

Magellan RoadMate 6630T-LM ...

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You can't tell from its product name, but I was interested in testing the dash cam that is a part of the product.

Magellan has made navigation devices for many years, but only recently have they included a dash cam. A navigation device shows you a map with you in the center. It uses GPS info to allow your location to change on the map as you drive around. One of the most useful aspects of the device is the ability to direct you to an input destination by map and by voice.

Recent improvements also allow you to find and select as a destination: stores, restaurants, gas stations and more. Traffic info can also be helpful to you to help you choose the fastest route.



The 6630T-LM includes a video camera that shows a picture on its screen of what you see outside of your windshield. The view can be recorded and played back later in the event of an accident or you can take a picture on demand.

A unique feature is the ability to record shortly prior to an accident and shortly after, giving you pictorial evidence that you may need.

Recordings can be viewed either with the dash cam unit or with a separate app that is downloadable to your laptop.

The product comes with the RoadMate, windshield mount, power adaptor, a User Handbook, and an 8 GB SDHC card.



One of the first things you must do is to download the latest software and maps. You will need a Wi-Fi connection to do this and the device needs to be connected to power.

Unfortunately, the only power connector is one that hooks up to the power plug in your car. It

would help to have a connector for a wall socket or USB connector cord, since the downloads are lengthy.

I had difficulty attaching RoadMate to my windshield. The pictorial instructions in the Handbook weren't helpful, but finally I figured it out.

The screen (5" diagonally) is a compromise between visibility and minimizing obstruction of the driver's view. When driving to a destination one is advised to listen to the directions, rather than watching the moving map.

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Price \$230