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Where the Hell Are We?

GPS Tools For the Road

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PSP GPS [\$50]

Sony

Finally, there's a use for that ridiculous little gadget that, for reasons unknown, everyone "had to have" last year. (That is, until common sense returned and we realized that we had no desire to watch movies on a screen the size of a playing card.) The PSP-GPS system downloads global positioning information from the Internet, caches it in the flash memory on top and relays it to that tiny screen.

But perhaps the interesting part is that the Metal Gear Portable Ops game (sold separately) sends you out into the world to meet up and fight "operatives" in actual locations. And while that's slightly creepy, we have to admit that it sounds interesting. Since the age of the average PSP user is around 14, we like our odds in the fight.

www.us.playstation.com







eTrex Camo [\$119.99]

Garmin

Deer season is upon us once again. And while we here at ENVY aren't exactly veterans in the realm of wildlife destruction, we can say with certainty that if we were piss drunk and heavily armed in the middle of the woods, we'd definitely want some assistance in finding our way back home-a feat that the Garmin eTrex Camo promises to deliver in spades. It comes with all the standard GPS fare, as well as a "Trackback' function that guides its user back to any pre-programmed location (your truck for example) and has a hunting calculator that suggests the best time of day to find your favorite carbonbased shotgun shell receptacle. The eTrax case itself is even camouflaged, a "feature" that will undoubtedly boost Garmin's sales since, should you drop it on the forest floor, it's highly unlikely that you'll ever find the damn thing again www.garmin.com

The Aphrodite Project

[product still in development]

GPS Express [\$600-800]

Dash

Rather than retrieving directions from an internal hard drive, the Dash GPS unit utilizes a wireless connection to the Internet to download the directions instead.

Thus, any construction, closures, traffic jams—and even the average speed of cars driving on that particular stretch of road at that particular time—are downloaded and presented for your drive-time approval.

What's more, it can also be synced with RSS feeds and instantly download the newest entry on any subject you might be interested in.



Like the latest *ENVY* review of that new club that you're on your way to, for example.

A slight drawback to the Dash is that it's slightly chunky around the midsection, but since this is Texas (and since it's meant to be a dashmounted system), we won't hold that against it.

www.dash.net





This takes the leap from over-the-top and plunges deep into the realm of utterly sick and twisted. These "Aphrodite Project" platform heels are designed for the discerning pimp (no, that isn't a euphemism, we're actually talking about a regional district manager of prostitutes), to keep tabs on their flock o' hoes. They come equipped with trackable GPS system, instant "emergency" dialing button, a tiny LCD screen and even a small set of speakers providing streetwalkers with a soundtrack. We wish we were kidding. Take a look for yourself.

www.theaphroditeproject.tv