Garmin are going big in 2016 with new sat-navs that promise to do much more than get you to your destination.

The new range is led by the top-end 595LM model and the more cost-effective 395LM, which both share a wide range of features designed to improve life on the road.

The two devices both feature Garmin Adventurous Routing options that let the rider decide how twisty the route should be, or how hilly, and how determined they are to avoid motorway drudgery on route.

Both units also have the ability to warn the rider about upcoming sharp bends or other hazards such as traffic lights, speed camera locations and animal crossings.

It’s probably handy that such warnings are in place as there’s the potential for information overload on the more expensive 595LM unit. That device can link with the rider’s smartphone to display information such as incoming text messages, app notifications, live weather info and traffic updates. The 595LM can also connect with a phone’s Spotify app to stream music to a rider’s headset while on the move.

The 595LM has a 5in touchscreen display, while the cheaper 395LM has a more compact 4.3in display. Both have lifetime map updates for Europe and include pre-loaded points of interest such as dealers and workshops. They also allow the rider to plan fuel stops based on their tank range, set alerts for bike services and a round-trip option to plan journeys based on the time or distance it will take.

Garmin ZUMO 395LM £399.99 and ZUMO 595LM £549.99

MCN SAYS

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Garmin and TomTom have pushed hard in the last few years to make increasingly more helpful devices. Many riders prefer the freedom of not having a sat nav, but gadget fans will have a field day with a device like this.

SAT-NAV DOES SO MUCH MORE...

1 The more expensive 595LM has a ‘transflective’ screen, which uses the ambient light to make it appear at the correct brightness for the conditions.

2 Want someone to be able to see how you’re getting on with your trip? The 595LM has a feature called LiveTrack that lets selected friends see where you are.

3 By hooking up to a Bluetooth headset, both the 395 and 595LM will let the rider make or take calls on the move without taking their hands off the bars.

THE RIVAL

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