

# Tools to Help Navigate the Open Road

## The best GPS options

Now that there are navigation apps for most smartphones, do you need a dedicated GPS? We took to the road with two apps and two GPS devices to see how they stack up. —*John Brandon*



	TELENAV GPS NAVIGATOR APP	NAVIGON MOBILE-NAVIGATOR	GARMIN NÜVI 265T	MAGELLAN MAESTRO 4700
<b>MAP APPEARANCE</b>	The TeleNav's maps are small but readable on T-Mobile's myTouch 3G phone.	This app, tested on the iPhone, boasts 3-D maps with road signs, lane markers, and clearly marked exits.	The maps on this 5.2-ounce GPS, which has a smallish 3.5-inch screen, are not much bigger than those on a phone.	Thanks to its 4.7-inch screen, the maps on this GPS, which weighs 7.3 ounces, were the easiest to read.
<b>DIRECTIONS AND TRAFFIC ALERTS</b>	Provides spoken, turn-by-turn directions, the ability to speak rather than type destinations, and free traffic alerts.	The NAVIGON's spoken, turn-by-turn directions include street names. A traffic-alert add-on is available for \$24.99.	The nüvi also provides spoken, turn-by-turn directions with street names. It has traffic alerts supported by ads on the screen.	The Magellan lets you use voice commands for common destinations. Traffic alerts require a separate cable that costs \$80.
<b>ADDITIONAL FEATURES</b>	A handy list of nearby Wi-Fi hot spots and gas stations, including prices. On the downside, the TeleNav took longer than the GPS devices to find satellites.	Maps include logos for nearby businesses. Unfortunately, the application is a space hog and took about as long as the TeleNav to find satellites.	A neat feature helps cut down on fuel consumption by identifying routes with the least amount of accelerating and braking. The device also posts speed limits.	Route information includes reviews of hotels, restaurants, and other points of interest from the AAA to help you choose the best pit stops along the way.
<b>COST</b>	\$10 a month	\$90	\$220	\$300

