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some of the best choices
out there

Map view is a
massive step up

- Ease of use rated
- Design,
construction
and durability rated
- Each system put
through its paces
for months



Continuous updates and improvements



15
months
ON TEST

Beeline Moto II £179.99

‘Following the simple route’



**Tested by Ben Clarke
for 15 months
3000 miles**

I reviewed the Beeline Moto in these pages a couple of years ago, having piled on a swift 500 miles with a pre-production unit. Since then, I've used the Beeline for thousands more miles across several test bikes and, if anything, I've grown to like it even more.

Beeline moved the game on a long way with this second generation of their motorcycle unit and made it closer than ever to being a proper satnav replacement. It still isn't a straight replacement for a large-screened standalone satnav unit and if you're used to the colour read-out on a gargantuan TFT dash or your phone on a handlebar then it will take some getting used to.

Where it shines, though, is its

simplicity, subtle looks and near-ubiquitous bike compatibility. I regularly use the most basic rubber band-secured bracket to lash the Moto II to bikes that have a built-in satnav (like my 2025 Indian 101 Scout long-term test bike) because: I think it does a better job than most and I don't have to learn another interface every time I jump on a new model.

Unlike the original Beeline, the Moto II gives a map view of the road ahead with you on it. As you approach a junction, roundabout or slip road, the unit flashes purpley-white LED lights (disturbingly similar to the colour of a Gatso flash in the corner of your eye) to remind you that you need to do something and shows you a more detailed road layout.

It's still a very simple readout but it gets the job done and, for users of the original Beeline, this functionality is a

massive step up. I loved the old Moto (it was part of my 'gear I can't stop using' kit list much like the second one is now) and so the improved display capability blows my mind. I also find myself using it to gauge the severity of upcoming corners like a rally co-driver.

The timing of the directions and the way they are delivered take a little getting used to if you've not had a Beeline before, but once you dial into what it's asking (it took me a couple of longer journeys to do this) you will rarely put a wheel wrong – especially if you steer clear of very complicated inner-city road layouts.

And the good news keeps on coming if you sign up for a Beeline Plus subscription (£34.99/year or £3.99/month) as Beeline constantly release software updates that move the game on further.

The latest batch of innovations includes live traffic info and speed camera warnings, which flash up with a red light that most definitely grabs your attention on the move. Features like these and whatever else Beeline add to the package in the future simply add to the experience of using it and take further big steps towards the functionality of a bigger and more expensive standalone options all in one neat and compact unit.

MCN rating ★★★★★
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PROS & CONS

- + Ongoing software improvements
- Alert flash doesn't always catch my eye



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