

Mr. Garman:

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Global Positioning System (GPS) devices have been around for a number of years. Many new cars today come equipped with them. For those that don't it is easy enough to acquire one. A GPS has become indispensable to me for finding my way on tours and locating the hotel I am supposed to stay at.

My choice of a GPS is a Garman. The first thing I noticed was that a Garman does not want to stay attached to window glass in a Model A due to the vibration and general shaking that goes on. Therefore it became necessary to devise an alternate means of securing it where it would stay put and be easily monitored.



Mr. Garman ready to navigate.

Some half-inch red oak, a piece of eighth-inch aluminum, and a little ingenuity solved the problem. The mounting device I constructed hangs on the dash rail just a little right of center. It can be swiveled around to any angle I want and it is easy to glance at with a good degree of safety



Red oak, aluminum, and a little ingenuity.

Since my Victoria is a six-volt animal it required that I devise a means of providing 12-volt power. I installed a small 12-volt converter with a cigarette lighter style power outlet that tucks up under the dash rail on the passenger side. I can also charge my cell phone with it. Technology has certainly come a long way since the vacuum tube days of my youth.



12-volt power is obtained from the cigarette lighter style power outlet at right. The converter is just to the left of the power outlet. A power off/on switch is located just to the left of the indicator light.

Initially I had an earlier version of a Garman. With the advancements in technology it soon became antiquated. The updated replacement has a bigger screen and it made my original mounting device obsolete.



First generation (Mrs. Garman) retired.