

Mixed Discussion on Navigating with PDAs

From: CozyGirrrrl@aol.com

We used the Teletype road version on the way to Sun-N_fun and back. Don't be fooled into believing the CF card type of GPS will work in your plane, buy the type that plugs in the bottom and into a 12v outlet, takes care of antenna and power for both (\$199 Pharos GPS). Also you will need you CF card slot for a 128 meg CF card to hold the maps. Our 2 cents. ...Chrissi

From: "Scott Derrick" sderrick@tnstaafl.net

Anybody using a panel mount GPS to drive one of these PDA moving map displays?

I love my Garmin 300XL for its IFR capability, but its map features are Neanderthal.

Scott

From: doug@vrci.com

Hi Scott,

Mainly 2 things. The screen quality in daylight and processing speed.

Doug

From: "Scott Derrick" sderrick@tnstaafl.net

Doug,

What was wrong with the Casio unit that the Compaq does well?

Scott

From: doug@vrci.com

I purchased mine a few months ago and absolutely love it. It works perfectly for me and I have tried it out in the back seat of an AeroCanard with no satellite tracking

problems. I use the Anywhere system and bought the GPS they offer as well. The Compaq screen is excellent as well. I had the Casio PDA and was not happy with it, however, now with the Compaq everything works great.

Doug Miner doug@vrci.com

showmel77rg@hotmail.com [Canards] Pocket PC's for GPS display anybody have any pros/cons re: using pocket pc's as GPS's w/software from either "Anywhere Pilot / controlvision" -or- "teletype" ??? they look small; powerful; economical; multi-functional; etc., etc., etc.,

KitPlanes (June) ad for "Anywhere Pilot" is on pg. 15;
Sport Aviation (May) ad for "Teletype" is on pg. 19
any user-feedback appreciated.....

From: Ed Hanley ezeflyer@nvcbell.net

I had the same problem with the lighter socket I put into my Vari-Eze to power my Lowrance GPS. I solved it with a sort of rubber-band bungee arrangement to hold the plug in tightly.

Ed Hanley VEZE N45CR

From: Harley, Ageless Wings Harley@AgelessWings.com
Here's the Anywhere website...

<http://www.anywheremap.com/anywhere/>

I have one, and it works great, highly visible, and all the databases (including the AOPA database) fits into the base unit of 32 MB with plenty of room left over for solitaire, names, addresses, contacts, notes, etc. etc.

Highly recommend it... Note the display is sunlight readable, too...although bright reflections can distract you.

Can't beat the price...they use the recommended powered antenna, too...comes with the package deal, or you can get it separately from them.

Harley

DW Taylor...

Just saw this online, may help answer your questions:

A few excerpts from Aviation Consumer's latest issue:

And if you drop the all-important stylus, you're toast, for it will lodge in the remotest reaches of the seat tracks, accessible only at the next annual. We found ourselves wishing for a way to magnify the size of the keyboard (on the TeleType) by at least half again. Control Vision's solution to this on the Anywhere Map software are large screen-based buttons, and these work well.

We thought TeleType uses the PDA's display effectively enough but not quite as well as the Control Vision product does. Because of the data panel along the bottom edge of the display and the panning controls along the top, TeleType's actual map is squarish and gives up a little area to the Anywhere Map's more vertical aspect.

In our view, the TeleType's nav protocol reflects the company's broad specialty as a provider of all-purpose navigation software, not purpose-designed aviation systems, as with Garmin, Lowrance and Control Vision's Anywhere Map. Obviously, a good land navigator can be useful but not if what you really want is an aviation GPS.

Although we think the TeleType system is a credible product and find it logically designed and well supported it is, alas, not yet quite to the standards we've become accustomed to in portable aviation GPS. By comparison to Garmin's portables and the PDA-based Anywhere Map from Control Vision, the TeleType feature set is somewhat sparse. But it's also cheaper than Anywhere Map so you get what you pay for. Both are undergoing constant refinement.

Bottom line: You can navigate with this system but the data displayed is rudimentary by aviation standards.

Our advice is this: If you want a strong street navigator that can fill in for aviation, TeleType is worth a look. But for purely aviation use on a PDA, we think the Anywhere Map from Control Vision edges out TeleType in overall function and value.

Harley

From: "Harry Manvel" hmanvel@manvel.com

Thanks for the feedback Harley. I hadn't thought about it but you're right. It shouldn't go blank, it should just lose the GPS. But it goes blank. However I do see that the blinking light which shows a charge is off at the same time, so I apparently have 2 problems.

Harry Manvel

From: Harley, Ageless Wings Harley@AgelessWings.com Pocket PC's for GPS display

Mornin', Harry..

But I still have trouble with interruptions due to my lighter socket not being unreliable. Seems like the socket is too deep for the AW plug. My Ipaq shuts off every couple of minutes. I have to push/wiggle the socket.<<

I've had those "interruptions" happen to mine, too.

It doesn't appear to be the power supply, though. I just ran out into the garage to test it in my car...and sure enough, plugging in and removing the lighter socket plug does not cause the iPaq to shut down, or the display to turn off. The display gets a bit dimmer for a second...almost not noticeable, as the power switches from the vehicle to the battery in the unit, but the program keeps running.

What may be part of the problem is the power settings in the iPaq. Go to Start/Settings/System (it's a tab at the bottom)/Power. There you can turn off, turn on, or adjust the time for auto shutdown on battery and external power sources. I think the default is 5 minutes.

Since mine is set for 5 minutes and 30 minutes, I know that's not the problem when it's turning off every minute, when it does. So, I just went to Anywhere Map support page (linked through a selection on the opening screen of the CD), and searched for the problem. Found a reference to it. No solution yet, but Control Vision says they are working on it.

The apparent cause, and a temporary workaround, is that if you shut down the Anywhere Map by turning off the power button on the iPaq, the system software will randomly turn off the screen the next time you run Anywhere Map.

Sometimes, repeatedly, sometimes only once. It'll continue until you shut it down using File/Exit.

Control Vision says that it's a problem with the Windows system software(figures! <G), and they are currently working on a solution.

Harley

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I'll say this about the Teletype software: as we were driving and trying to hit the menu functions I thought to myself.."there is no way this is going to work in even the mildest of turbulence". ..that goes for any application you have on there unless they have REAL BIG BUTTONS....Chrissi Cozy Mk-IV 13B-turbo www.CozyGirrrl.com