# **TomTom EASE**

# 1. Getting started

#### Mounting your navigation device

1. Push the EasyPort<sup>™</sup> Mount on your TomTom EASE against the windshield in your car.



2. Adjust the angle of your device.



3. Lock the EasyPort Mount by twisting the base.



4. Insert the Car Charger into your device.



5. Insert the Car Charger into the cigarette lighter in your car.



6. Switch your device on by pressing the On/Off button on the back of your device.



7. You now have to answer some questions to set up your device. Tap the screen to answer the questions.



8. To remove the Mount from your windshield, first unlock the EasyPort Mount, then gently pull one of the tabs. The Mount comes off of the windshield.



#### **GPS** reception

When you first start your TomTom EASE navigation device, the device may need a few minutes to determine your GPS position and show your current position on the map. In the future, your position will be found much faster, usually within a few seconds.

To ensure good GPS reception, you should use your device outdoors. Large objects such as tall buildings can sometimes interfere with reception.

#### Changeable covers

You can personalize your TomTom EASE from a selection of protective covers.

To remove the cover from the device, first remove the mount. Then hold either side of the cover and push through the center of the cover to detach the device from the cover as shown in the diagram. To attach the new cover, push it gently into place as shown.



#### Troubleshooting

In rare cases, your TomTom EASE navigation device may not start correctly or may stop responding to your taps.

First, check that the battery is properly charged. To charge the battery, connect your device to the car charger.

If this does not solve the problem, you can reset the device. To do this, do the following.

1. Remove the Mount from the device by pressing the release button on the Mount.



2. Pull the back cover off the device by holding either side of the cover and pushing the device through the center of the cover.



3. Use a straightened paper clip, or something similar, to push the reset button. The reset button is on the bottom of your device.



# 2. Driving View

The Driving View shows your current location on the map together with detailed information such as current speed and route instructions.

Tap the center of the screen at any time to open the Main Menu.



A Your current position.

B The name of the next street or street sign information.

C Your speed and the speed limit, if known.

Tap this panel on the status bar to adjust the volume and to repeat the next instruction.

D Next route instruction.

Tap this panel on the status bar to switch between 2D and 3D views of the Driving View.

- E The name of the street you are on.
- F Information about your trip: trip time, remaining distance and arrival time.

Tap this panel on the status bar to see a route summary.

# 3. Advanced Lane Guidance

Advanced Lane Guidance

Note: Lane guidance is not available for all junctions or in all countries.

Your TomTom EASE helps you prepare for highway exits and junctions by showing the correct driving lane for your planned route.

As you approach an exit or junction, the lane you need is shown on the screen.



For some exits and junctions, the lane you need is shown in the status bar.



# 4. Main Menu

The Main Menu is the starting point for planning a route, looking at a map or changing your device settings.

To open the Main Menu from the Driving View, tap the center of the screen.



To return to the Driving View from the Main Menu, tap **done**.

Main Menu buttons

The following buttons are shown on the Main Menu.



Sound



Tap this button to turn the sound off.

sound



Tap this button to turn the sound on.

#### Night /Day



night

Tap this button to set the night color scheme, which reduces the brightness of the screen and shows the map using dark colors.

This is useful when driving at night or in dark environments such as long tunnels.



day

Tap this button to set the day color scheme, which increases the brightness of the screen and shows the map using bright colors.

**Options** 



options

Tap this button to adjust the settings for your device.



For more information, see the chapter **Options**.

Help



Tap this button to see contact details for local emergency services and other special services, such as veterinary clinics. You can then plan a route to your chosen service center.

help

For more information, see the chapter Help.

# 5. Browse map

To look at the map in the same way as you might look at a traditional paper map, tap **Browse map** in the Main Menu.

You can move the map by touching the screen and sliding your finger across the screen.



A The scale bar

B Marker

Markers point to your current location, your home location and your destination. The marker shows the distance to the location.

Tap a marker to center the map on the location pointed to by the marker.

C GPS button

Tap this button to center the map on your current position.

