

Powering a Satnav

Those of us that continue with 6 Volt electrics sometimes find that a Satnav will work perfectly well in an A7 because it needs only 5 Volts. However, the combination of an ageing battery, a Third Brush adjusted for low charge (perhaps after fitting LED 'bulbs') and tick-over revs, can sometimes cause Satnavs to switch-off, which is irritating.

This problem can conveniently be overcome by the use of one of the many re-chargeable 'Battery Power Packs' now available. An up-market one costing around £30 will run a 'TomTom' for several days before needing a re-charge. Cheaper ones with lower capacity are also available from Mobile Phone shops or places like Maplin.

In addition, these units can usefully power your mobile phone, iPad or Laptop if required Anon