

Re: CF GPS are they any good?

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"Gerald Fay" wrote

- > *The CF will do a good job draining your battery as well.*
- > *I have both a Bluetooth GPS and the CF card. I use the bluetooth device*
- > *in the car up against the front or rear window. The CF card will need an*
- > *antenna attachment to use in the car. (without it the CF will, in most*
- > *cars, not work well unless you have a convertible or a sun/moon roof*
- > *which is open).*

Gerald,

I am sure your Bluetooth set up works well, but doesn't the Bluetooth receiver need a battery? Or does it have to have a power supply?

I have a CF GPS – A Globalsat 307. I have an external antenna, but it is just not needed. This unit gets a fix using it's built in antenna when I am at my desk inside my house and not even near a window. Same is true in car – It works well anywhere you would be likely to put it, without the external antenna.

This did not really surprise me, because even my old Magellan GPS 3000 would work in my car without the external antenna, so long as it was set on the dash with a view of the sky.

The CF GPS cards do drain the PPC battery, as do most add-on cards. I usually have my iPaq externally powered from car or boat. For portable use, I have a sleeve that has two CF slots and an auxiliary battery – These Mepad sleeves are a great buy at \$79.00

Graeme