D The POI button

Tap this button to select which POIs are shown.

- E The cursor
- F The Find button

Tap this button to find specific addresses.

G The Cursor button

Tap this button to plan a route to the cursor position, create a Favorite at the cursor position or find a Point of Interest near to the cursor position.

H The zoom bar

Zoom in and out by moving the slider.

## 6. Planning a route

- 1. Tap the screen to open the Main Menu.
- 2. Tap Plan route.

You can enter an address in various ways, but we will enter the full address.

- 3. Tap Address.
- 4. Start to type the name of the town where your trip will begin and tap on the name when it appears in the list.

Tip: When you plan a route for the first time you are asked to select the country or state. Your choice is saved and used for all future routes. You can change this setting by tapping on the flag and selecting a new country or state.



5. Enter the street name and the house number, then tap **Done**.

**Tip**: Before you start to enter a street name, **City center** is shown at the top of the list. This is useful if you do not have an address and only need general directions.

6. Tap Done.

The route is planned and a summary of the route is shown.



#### 7. Tap Done.

Your navigation device is ready to guide you to your destination.

Planning a route with a new starting point

To plan a route in advance of traveling or to use a new starting point, do the following:

- 1. Tap the screen to open the Main Menu.
- 2. Tap Plan route.
- 3. Tap Depart from.

You can enter an address in various ways, but we will enter the full address.

4. Tap Address.

Start to type the name of the town where your trip will begin and tap on the name when it appears in the list.

**Tip**: When you plan a route for the first time you are asked to select the country or state. Your choice is saved and used for all future routes. You can change this setting by tapping on the flag and selecting a new country or state.



5. Enter the street name and the house number, then tap **Done**.

**Tip**: Before you start to enter a street name, **City center** is shown at the top of the list. This is useful if you do not have an address and only need general directions.

6. Enter the destination address, then select **Now** when asked for the departure time and then tap **Done**.

The route is planned and a summary of the route is shown.



7. Tap Done.

Your navigation device is ready to guide you to your destination.

#### 7. Finding alternative routes

Once you have planned a route, you may want to change something about the route, without changing your destination.

#### Why change the route?

Maybe for one of these reasons:

- You can see a roadblock or a line of traffic ahead.
- You want to travel via a particular location, to pick someone up, stop for lunch or fill up with gas.
- You want to avoid a difficult intersection or a road you don't like.

Tap this button in the Main Menu to change the currently planned route.



Avoid roadblock	<ul> <li>Tap this button if you can see a roadblock or a line of traffic ahead. You then have to choose how much of the route ahead you want to avoid.</li> <li>Choose from the different options. Your EASE recalculates your route avoiding the section of the route for the distance you selected.</li> <li>Don't forget that once a new route is calculated, you may have to turn off the road you are on very soon.</li> <li>If the roadblock disappears while you are traveling, you can tap Recalculate original to recalculate your original route. After you tap Calculate alternative, the button name changes to Recalculate original.</li> </ul>
Calculate alternative	<ul> <li>Tap this button to calculate an alternative to the route already planned. Your EASE calculates another route, starting from your current location.</li> <li>After you tap Calculate alternative, the button name changes to Recalculate original. If you later decide you want to travel along the original route, tap Recalculate original.</li> <li>Apart from the roads near your position and near your destination, the new route uses totally different roads to reach your destination. This is an easy way of calculating a totally different route.</li> </ul>
Recalculate original	Tap this button to replan your original route. This button is shown when you have changed your route by calculating an alternative.

Travel via	Tap this button to change your route so that it passes a particular location, perhaps to pick someone up on the way. When you do this, a marker is shown on the map for the location you choose to travel via.
	You choose the location you want to pass in the same way as you choose a destination. So you can select from all the same options, for example: <b>Address</b> , <b>Favorite</b> , <b>Point of Interest</b> and <b>Point on map</b> .
	Your EASE calculates a new route to your destination that passes the loca- tion you chose. Unlike your final destination, your EASE does not inform you when you pass by this location.
Plan route	Tap this button to plan a new route. When you plan a new route, the old one is deleted.
	Tap this button to delete the current route.
Clear route	

# 8. Options

You can change the way your TomTom EASE looks and behaves.

