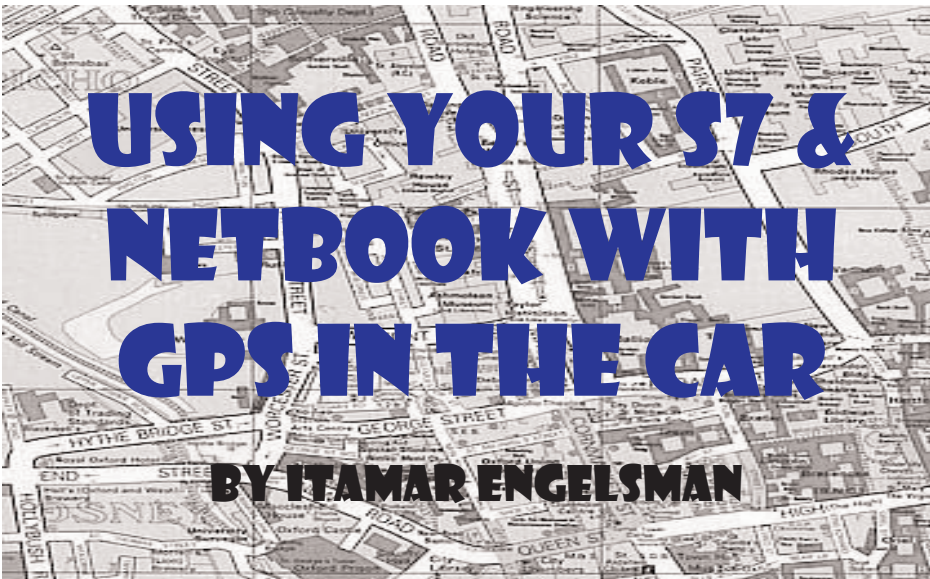




USING YOUR S7 & NETBOOK WITH GPS IN THE CAR

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Before I bought my S7 I used a 5MX extensively. At the time I bought a GPS to use with the 5MX in my car, a car stand and connecting cable as well as Route- and Street planner.

The combination worked great as an "in - car navigation system" long before the built-in systems of today became somewhat more affordable.

Palmtop GPS

First I used a Palmtop GPS but it gave me a lot of problems and was changed twice for free by Palmtop in The Netherlands (today TomTom). After I changed this for a Garmin eTrex these problems were gone.

When I bought my S7 I continued to use my 5MX for the "in-car" navigation as I could not attach the S7 securely in the car. POD do make a car stand for the S7 but it is really made for professional use like ambulances etc. only and costs well over 100 Pounds.

My Own System

I was looking for a way to use my S7 as during tests I noticed that it would enhance my system considerably due to the larger screen and colours. When I changed my car in May to a BMW 5-series I saw that the dashboard was very flat and finally designed my own system to use the S7 in the car.

So, after this introduction, what do you need ? Very little really :



- 1/ a Psion S7 or netBook.**
- 2/ two picture hooks with rubber plugs (I used the ones for thin walls).**
- 3/ a GPS.**
- 4/ a cable to connect the GPS to the S7 and the cigarette lighter.**
- 5/ a divider to allow for multiple connections to the cigarette lighter.**
- 6/ a car adaptor for the S7 (for long trips).**

The system is really very simple. Connect all the cable between the GPS, S7 and cigarette lighter. Having done that, attach the plugs to the hooks and enter these into the ventilation window of the front dashboard like below :



Now put the S7 on the dashboard and slide it back until the hooks fall over the keyboard and keep the S7 in place. Put the GPS between the S7 and the front window of the car (out of side on the photo) :



well as finding the way to hotels and exhibition centres. Try it and I am sure you will be very satisfied.

However, please do plan the route BEFORE you drive off and do not try to use the S7 while driving. Your S7 will stay in place due to the hooks.

Direct Sunlight

Sometimes direct sunlight can be a problem and moving the screen either way and/or changing the screen settings can help. I used this sytem extensively in Western Europe and it helped me to find new clients in France and Germany as

