

Magellan Triton 200 GPS Review

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Magellan is one of the premiere GPS brands in the world and has been around as long as GPS has been in our collective consciousness. Despite GPS systems in cell phones now, it is still a good idea to have a navigational GPS due to its greater precision depending on the applications you need.

Since the inception of civilian GPS application, display and readouts have come a long way. The handhelds we use now would seem like futuristic gadgets ten years ago.

The current models are pretty much the same as far as accuracy and map applications. Magellan units are accurate to between 3 and 5 meters and have great downloads for topographic maps and street maps. Magellan handheld units are ideal for hiking, adventuring, and even for business applications like surveying, prospecting, and mapmaking.

All new Magellan units have ultra-sharp 2.2 inch resolution and acquire their positioning within 20 seconds if they are already active and 60 seconds from the time it is turned on. Waterproof design is coupled with hard rubber casing to protect the device from damage.

Navigating, pardon the term, the Magellan GPS Triton 200 is like using an iPod. A central touch button goes in four directions for scrolling through maps. Raised buttons are for zooming and switching between navigating functions and programs.

For \$130, the Triton 200 is great basic navigating without the fancy bells and whistles of more expensive models. GPS is just basic map reading and mapping applications you can download from just about any source. More advanced models of Magellan are doing what cell phones have already done, which is adding applications to make the handheld more than just a mapping system. Barometers, cameras, and a voice recorder are on the high end Triton 2000.

But we're going to stick with the no-nonsense Triton 200 that most members of the paying public can afford. Great to have on hand for trips on and off the highways, simple mapping and tourism applications can be downloaded to find landmarks and places to stay if you're navigating your vacation. You'll never be lost when you're out hiking with this little baby that had ten hours of life on two AA batteries.

Make sure before you take this out on the trails that necessary applications have been downloaded and de-bugged as some apps have had difficulties loading, but other than that it's pretty decent for everyday navigating.

Magellan is a great GPS company who knows how to make models that the public can both afford and make the most use of with applications. Any Magellan model is worth your money, but the simple Triton 200 is the everyman's model of practical and useful GPS.