (the main motorway going round Birmingham) the map set includes all of Birmingham – which I don't need – and this gobbles up memory. (If I could tell City Navigator to download just the main roads that would save memory.)

So the question is this, and no doubt it's a common one. What do people recommend as a GPS for auto-routing use in the car, either exclusively in the car or portable as in the GPSmap 60C.

I'm familiar with the GPSmap 60C and the software so would like to stick with what I know, but it isn't fixed in stone.

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What I would like to do is download the entire map set for England & Wales to the device. Can I increase the memory in the GPSR I've already got? Does the later model have greater memory? Are there any that use Compact Flash or SD memory cards, for example?

All suggestions are welcome. :o)

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Jonathan

I was reading a book, 'The History of Glue', couldn't put it down.
—Tim Vine

I used to have a 60CS til it was stolen :(

Now I have a 76CSx and am MUCH happier with it, for the following reasons...

It's a virtually rectangle and balances much better than the oddly shaped 60,

The buttons are in the middle of the casing making it much easier for me to use single handedly.

The x series as has been said it MASSIVELY more sensitive, I get a signal everywhere but in a building with the thickest walls or a metal roof, you just won't believe it comparing it to the old receivers :)

It has a Micro SD card slot, I've a 2GB card on which I've got the whole of City Navigator Europe V9 and the contour maps that are freely available from <http://www.smc.org.uk> AND I save all the tracks the device records to the card which keeps all the parts of the data unlike the older versions of the GPSMap devices like your 60... BE WARNED though, as a lot of people across the pond are finding, the newer GPS' will only read 2050 map segments so there's currently no point in buying a 8GB card and getting the worlds maps and putting them on as it just won't work ! There are some work rounds but...

Join the Yahoo Groups that are available and read up in there about the different types...

The main difference between the 60 & 70 are the shape and button/screen layout.

If you want the floating ability of the 70 then there's not competition.

I think that the 70 feels bigger due to it being squared off, though I don't think it really is... I very often walk about with it just

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stuffed in my trouser or shirt pocket, it's a little bulky but I never lose the signal, even driving about in the car :)

Only you can decide, I would suggest going somewhere where you can handle several GPS side by side... GPSW is a good place from personal experience...

Nick

I avoided the 76 precisely because it has the buttons in the middle. It is much easier to use a gps with the buttons on the bottom.