Tap options in the Main Menu.

#### Change voice



Your navigation device gives spoken warnings and instructions using voices which have been recorded by actors.

To select a different voice on your device, tap **Change voice** in the Options menu or in the Voices and images menu. Then select a voice from the list.

You can add and remove voices using TomTom HOME.

Set clock



Tap this button to select the time format and to set the time.

The easiest way to set the time is by tapping the **Sync** button. Your EASE will then take the time from GPS information.

*Note*: You can only use *Sync* if you have GPS reception, so you cannot set the clock in this way when you are indoors.

After using **Sync** to set the time, you may have to adjust the hours depending on your time zone. Your EASE works out your time zone and always keeps the time correct using GPS information.

#### Change language



Tap this button to change the language used for all the buttons and messages you see on your EASE.

You can choose from a wide range of languages. When you change the language, you are also given the opportunity to change the voice.

#### Home and Favorites



Tap this button to manage your Home and Favorite locations.

For more information, see the chapter Favorites.

#### Voices and images



Tap this button to change your settings for voices and images.

For more information, see the chapter Voices and images.

#### Map corrections



Tap this button to make a correction to your map.

corrections

#### Advanced settings

To change the advanced settings on your TomTom EASE, tap the  $\ensuremath{\text{Advanced}}$  button in the Options menu.

#### Set units



Set units

Tap this button to set the units used for the following measurements:

- Distance
- Time
  - Latitude and longitude

#### Operate left-handed / Operate right-handed



Tap this button to move important buttons, for example, the **Done** and **Cancel** buttons as well as the zoom bar, to the left hand side of the screen.

To move the buttons back to the right hand side of the screen, tap **Operate** right-handed.

#### Keyboard preferences



You use the keyboard to enter your destination or to find an item in a list, such as a POI.

Keyboard preferences Tap this button to select the size of the keys on the keyboard and the keyboard layout. You can select from two sizes:

- Large keyboard
- Small keyboard

Several keyboard layouts are available:

- ABCD keyboard
- QWERTY keyboard
- AZERTY keyboard

Tap this button to enable or disable TomTom Safety Alerts.



#### TomTom Safety Alerts



The TomTom Safety Alerts service warns you about fixed safety camera locations.

**Important**: If you have a subscription to this service, regularly connect your navigation device to TomTom HOME to update the list of locations for all types of safety alerts.

When a safety camera location is shown on the map, a warning sound is played to warn you that you are approaching an area where a safety camera is located.

#### Switch map



Tap this button to change the map you are using.

Switch map

Reset factory settings



Tap this button to restore the factory settings to your TomTom EASE.

All your settings, including your Home location and any Favorites, are deleted.



#### What are Favorites?

Favorites are places that you often visit. You can create Favorites so that you don't have to enter the address every time you plan a route.

They don't have to be places you especially like, just useful addresses.

#### How can I create a Favorite?

From the Main Menu, tap **options** followed by **Home and Favorites** and then tap **Add Favorite**.

You can then select the location of the Favorite from the list below.

You can type your own name for the Favorite when the keyboard is shown. To enter the name, there's no need to delete the suggested name, just start typing.



You can add a Point of Interest (POI) as a Favorite.



Does it make sense to do this?

If you visit a POI you particularly like, for example a restaurant, you can add it as a Favorite.

To add a POI as a Favorite, tap this button, then do the following:

1. Narrow your choice of POIs by selecting the area where the POI is.

You can select one of these options:

- POI near you to search from a list of POIs near your current position.
- **POI in city** to choose a POI in a particular town or city. You have to specify a town or city.
- **POI near Home** to search from a list of POIs near your Home location.

If you are currently navigating to a destination, you can also select from a list of POIs which are on your route or near your destination. Choose one of these options:

- POI along route
- POI near destination
- 2. Select the category of POI.

