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Mini-Multitasker

If you're traveling in unfamiliar territory, the **Garmin nüvi 360** (\$965) GPS navigation tool will guide you with spoken directions and 3-D maps on a 3.5-inch screen. Before leaving your vehicle or hotel room, slip the five-ounce device into a pocket or purse. You'll want it close by to play MP3s and audio books; view digital photos; calculate currency and measurement conversions; and wake you with its world clock's travel alarm.

Released in July, the nüvi 360 also provides wireless, hands-free operation of Bluetooth-enabled cell phones. Use touchscreen commands to view your contact lists and place calls. Conduct conversations through a built-in microphone and speaker. An included

phone directory of hotels, restaurants and other sites connects you quickly to popular points of interest.

—Scott A. Briggs

Best Feature: Optional software (\$75) turns the nüvi 360 into a virtual translator. Loaded with five bilingual dictionaries, the unit spits out text translations and spoken pronunciations of words and phrases in nine languages and dialects.

Travel Advantage: Garmin sells the nüvi 360 with preloaded maps of either Europe or North America. Add new software (\$116–\$550) to steer you through other regions, such as New Zealand or the Middle East.