



nüvi® 3500 series quick start manual

nüvi models: 3540, 3550, 3590



Getting Started

WARNING

See the *Important Safety and Product Information* guide in the product box for product warnings and other important information.

Setting Up Your Device

When using your device for the first time, complete the following tasks.

- 1 Mount the device (page 2).
- 2 Register the device (page 3).
- 3 Check for updates.
 - Software updates (page 3).
 - Free map update (page 4).
- 4 Download the full owner's manual (page 4).

Connecting the Device to Vehicle Power

WARNING

This product contains a lithium-ion battery. To prevent the possibility of personal injury or product damage caused by battery exposure to extreme heat, remove the device from the vehicle when exiting or store it out of direct sunlight.

NOTICE

Before mounting the device, see the *Important Safety and Product Information* guide for information about laws pertaining to windshield mounting.

Charge your device as you drive before using it on battery power.

- 1 Plug the vehicle power cable ① into the USB port on the mount ②.
- 2 Snap the mount onto the suction cup ③.

- 3 Press the suction cup to the windshield, and flip the lever ④ back toward the windshield.
- 4 Fit the bottom of your device into the mount.
- 5 Tilt your device back until it snaps into place.



- 6 Plug the other end of the vehicle power cable into a power outlet in your vehicle.
- 7 If necessary, connect the external antenna to the traffic receiver and secure it to the windshield using the suction cups.

About myDashboard

You can use myDashboard to register your device, check for software and map updates, access product manuals and support, and more.

Setting Up myDashboard

- 1 Connect the micro-USB ① cable to the micro-USB port ② on the device.



- 2 Connect the micro-USB cable to the USB port on your computer.
- 3 Go to www.garmin.com/dashboard.
- 4 Follow the on-screen instructions.

Registering your Device

- 1 From myDashboard, click **Register Now**.
- 2 Follow the on-screen instructions.
- 3 Keep the original sales receipt, or a photocopy, in a safe place.

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If you register the device at <http://my.garmin.com> within 90 days of acquiring satellites while driving, your device could be eligible for one free map update. Go to www.garmin.com/numaps for terms and conditions.

Using myDashboard Services

- 1 Open myDashboard ([page 3](#)).
- 2 Select an option:
 - To update the software, click **Update Now** under Software Updates.
 - To update the maps, click **Update Now** under Map Updates.
 - To download the owner's manual, click **Manuals**, and then click **Download** next to the manual you want.
- 3 Follow the on-screen instructions.

Turning off the Device

- 1 Hold the **Power** key **1** for 3 seconds.



- 2 Select **Off**.

Resetting the Device

Hold the Power key for 10 seconds.


About Sleep Mode

Use sleep mode to conserve battery power when your device is not in use. Sleep mode uses very little power, and a battery charge lasts for weeks when your device is in sleep mode.

Entering Sleep Mode

Press the **Power** key.


Exiting Sleep Mode

While the device is in sleep mode, press the **Power** key and double-tap .

Finding a Location Using the Search Bar

You can use the search bar to search for locations by entering a category, brand name, address, or city name.

- 1 Select **Where To?**.
- 2 Select the search bar.
- 3 Enter all or part of the search term.
Suggested search terms appear below the search bar.
 - To search for a type of business, enter a category name (for example, “movie theaters”).
 - To search for a business by name, enter all or part of the name.

- To search for an address near you, enter the street number and street name.
 - To search for an address in another city, enter the street number, street name, city, and state.
 - To search for a city, enter the city and state.
 - To search for coordinates, enter latitude and longitude coordinates.
- 4 Select an option:
 - To search using a suggested search term, select the term.
 - To search using the text you entered, select .

- 5 If necessary, select a location.

Searching Near Another Location

- 1 From the main menu, select **Where To?**.
- 2 Select **Searching Near**.

- 3 Select an option.

Your Route on the Map

NOTICE

The speed limit icon feature is for information only and does not replace the driver's responsibility to abide by all posted speed limit signs and to use safe driving judgment at all times. Garmin will not be responsible for any traffic fines or citations that you may receive for failing to follow all applicable traffic laws and signs.


Your route is marked with a magenta line on the map. If you depart from the original route, your device recalculates the route. A speed limit icon could appear as you travel on major roadways.



- Select ① to view the next turn.
If a view of a junction exists, the junction view appears.
- Select ② to view the turn list.
- Select ③ to stop the route you are currently navigating.
- Select ④ to view the Where Am I? page.

Adding a Stop


Before you can add a stop, you must be navigating a route.

- 1 From the map, select  > **Points of Interest**.
- 2 Search for the extra stop.
- 3 Select the stop from the search results.
- 4 Select **Go!**.
- 5 Select **Add to Active Route**.

Taking a Detour

While navigating an automobile route, you can use detours to avoid obstacles ahead of you, such as construction zones.

NOTE: If the route you are currently taking is the only reasonable option, your device might not calculate a detour.

While navigating, select  > **Detour**.


About Traffic

NOTICE

Garmin is not responsible for the accuracy or timeliness of the traffic information.

Traffic information may not be available in all areas or countries.

A traffic receiver is included in some packages. It is built into the vehicle power cable. The traffic receiver and device must be powered and in data range of a station transmitting traffic data to receive traffic information. You do not need to activate the subscription included with your traffic receiver.

The traffic icon () changes color to indicate the severity of traffic conditions on your route or on the road you are currently traveling.

Go to www.garmin.com/traffic for more information.

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