Tap the category of POI if it is shown or tap the arrow to choose from the complete list.

Tap **Any POI category** to search for a POI by name.



Tap this button to create a Favorite using the map browser.

Select the location of the Favorite using the cursor, then tap Done.

Point on map

#### How can I use a Favorite?

You will normally use a Favorite to plan a route somewhere without having to enter the address. To plan a route to a Favorite location, do the following:

- 1. Tap the screen to open the Main Menu.
- 2. Tap Plan route or Change route.
- 3. Tap Favorite.
- 4. Select a Favorite from the list. This will be your destination.
- 5. Select Now.
- 6. If your current location is unknown you are asked if you want to wait until the location is known or if you want to plan a route using your last known position. For this example select **Plan using last known position**, then tap **Done**.

The route is planned and a summary of the route is shown.

7. Tap Done.

Your navigation device is ready to guide you to your destination.

How can I change the name of a Favorite?

- 1. Tap the screen to bring up the main menu.
- 2. Tap **options** to open the Options menu.
- 3. Tap Home and Favorites.
- 4. Tap Manage Favorites.
- 5. Tap the Favorite you want to rename.
- 6. Tap Rename.

#### How can I delete a Favorite?

- 1. Tap the screen to bring up the main menu.
- 2. Tap **options** to open the Options menu.
- 3. Tap Home and Favorites.
- 4. Tap Manage Favorites.
- 5. Tap the Favorite you want to delete.
- 6. Tap Delete.

## 10. Points of Interest

Points of Interest or POIs are useful places on the map. Here are some examples:

- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Museums
- Parking garages
- Gas stations

*Note*: Tap *Map corrections* in the Options menu to report missing POIs or edit existing POIs.

#### Navigating to a POI

You can use a POI as your destination. For example, if you are traveling to an unfamiliar city, you could choose a parking garage POI as your destination.

- 1. Tap the screen to bring up the Main Menu.
- 2. Tap Plan route in the Main Menu.
- 3. Tap Point of Interest.
- 4. Narrow your choice of POIs by selecting the area where the POI is located.

You can select one of these options:

- POI near you to choose from a list of POIs near to your current location.
- **POI in city** to find a POI in a particular town or city.
- POI near Home to choose from a list of POIs near to your Home location.

You can select from a list of POIs which are along your route or close to your destination. Choose from one of these options:

- · POI along route
- POI near destination

Tip: The last POI you searched for is also shown as a button in the POI menu.

- 5. Type the name of the town you want to visit and select the town when it appears in the list.
- 6. Select the category of POI or if you selected to **POI in city** then type the name of the city.

Tap the category of POI.

Tap the arrow to choose from the complete list of categories. Select the category from the list or start to type the name of the category and select it when it appears in the list.

#### 7. Tap Parking garage.

8. From the list of POIs shown, select the POI you want to navigate to.

The table below explains the distances listed next to each POI.

POI near you	Distance from your current location
POI in city	Distance from the city center
POI near Home	Distance from your Home location
POI along route	Distance from a location on your route
POI near desti- nation	Distance from your destination

If you know the name of the POI, tap **Find** and type the name. Select it from the list when it is shown.

The next screen shows more detailed information including the location of the POI on the map and the phone number of the POI, if available.

Tap Select to confirm you want to plan a route to this POI.

Once you have selected a POI, the route to the POI is calculated by your TomTom EASE.

## 11. Voices and images

Voices

Your navigation device has different voices which have been recorded by actors. These voices are used for spoken instructions.

#### Sound and volume control

To adjust the volume level, tap the left-hand section of the status bar in the Driving View.

The last spoken instruction is repeated and the volume level is shown.

Move the volume slider to adjust the volume.

To turn the sound on or off, tap **sound** in the Main Menu.

#### Set day color scheme



Tap **day** in the Main Menu to increase the brightness of the screen and show lighter colors on the map.

Set day color scheme You can download additional color schemes using TomTom HOME.

