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When looking at such an inexpensive device like the VME 9125 NAV, you could be forgiven for thinking that savings must have been made somewhere on the unit. The complete list of equipment reads as follows: FM, DVD, Bluetooth, USB, SD and navigation - everything you can expect from a naviceiver today. Now let's take a look at the functions in detail.

Navigation

The manufacturer is normally able to save a lot of money when it comes to purchasing maps. After all, local maps are significantly cheaper than European maps. But this isn't something Audiovox is guilty of. The package includes detailed TomTom maps for 44 European countries. The navigation software used is iGo Primo 2, which does its job very neatly. Some additional graphical gimmicks are available from the Hungarian provider NNG that Audiovox hasn't integrated, but this doesn't do any harm to the reliable route guidance and calculation function, which includes TMC traffic information. Navigation: Check!

Bluetooth

Pairing and transferring phone books via Bluetooth worked straight away with all of the mobile phones we tested without any problems. Voice quality via the integrated microphone is decent; the only issue is that a small time delay is audible, however, this isn't distracting in practice. In addition to hands-free functionality, the Bluetooth module also allows wireless music streaming via A2DP. Control via AVRCP is also possible. Bluetooth: Check!

Connectivity

The Audiovox unit offers plenty of connectivity options. The rear features five pre-outs for the front, rear and sub. A video output allows the connection of additional monitors, and there is also an input for a rear view camera. The original steering wheel controls can even be used via an optional interface. An AV input, an SD card slot and a mini USB connector can be found underneath a flap at the front of the unit. There's just one drawback: the latter is designed purely for music and video playback from mass storage devices, such as USB sticks. It isn't possible to control the unit via an iPhone or other smartphone. We can forgive

this, however, because stored music can be played via Bluetooth. Connectivity: Check!

Audio configuration

The options for adjusting the sound go well beyond the traditional bass/treble controller. The VME is equipped with a ten-band graphic equalizer. Six presets and a custom setting can be called up when required. A loudness function and a low-pass filter for the subwoofer are also available. Looking for extensive DSP features such as time correction in this price range is, of course, fruitless. Audio functions: Check!

Display and operation

The touchscreen is one of the most expensive components of a naviceiver. The Audiovox unit features a 16 cm TFT LCD display with LED backlight and a resolution of 800 x 480 pixels. Legibility is also very good at an angle, while sharpness and colour reproduction are by no means inferior to that generated by more expensive devices. This also makes watching movies on DVD fun. There's also nothing to complain about when it comes to operating the unit. The menus are clear, concise and self-explanatory, and you can start using the iGo navigation feature straight away without having to study the operating manual: Check!

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Conclusion

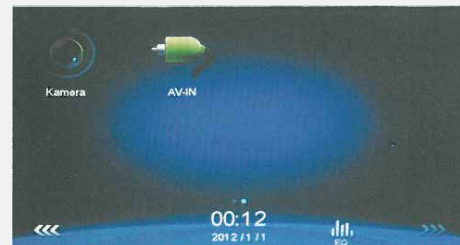
The complete VME 9125 NAV package includes Europe-wide navigation and comes in at a competitive price of just € 400. This is an absolute bargain among the double DIN naviceivers.



Clear route guidance



Clear navigation menus



Rear view camera and other AV sources



The navigation function offers lots of extras



Six presets are available for the equalizer