JR's gadget shop

Howdy gadget fans! Could this be the ultimate cabbie's Gadget? The A-Z+ Cabbies mate is much, much more than a satnay – this could be the only bit of kit you'll ever need!

Not only does this device have a full UK satnav with mapping, voiceprompts and traffic camera detector, it is also the only device

to feature a fully loaded AZ digital map.



For thousands of taxi
drivers, A-Z remains the definitive
map- and this device puts that in
your hand in a clear, easy to use
format. Cleverly, the A-Z map is kept
separate from the satnay section this recognises that most taxi drivers

do not need a satnav (other than when they're out of London) but that most drivers need a quick reference to their map book from time to time. But this isn't called the A-Z+ without good reasonthis is mapping evolved!

For example, take a look at how quickly you can use this to find a key location in London: Say for example a punter jumps into your cab and asks for the Hakkasan Restaurant. It's been a long day and your memory's struggling. In three easy steps you can find it:

- 1. Press Search
- 2. Press POI to search Points of Interest
- Type in the name of the place you're after (in this case Hakkasan)

Bang- there it is top of the list, with the full address. Touch on the entry you want and not only does it show it to you on the A-Z map, but you can also 'cotton' your route there and then.

So far, most drivers who have bought the A-Z+ have done so mainly on the strength of the excellent mapping and satnav features alone. It really has been catered especially for taxi drivers who often only need a quick reminder rather than full blown navigation. But this device is a whole lot more than a satnav and digital map book....

Do you keep thinking of getting round to buying yourself a decent Bluetooth handsfree system for your phone? Well, this has it built in straight from the box. Simply pair your phone with the device and away you go.

It can store names and contacts, and you can dial or your numbers directly from the screen. The device has a built in handsfree microphone and speaker. No untidy cables, no cumbersome earpieces- nice and easy. But, wait, this device does even more!

This magic box has also got a video player, music player, photo album, and even a games player all built in! View your favourite movies, look at your holiday snaps when sitting on a rank



or liven up the dull points of the day with the built in games. If you get fed up listening to your cab radio, listen to your favourite downloaded music directly via the systems high quality speaker, or if you prefer with the supplied headphones.

If all of that really isn't enough for you, download your favourite e-books and read them directly from this device.

We really do think that this one slim-line, ultra neat unit does everything a taxi driver could ever need, but you really have to see the A-Z+ mapping to appreciate this in all its glory.

The kit comes complete with in-car bracket and in-car charger, mains charger, headphones, USB cable, instructions and a 2GB SD card, although the unit has an extra 2GB flash memory built in.

We liked this unit so much we have now become an official stockist. The unit is available for £325 including VAT and considering the amount of different functions this device can handle - and the totally unique AZ+ mapping facility, we think this represents good value for money. We can help spread the cost with convenient weekly instalments of £32.50 spread over ten weeks.

For a demonstration, either pop into Advantage House or visit www. navigationmaster.com for an online demo and a closer look at what this amazing bit of kit is capable of doing to make your working life a little easier.



Here's a run down of everything this magic little box does:

- Unique A-Z+ digital map- including the ability to show cotton runs'
- Full UK satnav
- Bluetooth handsfree mobile phone dialling
- Games machine
- Video player
- Music player
- Digital photo album
- E-book reader

Until next time, gadget fans!