#### Set night color scheme



Tap **night** in the Main Menu to reduce the brightness of the screen and show darker colors on the map.

Set night color scheme

You can download additional color schemes using TomTom HOME.

#### Change car symbol



Tap this button to select the car symbol that shows your current position in the Driving View.

Change car symbol

You can download additional car symbols using TomTom HOME.

#### Change voice



Your navigation device gives spoken warnings and instructions using voices which have been recorded by actors.

To select a different voice on your device, tap Change voice in the Options menu or in the Voices and images menu. Then select a voice from the list.

You can add and remove voices using TomTom HOME.

#### Change start-up image



Tap this button to select the start-up image which is shown every time you switch on the device.

Change startup image

You can download additional start-up images using TomTom HOME.

#### Change shutdown image



Tap this button to select the shutdown image which is shown every time you switch off the device.

You can download additional shutdown images using TomTom HOME.



image

### 12. TomTom Map Share<sup>™</sup>

With TomTom Map Share, you can correct errors on your map and share those corrections with other people in the TomTom Map Share community, as well as receiving corrections made by others.

If you find a street that has recently been blocked to traffic which was open before, you can use Map Share to correct your map and then share the correction with other Map Share users.

You can use Map Share to send and receive map corrections during the first year after the map's release date. This means that one year after the release date, you will no longer be able to send or receive map corrections for that version of the map. You will still be able to make corrections to your own map for use on your own device.

*Note*: TomTom Map Share is not available in all regions. For more information, go to **tomtom.com/mapshare**.

#### Map corrections

There are two types of map corrections:

 Corrections that are immediately shown on the map. These include, changing the traffic flow of a street, blocking or renaming a street and adding or editing POIs.

This type of change is immediately shown on your own map.

 Corrections that are reported to TomTom but not shown immediately on your map. These include, missing streets, errors in highway entrances and exits and missing rotaries.

This type of correction is investigated by TomTom and, once verified, is included in the next map release. These corrections are therefore not shared with the Map Share community.

**Important**: For safety reasons, you should only mark a location when you are driving. Do not enter the full details of an error while you are driving.



error

1. Tap **options** in the Main Menu then tap **Map corrections**.

2. Tap Correct a map error.

A list of possible map corrections is shown.

3. Select the type of correction you want to report.

*Note*: If you tap *Add missing POI* or *Report other error* you will be asked for some additional information before the next step.

- 4. Select the method you want to use for selecting the location of the correction.
- 5. When you have found the location, tap Done.
- 6. Enter correction or confirmation of correction now.

#### Receiving the latest map updates

When you connect your TomTom EASE to your computer, TomTom HOME automatically downloads any available map corrections and sends the Map Share community any changes you have made.

Marking a map error while on the move

**Important**: For safety reasons, you should only mark a location when you are driving. Do not enter the full details of an error while you are driving.

If you notice an item on your map that needs attention, you can mark the location using the **Report** button and then enter the details when you are no longer driving.

To show the **Report** button in the Driving View, do the following:

- 1. Tap **options** in the Main Menu, then tap **Map corrections**.
- 2. Tap Correction preferences.
- 3. Tap Next, then tap Continue, then tap Done.
- 4. Select Show report button, then tap Done.

The **Report** button is shown on the left-hand side of the Driving View. After you mark a location, you can add more information about the change when you open the **Map corrections** menu.

For example, you are driving to a friendqs house and you notice that the name of the street you are on is different from the one on your map. To report the change, tap the **Report** button and your EASE will save your current location. You can then send the correction to TomTom Map Share when you have finished your trip.

#### TomTom Map Share community

To join the Map Share community, do the following:

1. Tap **options** in the Main Menu then tap **Map corrections**.

2. Tap Download corrections made by others.

3. Tap **Join**.

When you connect your EASE to your computer, TomTom HOME downloads new corrections and sends your corrections to the Map Share community.

Important: Connect your device to your computer regularly and use TomTom HOME to check for new updates.

#### **Correction preferences**

The correction preferences set the way TomTom Map Share works on your device.

