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Price/Performance:
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„Fully equipped naviceiver tailored for Golf and Co.“



Clear route guidance



Operation of the navigation function is self-explanatory



Nine-band graphic equalizer



iPods can be operated as normal



Safe hands-free functionality via Bluetooth



Clear tuner menu

The VMO 5020 V is the first vehicle-specific naviceiver from Audiovox. It is completely geared towards the VW Golf Mk5 and other models in the range.

The visual appearance of the navigation receiver is remarkably similar to the original equipment used in the Golf. In fact, the new Audiovox unit fits precisely into the radio slot of a number of vehicles produced by the Volkswagen Group. Mounting frames and adapters are not necessary. This is because the rear of the device is equipped with the appropriate Quadlock connector. The unit is also supplied with a CAN bus adapter, which enables the VMO 5020 V to read data from the vehicle bus. This allows the most important functions to be operated via the original VW steering wheel remote. It detects when the light is switched on and activates the red illuminated buttons accordingly. Depending on the Volkswagen's configuration, the screen will also display the temperature of the Climatronic system, the visual parking aid and the rear view camera.

Navigation and Bluetooth

Pre-installed on the micro-SD card is the iGo primo 2 navigation software, which includes the maps of 44 European countries and a 'latest maps guarantee'. TMC traffic information is obtained and taken into account when planning any routes. The iGo Primo system used is produced by the Hungarian navigation specialists NNG. It has already excelled in numerous tests thanks to its accurate route guidance, as well as particularly attractive and functional 3D graphics. It is therefore hardly surprising that the excellent Audiovox unit offers everything you would expect from a navigation system today. Also on board is a Bluetooth hands-free system that can be operated comfortably and conveniently via the touchscreen. Communication via the supplied external microphone is of a very good quality. Also supported is the wireless transmission of music via the A2DP Bluetooth protocol.

Media diversity

The Audiovox unit offers a complete entertainment package with its tuner, DVD drive and contemporary USB and iPod/iPhone connection at the rear, which also enables video playback

from iPhone and iPod touch. This is designed as a cable with a small media box at one end, which can be mounted in a readily accessible location. The corresponding sound is catered for by a nine-band graphic equalizer complete with balance, fader and loudness functions as well as a low-pass crossover for the subwoofer which can be switched in three stages. The rear of the unit offers the usual variety of AV inputs and outputs for navigation/media devices. Supported video and audio formats include MPEG-1/2, Xvid, VCD, SVCD, DVD, AVI, MP3 and WMA.

Test results

The Audiovox unit can be operated straight away without even looking at the manual. The combination of seven-inch touchscreen, two knobs and the buttons is self-explanatory. The brightness setting at the upper left-hand corner of the unit is very practical. You can adjust the brightness of the display in three stages or switch it off completely by simply pressing a button. Everything switches back on immediately by simply touching the screen. This is useful, for example, during long motorway journeys at night. If your route is straight on for the next 300 km, then you don't need the navigation screen. The Audiovox unit doesn't give any reason for complaint either when it comes to measurement technology. In our practical test the quality of radio reception wasn't quite as good as that of VW's original dual tuner, however, it's of the usual level for aftermarket devices. The sound reproduced by the VMO 5020 V is of a high level from all sources. The Parrot hands-free system and the iGo navigation unit do their job excellently as usual.

Conclusion

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In the test field: Audiovox, Phonocar, Zenec, Kenwood