

Delivery notes

The price is right

Satnavs specifically for HGVs were once as rare as hen's teeth, but it seems the manufacturers have finally realised what modern drivers have known for years – we need a reliable, easy-to-use, HGV-enabled satnav.

Several units have been tested on these pages and all have had their pluses. The Navevo PNN300 ProNav beats most on one major point – price! At £249 it's around £200 cheaper than the main competition, although the ProNav is also a lovely piece of kit in its own right.

It's as slim as an iPhone and has a similar feel. It benefits from a great 5-inch screen, and the route planning and other options are all intuitive and accessed from the main screen just by tapping a finger or using the stylus, neatly enclosed in the back.

The ProNav uses the latest technology to keep you legal around the new ERN London lorry routes. With a calculator to make a scientist proud and a calendar to make the wages clerk weep, you should be able to account for every single second of duty time. Bluetooth and a media player complete the list of toys.

The unit can also broadcast the turn-by-turn directions to your FM-enabled in-cab radio. Most of these features are available to some degree on other units, albeit buried in complicated menus, but the ProNav brings them all together elegantly and simply.

Following the on-screen truck takes a little getting used to, but the bright colours allow you to keep track of the recommended route easily.

A lot of satnav choices are made with the heart and are based on brand loyalty. With the ProNav this purchase should be made with the head – but don't worry, because pretty soon your heart will follow.

The PNN300 ProNav is available via the website www.pronav.co.uk



This free guide might be useful...

'Eggs', 'to', 'your', 'grandmother', 'teach' and 'suck' – rearrange these words into a readable sentence. And after you've done that you can read Freight Best Practice Scotland's latest publication.

The *Rural Driving Guide* is a free pocket publication packed with a mix of useful (although sometimes rather obvious) advice for planning a route in a rural area. Freight Best Practice Scotland suggests carrying the guide in your jacket pocket or cab for quick reference.

Like all Freight Best Practice publications, the *Rural Driving Guide* is free of charge and can be downloaded from the website www.freightbestpractice.org.uk/scotland or by calling the Hotline on 0300 123 1250.

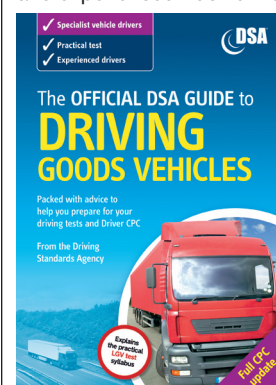


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The official *Driver Standards Agency Guide to Driving Goods Vehicles* is now available as a downloadable PDF.

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This is the only official guide to explain the standards needed to pass today's practical truck test and is the definitive guide for new and experienced truck drivers and trainers.



The PDF *Driving Goods Vehicles* download provides instant access to the essential guidance people need to acquire and maintain the skills necessary to keep them safe on the road.

How do you check yours?



The Extra Foot is a new product that allows drivers to single-handedly check for air leaks and ensure their brake lights are working, doing away with the need to back-up against a wall.

According to its manufacturer, the brake pedal applicator is extremely easy to use. You simply attach one end to the bottom of the steering wheel and the other to the brake pedal. It stows away safely and easily when not in use.

As well as its obvious time-saving capabilities, it's a lot safer and more aesthetically pleasing than a breeze block!

The Extra Foot costs £14.99 (plus postage) and can be ordered from the website www.tbftompson.com