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Maybe not essential use in Mondello Park but Satellite Navigation units are on the wish list of many motorists who have confined the traditional road map to history, we look at the pro's and con's of the different types available.

Integrated v Hand Held v PDA based systems

Satellite Navigation Type	Integrated Sat Nav (supplied with the car)	Hand Held, Plug & Go Sat Nav	Telephone and PDA based Sat Nav
Pro's	 Factory fitted Integrated into the cars sound system Large easy to view screen Sat Nav is often linked to the dash display	 Can be used in any car Cheaper to buy than integrated systems Easy to install updated maps	 Useful addition to other phone / PDA features Sat nav is always with you
Con's	Sat Nav can only be used in one car Very Expensive, can be in excess of €1,000 and very unlikely that you will recoup this when you sell the car Likely hood is that maps will be out of date Mapping updates more expensive	Easy target for thieves Small Screens Sat Nav is rarely linked to cars sound system Ad hoc fittings and installation, the Sat Nav can be prone to falling off the mount	Very small screen Generally sat nav gives poor performance in car as it is too slow Appears expensive to buy for the standard of performance Mobile phone charges as you go