You can set the following preferences:

- Use the trust level slider to choose the types of corrections from the Map Share community you want to use on your maps.
- Decide if you want to share your corrections with others.
- Show or hide the report button in the Driving View.

To set your preferences, tap **options** in the Main Menu then tap **Map corrections**.

#### Accepting map corrections

You can set the type of map corrections you want to receive from the Map Share community to improve your maps.

To do this, tap **options** in the Main Menu. Then tap **Correction preferences** and move the slider to select the type of corrections you want.



There are four types of map correction:

- TomTom only accept changes made by TomTom.
- Trusted sources accept changes made by TomTom and by trusted users who have been verified by TomTom.
- Many users accept changes made by TomTom, by trusted users who have been verified by TomTom and changes made by a high number of Map Share community members.
- Some users accept changes made by TomTom, by trusted users who have been verified by TomTom and all changes that have been made by Map Share community members.

#### Types of map correction

There are several types of correction that you can make to a map.

To make a correction to your map, tap **Map corrections** in the **Options** menu then tap **Correct a map error**. The following types of corrections are shown.



Tap this button to block or unblock a street. You can block or unblock the street in one or both directions.

For example, to correct a street near to your current location, do the following:

- 1. Tap (Un)block street.
- 2. Tap **Near you** to select a street near your current location. You can select a street by name, a street near your Home location or a street on the map.
- 3. Select the street or section of a street you want to correct by tapping it on the map.

The street you select is highlighted and the cursor shows the name of the street.

4. Tap Done.

Your device shows the street and whether the traffic is blocked or allowed in each direction.



- 5. Tap one of the direction buttons to block or unblock the flow of traffic in that direction.
- 6. Tap Done.

The next time you connect your device to TomTom HOME, your corrections are shared with the TomTom Map Share community.



Tap this button to correct the traffic direction of a one-way street, where the direction of traffic is different to the direction shown on your map.

Reverse traffic direction

*Note*: Reverse traffic direction only works for one-way streets. If you select a two-way street you will be given the chance to block/unblock the street rather than changing the direction.



Tap this button to change the name of a street on your map.

For example, to rename a street near to your current location:

- 1. Tap Edit street name.
  - 2. Tap Near you.
  - 3. Select the street or section of a street you want to correct by tapping it on the map.

The street you select is highlighted and the cursor shows the name of the street.

- 4. Tap Done.
- 5. Type the correct street name.
- 6. Tap **Done**.

Tap this button to change and report incorrect road turn directions.



Change turn restrictions

Tap this button to change and report an incorrect road speed limit.



Tap this button to add a new Point of Interest (POI).

Add missing POI

For example to add a new restaurant near to your current location:

- 1. Tap Add missing POI.
- 2. Tap Restaurant in the list of POI categories.
- 3. Tap Near you.
- 4. Select the location of the missing restaurant.

You can select the location by entering the address or by selecting the location on the map. Select **Near you** or **Near home** to open the map at your current location or at your Home location.

- 5. Tap Done.
- 6. Type the name of the restaurant then tap **OK**.
- 7. If you know the telephone number of the restaurant you can type it, then tap **OK**.

If you don't know the number, just tap **OK** without typing a number.



Tap this button to edit an existing POI.

You can use this button to make the following changes to a POI:

- Delete the POI.
  - Rename the POI.
  - Change the telephone number of the POI.
  - Change the category that a POI belongs to.
  - Move the POI on the map.



Tap this button to report other types of corrections.

These corrections are not immediately applied to your map. Your TomTom EASE sends a special report to TomTom Map Share.

You can report missing streets, errors in freeway entrances and exits and missing rotaries. If the correction you want to report is not covered by any of these report types, enter a general description then tap **Other**.

# 13. Help

Help provides an easy way to contact and plan a route to locations that provide emergency services, such as a hospital or to other specialized services.

For example, if you are involved in a car accident, you could use Help to call the nearest hospital and tell them your exact location.

Note: Information may not be available for all services in all countries.

