




# GARMIN GPS Comparisons

	Nuvi 500	Oregon 400t or 300	GPSMAP 60Csx
<b>Main Features</b>			
<b>Price without Maps</b>	n/a	\$369 - Oregon 300	\$319
<b>Price with Topo Maps</b>	n/a	\$449 - Oregon 400t	\$409 with Topo Maps
<b>Price with only Street Maps</b>	n/a	\$458 - Oregon 300 w/ City Nav NT	\$409 - w/ City Navigator NT
<b>Price with both Maps</b>	\$279	\$537 - Oregon 400t w/ City Nav NT	\$499 - w/ Topo US and City Nav
<b>Rebates</b>		* Prices Include \$50 rebate through May 10, 2009	
<b>Car Suction Cup Mount</b>	Included with car power cable	Additional \$39.95	Additional \$25.95
<b>Overall Ease of Use and Setup</b>	Best Maps are preloaded Easy to load geocaches as a premium member	Better Must install Automotive Maps Easy to load geocaches	Good Must Install Automotive or Topo Maps Not as good for loading or reading Geocaches
<b>User Interface</b>	Best Easy-to-use, touch screen interface	Best Easy-to-use, touch screen interface	Better Press Buttons on unit
<b>Maps</b>	Includes: City Navigator NT for lower 48 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico and TOPO U.S. for entire United States	Topo included in 400t other purchased separately	Purchased separately City Navigator NT TOPO U.S. for the entire US
<b>Automotive Routing</b>	Better Yes, Auto routing, turn-by-turn directions, and Unit prompts you with voice to "Turn right in 500 feet" Fast calculation or recalculation of routes	Good Yes, Auto routing, turn-by-turn directions, and audio alert tones (no voice prompts) along city streets when using optional City Navigator maps (basemaps do not auto route)	Good Yes, Auto routing, turn-by-turn directions, and audio alert tones (no voice prompts) along city streets when using optional City Navigator maps (basemaps do not auto route)
<b>Voice Turn by Turn Directions</b>	Yes - but not by street name. Example: Turn right in 500 feet	No Voice. Use of audible beeps	No Voice. Use of audible beeps
<b>Speech recognition</b> <small>(navigate with voice commands)</small>	No	No	No
<b>Geocaching Mode</b>	Best Yes, See Descriptions, hints, etc.	Best Yes, See Descriptions, hints, etc.	Good Yes, Waypoints only. Can find geocaches. No Descriptions
<b>Tracks / Trip Log</b> <small>(bread crumb trail of where you've been)</small>	Fair up to 10,000 points Can NOT control dropping bread crumbs by distance or time. Can NOT manage tracks in GPS, only with computer	Best up to 10,000 points Can control dropping bread crumbs by distance or time. Can control and Manage Tracks with GPS	Best up to 10,000 points Can control dropping bread crumbs by distance or time. Can control and Manage Tracks with GPS
<b>Use Modes</b>	Better Usage modes – Driving, Boating, Bicycling and Walking	Best - Most Flexible You create your own modes.	Fair Auto or Off Road only
<b>Screen</b>	Best Great Size, very Bright 2.8" W x 2.1" H , 3.5" Diagonal 320 x 240 pixels Color TFT	Fair Best Resolution. Hard to see outdoors in sunlight (H x W): 2.55" x 1.53"; 3" diagonal High display resolution (W x H): 240 x 400 pixels	Better Works well outdoors in sunlight 1.5" W x 2.2" H, 2.6"-diagonal, 256-color, transfective TFT (160 x 240 pixels)
<b>Batteries</b>	Fair Special Rechargeable	Best Two AA	Best Two AA
<b>Size of Unit</b>	Best for Automotive Use Fair for Trail Use. Cumbersome to hold while hiking 4.21"W x 3.35"H x .9"D	Best for Trail Use 4.5" x 2.3" x 1.4"	Better - For Trail Use 2.4" W x 6.1" H x 1.3" D
<b>Water Proof</b>	Yes Good	Yes Best	Yes Best
<b>Antenna/Reception</b>	Good? High-sensitivity GPS receiver NO WAAS	Better High-sensitivity GPS receiver WAAS Capability for better accuracy	Best Built-in quad-helix receiving antenna with remote antenna capability. WAAS Capable
<b>Compass</b>	Fair Only functions while moving.	Yes, Best Works while standing still	Yes, Best Works while standing still
<b>Altimeter</b>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Removable/Expandable Memory</b>	Yes, Unknown specs.	YES Optional microSD memory cards available to 4 GB+	YES Optional microSD memory cards available to 2 GB needed for additional maps