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[Great GPS Units for Your Next Road Trip or Weekend Getaway](#)

With summer just around the corner, time to map out your next road trip. And, what better way to get your motoring mind in gear than with a Portable GPS unit. I know, you never thought

you would need a Global Positioning System. After all, you've had good success with MapQuest. Or, maybe you've relied on a trusty Road Atlas? Maybe you're a big fan of Google Maps and see no reason to change?

Portable and factory-installed GPS units have really come into their own in recent years. We purchased our Garmin last year in advance of a road trip to West Virginia. If you've ever been stranded on the back roads of West Virginia's, you'll know why we had a sense of urgency when buying our GPS system. We wanted exceptional GPS functionality but not too many bells and whistles. We wanted something simple but nothing that would conk out a few hours into the trip. We needed a GPS unit that could handle the wilderness that West Virginia promised. Sure enough, the Garmin GPS was everything we were looking for and more. And, our Garmin GPS sure came in handy a couple of times when we found ourselves completely lost and turned around.

Move over MapQuest. Take a powder Road Atlas. Time to buy a portable GPS now before the summer's rush is on. Where to start? Check out these all-time Top 5 Portable GPS Systems on the Market Today. Sure to get your wheels in gear and more.

TomTom Go 740 LIVE

Retail Price: \$349.95

Where to buy: Tom Tom

Maybe you have money to burn. Maybe you're trying to figure out how to motor in style. Whatever the case, if you've got the cash, we've got the GPS unit for you. The TomTom Go 740 is just about the greatest co-pilot you'll ever have. TomTom is sleek and shapely, and has the GPS functionality you need for your road trips this summer and beyond. For example, you can select your route to avoid traffic or major highways. You can

opt for the fastest or shortest trip plan. Voice recognition technology. TomTom traffic. Quick GPS fix. Local fuel prices. Whatever you need, TomTom's got it for you. But, watch out: your friends may get jealous.

Magellan Maestro 3250

Retail Price: \$299.99

Where to buy:Amazon

Not in the money for a TomTom? Looking for great functionality without the sticker shock? Look no more. GPS wizard **Magellan's** Maestro comes loaded with features and is priced to sell. Easy to use, the **Magellan** Maestro may not be the latest GPS model but it's one of the most popular GPS units on the market today. Check online for deals and discounts. An oldie, but a real goodie. This GPS unit is built to last.

Magellan RoadMate

Retail Price: \$399.99

Where to buy:**Magellan** Factory Outlet Store

I love this **Magellan** GPS unit for its easy functionality and real-time traffic updates. No small thing when commuting in the big city. The only criticism I would have for this handy model is that its battery life is under two hours. But, this is a small thing to gripe about when **Magellan** makes some of the best GPS systems around. Simple but sturdy, **Magellan** GPS units are built for endurance.

Mio Moov S401

Retail Price: \$269.99

Where to buy:Radio Shack online or in person

The Moov S401 was designed with great functionality to make the driving experience "faster, easier and safer." One feature called Lane Guidance alerts the driver to upcoming twists and turns in the road. Voice prompts and visual indicators direct the driver into the appropriate lane for a turn. Mio makes an exceptional GPS and nothing that's too complicated for your daily commute or weekend getaways. The **Mio Moov** GPS will really get you moving this summer.

Garmin nuvi 1490/1490T

5-Inch Widescreen Bluetooth Portable GPS Navigator with Traffic

Retail Price: \$257.45

Where to buy:Amazon

In this portable GPS unit, you get the Garmin name without the hefty price tag as well as the great Garmin functionality you're looking for. GPS unit has great maps, points of interest and a quick signal. 5 inch touch screen display, integrated Bluetooth wireless technology, and built-in speaker and microphone for hands free operation. Even has pedestrian navigation capability. No small thing during your morning commute or on the road this summer. What more could you want? Garmin makes an exceptional GPS product, sure to please. Check out other Garmin GPS models, available online and in stores.

RESOURCES

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TomTom

www.TomTom.com

Magellan GPS

www.magellangps.com

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www.gps.gov

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