How do I use Help to phone a local service?

You can use Help to plan a route to local services, make contact by phone and inform the service about the precise details of your current location.

When you search for a service center, you are shown a list of the nearest services. Select one of the services in the list to view their address and phone number and to see your current location on the map.

To use Help to locate an emergency service, contact them by phone and plan a route to the emergency service location, do the following:

- 1. Tap the screen to bring up the Main Menu.
- 2. Tap help.
- 3. Tap Call for help.
- Select the type of service you require. For this example, tap Nearest hospital.
- 5. Select a service from the list. The nearest service is shown at the top of the list. For this example, tap the one at the top of the list.

Your current location is shown on the map together with the phone number of the service. This helps you to explain where you are when you call the service for help.

6. To plan a route from your current location to the service location, tap **Nav-igate there**.

Your navigation device starts guiding you to your destination.

#### Options

Call for help	Tap this button to view the location and contact details for a service.
Drive to help	Tap this button to plan a route by car to a service.

## 14. Using TomTom HOME

TomTom HOME is a free application for your computer that you can use to update your device, read the Reference Guide, download extras and update your maps. To use TomTom HOME with your device, do the following:

1. Remove the EasyPort<sup>™</sup> Mount from the back of your device by pushing the release button on the Mount. Turn the Mount around.



2. Reattach the Mount to your device. Push your device against the ball joint end of the Mount first. Then push the device into the other end of the Mount.



3. Open the Mount up so you can stand it on a table.



4. Connect the USB cable to your device and to your computer.



Switch your device on. Your device asks you if you want to connect to the computer. Tap **YES**. If TomTom HOME is not installed on your computer, it starts to install. Your computer needs to be connected to the internet.

*Note:* You can also download TomTom HOME from tomtom.com/home.

#### Traffic information using RDS-TMC 15.

#### The Traffic Message Channel (TMC)

Note: The TomTom RDS-TMC Traffic Receiver is included with some products and is also available as an accessory for other products. For more information, visit tomtom.com.

Your TomTom navigation device uses TMC traffic information to warn you about traffic delays along your route and how you can avoid them.

You can receive traffic information on your TomTom EASE using the TomTom **RDS-TMC Traffic Receiver.** 

TMC traffic information, also known as RDS-TMC, is transmitted on FM radio. The signal is broadcast by radio stations in several countries on the same frequency as their normal radio programs.

Important: TMC is not available in all country regions. The Traffic Message Channel is not a TomTom Service and TomTom is not responsible for the availability or quality of traffic information provided by TMC. To check if TMC is available in your country region, visit tomtom.com.

#### Using traffic information

To start using TMC, connect the TomTom RDS-TMC Traffic Receiver to the USB connector on your device.

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As soon as you start receiving traffic information, the traffic sidebar is shown on the right side of the Driving View. The traffic sidebar warns you about any traffic incidents on your route.

In this example, there is a traffic jam on your route 9 miles ahead that will cause an expected delay of 38 minutes.

These symbols are shown at the top of the traffic sidebar:



Your EASE has the latest RDS-TMC traffic information.

Ir EASE is waiting to download the latest RDS-TMC traffic information soon as it is available.



Your EASE is searching for a radio station that carries RDS-TMC traffic information.

To find the guickest route to your destination, do the following:

1. Tap the Traffic sidebar.

2. Tap Minimize traffic delays.

Your device looks for the quickest route to your destination.

The new route may also include traffic delays, or may even be the same route as before.

3. Tap Done.

Changing traffic preferences



Use the **Change Traffic preferences** button to choose how traffic information works on your device.

- 1. Tap the **TomTom Traffic** button in the Main Menu on your device.
- 2. Tap Change Traffic preferences.

