



Dakota® 10 and 20 quick start manual





See the *Important Safety and Product Information* guide in the product box for product warnings and other important information.

Dakota units operate on two AA batteries. Use alkaline, NiMH, or lithium batteries. Use precharged NiMH or lithium batteries for best results.

To install the batteries:

1. Slide the latch and remove the battery cover.



2. Insert the battery. Align the + (positive) and - (negative) markings on the device with the battery.
3. Replace the battery cover

To select the battery type:

1. Touch **Setup > System > Battery Type**.
2. Select **Alkaline, Lithium, or Rechargeable NiMH**.



NOTE: Remove batteries when you do not plan to use the Dakota for several months. Stored data is not lost when batteries are removed.

To turn the Dakota on or off:

1. To turn on the Dakota, press .
2. To turn off the Dakota, press and hold .

To adjust the backlight level:

1. While the Dakota is on, press and quickly release .
2. Touch  or  to adjust the brightness levels.

To lock or unlock the screen:

1. Press and quickly release .
2. Touch **Lock Screen** (or **Unlock Screen**).

To acquire GPS satellite signals:

1. Go outdoors to an open area, away from tall buildings and trees.
2. Turn on the Dakota. Acquiring satellite signals can take a few minutes.

The  bars on the Main page indicate satellite strength. When the bars are green, the Dakota has acquired satellite signals.

To use the map:

1. Touch **Map**. Your current location is indicated by a location marker .
2. Touch  or  to zoom.
3. Touch and drag the screen to pan the map.

To view the compass:

1. Touch **Compass**.

The bearing pointer points to your destination, regardless of the direction you are moving. If the bearing pointer points toward the top of the compass, you are traveling directly toward your destination. If it points any other direction, turn toward that direction until the arrow is pointing toward the top of the compass.

Calibrate the compass after moving long distances, experiencing temperature changes, or changing the batteries.

To calibrate the electronic compass:



NOTE: The electronic compass is unavailable with the Dakota 10.

1. Calibrate the electronic compass outdoors. Do not stand near objects that influence magnetic fields, such as cars, buildings, or overhead power lines.
2. Touch **Setup > Heading > Press To Begin Compass Calibration**.
3. Touch **Start** and follow the on-screen directions.

To review information about a point on the map:

1. Touch the location you want to review.
2. Touch the information button at the top of the screen.

To mark your current location as a waypoint:

1. Touch **Mark Waypoint**.
2. Touch **Save**.

To edit a waypoint when you save your current location as a waypoint:

1. Touch **Mark Waypoint**.
2. Touch **Save and Edit**.
3. Touch an attribute you want to change (such as the name or symbol).
4. Touch letters, numbers, or symbols to make the changes.

5. Touch . Change other attributes, if necessary.
6. Touch  to discard the changes.

To edit a waypoint:

1. Touch **Waypoint Manager**.
2. Touch the waypoint.
3. Touch the attribute.
4. Touch letters, numbers, or symbols to make the changes.
5. Touch  (except when changing a symbol). Change other attributes, if necessary.
6. Touch  to discard the changes.

To delete a waypoint:

1. Touch **Waypoint Manager**.
2. Touch the waypoint you want to delete.
3. Touch **Delete Waypoint**.

To use the trip computer:

The Trip Computer displays your current speed, average speed, maximum speed, trip odometer, and other helpful statistics.

Touch a field to change what is shown in that field.

To view the trip computer:

From the Main menu, touch **Trip Computer**.

To reset trip data:

Touch **Setup > Reset > Reset Trip Data > Yes**.

To navigate to a point using Where To?:

Using the Where To? page, you can navigate to your saved waypoints, enter coordinates, find points of interest, and more.

1. Touch **Where To?**
2. Touch a category.
3. Touch the item to which you want to navigate.
4. Touch **Go**. A colored line indicates your course.
5. Touch  > **Compass**.
6. Use the compass to navigate to your destination.

To navigate to a point on the map:

1. Touch **Map**.
2. Touch the point on the map.

3. Touch the information button at the top of the screen.
4. Touch **Go** >  > **Compass**.
5. Use the compass to navigate to your destination.

To stop navigating, touch **Where To?** > **Stop Navigation**.

To create and navigate a new route:

1. Touch **Route Planner** > **<Create Route>** > **<Select First Point>** to select a starting point.
2. Touch a category.
3. Touch the first item on the route.
4. Touch **Use** > **<Select Next Point>**.
5. Repeat until the route is complete.

6. Touch  to save the route.
7. Touch  > **Where To?** > **Routes** to navigate the route.

To record your tracks:

1. Touch **Setup** > **Tracks** > **Track Log**.
2. Touch **Do Not Record**; **Record, Do Not Show**; or **Record, Show On Map**.

If you select **Record, Show On Map**, a line on the Map page indicates your track.

To clear your current track:

Touch **Setup** > **Reset** > **Clear Current Track** > **Yes**.

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