

Car Tech

A better radar detector, faster maps, a more accurate GPS: Upgrade your ride with gadgetry.



BEST FOR SPEEDERS
Cobra iRadar Atom

\$200; cobra.com
 If you tend to speed, you'll want to pick up the smallest and most powerful radar/laser/camera detector ever made by Cobra. The Atom is 35 percent smaller than the previous version and can be used with or without an accompanying iRadar app, but if you want to share speed traps with friends, we suggest you use both.



BEST FOR NAVIGATION
Garmin Prestige Series Nuvi 3597 LMTHD GPS

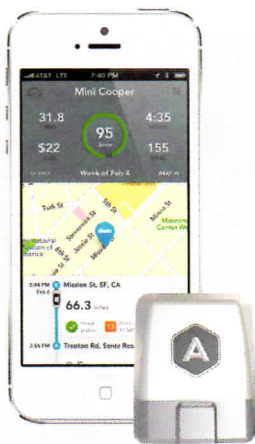
\$380; garmin.com
 Finally, a GPS that gives directions like you do: Instead of telling you to

"turn left at Main Street," this 5-inch navigator tells you to "turn left at Starbucks" (it even suggests which lane to stay in for upcoming turn-offs). That's a helluva lot easier than reading a street sign when you're going 50.



BEST FOR RESEARCH ON THE FLY
Magellan SmartGPS

\$250; magellangps.com
 Magellan's latest GPS joins forces with your smartphone, syncing up to deliver reviews from Yelp and Foursquare, and using the cloud to let you access info such as recent addresses (after you park the car, say, you can pick up a walking navigation map on your phone). Or, if you locate an address or a review on the phone, just beam it instantly to the GPS, and it'll start guiding you there.



BEST FOR DETAIL FREAKS
Automatic Diagnostic App

\$70; automatic.com
 Plug the tiny piece of hardware into your car's diagnostic port, and it beams all sorts of info to an accompanying app: how your driving is affecting your gas mileage, a record of actual MPG on all your trips, and a map to track where you parked. It even helps you decipher what the hell is actually wrong when you get warning lights, and offers possible solutions. It's a fitness monitor for your car.



BEST FOR GADGET HEADS
TomTom High-Speed Multi-Charger

\$25; tomtom.com
 With all of our phones and GPS devices and tablets, it can be a scramble trying to power them up in cars that, even now, seem to come with a single charge port at best. Here's an in-auto charger that lets you fill up to three USB devices at once via your cigarette lighter. It's even got a 2.1-amp port specially designed to quickly charge power-hungry tablets.

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