You can change the following preferences:

- Beep when traffic situation on route changes if you select this option your device beeps when a new traffic incident occurs on your current route.
- Tune manually by entering a frequency if you select this option, the button Tune manually is shown in the Traffic menu. Tap Tune manually to enter the frequency of a particular radio station you want to use for RDS-TMC traffic information.
- 3. Select or clear the check box next to each preference you want to change.
- 4. Tap Done.
- 5. Select what should happen if the traffic situation changes when you are driving and a faster route is found. You can choose from these options:
  - Always switch to that route your route will automatically be updated to the faster route.
  - Ask me if I want that route you are asked if you want to stay on your current route or switch to the faster route.
  - Never change my route your route is not changed and you are not asked if you want to change your route.
- 6. Tap Done.

#### **Traffic incidents**

Traffic incidents are displayed both on the Driving View and also on the Traffic sidebar as small symbols. There are two type of symbols:

- Symbols shown in a red square are traffic incidents. Your navigation device can replan to avoid them.
- Symbols shown in a red rectangle are weather related. Your device does not replan to avoid these warnings.

Traffic incident symbols and their meaning are shown below:





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*Note*: The incident avoided symbol is shown for any traffic incident that you avoid using **TomTom Traffic**.

Setting the radio frequency for RDS-TMC information



If you know the frequency of a particular radio station you want to use for RDS-TMC traffic information, do the following to set the frequency manually:

To activate this feature, you must first enable manual tuning. To do this, tap the Traffic bar in the Driving View, then tap **Change Traffic preferences**. Select **Tune manually by entering a frequency** and then tap **Done**.

- 1. Tap the Traffic sidebar in the Driving View.
- 2. Tap Tune Manually.
- 3. Enter the frequency of the radio station.
- 4. Tap Done.

Your TomTom device looks for your radio station. If it doesn't find a radio station at the frequency you set, it automatically continues to search for the next available station.

Making commuting to work easier

The **Home to work** and **Work to home** buttons in the Traffic menu let you check your route to and from work with one tap of a button. When you use either of these buttons, your device checks the route for possible delays, and if it finds any, provides you with the possibility to avoid them.

The first time you use **Home to work**, you must set your home and work locations for this feature by doing the following:

- 1. Tap the TomTom Traffic button in the Main Menu on your device.
- 2. Tap Show home-work traffic.
- 3. Tap Change home-work
- 4. Set your home location
- 5. Set your work location.

*Note*: The home location you set here is not the same as your Home location that you set in the Preferences menu and is shown in the **Navigate to** menu.

You can now use the **Home to work** and **Work to home** buttons of the Show home-work traffic menu.

For example, to check for delays on your route home, do the following:

- 1. Tap TomTom Traffic in the Main Menu on your device.
- 2. Tap Show home-work traffic.
- 3. Tap Work to home.

The Driving view is shown.

To see if there is a quicker way home, tap **Find alternative** and then tap **Minimize delays**.

#### Show traffic on route

To check for delays on your route, tap **Show traffic on route** in the Traffic menu. Your navigation device shows a summary of the traffic delays on your route.

The total includes any delays due to traffic incidents and those due to busy roads, with information provided by IQ Routes.

Tap Minimize delays to check if you can reduce the delay.

Checking traffic incidents in your area



Get an overview of the traffic situation in your area, using the map. To find local incidents and their details, do the following:

Browse map

1. Tap the TomTom Traffic button in the Main Menu on your device.

#### 2. Tap Browse map.

The map browser screen is shown.

3. Tap the blue compass image in the top right of the screen.

The map centers itself on your current location, and any traffic incidents in the area are shown as small symbols.



4. Tap on any traffic incident to get more information.

A second screen is shown that gives you detailed information about the incident you chose. To display information about surrounding incidents use the left and right arrows at the bottom of this second screen.

#### Traffic menu

Tap the Traffic sidebar in the Driving View to open the Traffic menu. The following buttons are available:

Minimize delays	Replans your route based on the latest traffic information.
Show home- work traffic	Checks the traffic along your Home to Work route.
Show traffic on route	Tap this button to show areas of traffic congestion along your current route.
<b>Browse map</b>	Shows an overview of traffic incidents on the map.
Change Traffic preferences	Changes the settings for Traffic services.