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M/N: A04828 Quick Start Manual

Introduction

WARNING

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

Getting Started

- 1 Charge the device (page 4).
- 2 Turn on the device and select your language, action button function, and current activity (page 2).
- 3 Pair your device and activate inReach® satellite communication features with the Garmin Messenger® app on your phone (page 4).
- 4 Create a passcode to secure your device.
- 5 Check for updates (page 12).

For the best experience, you should keep the software on your device up to date. Software updates provide changes and improvements to privacy, security, and features.

- 6 Sync your satellite communicator with the Garmin Messenger app (page 9).
- 7 Test your satellite communicator before you begin your trip (page 10).
- 8 Go outdoors to an open area and wait while the device locates satellites.
- 9 Start an activity (page 10).

Device Overview



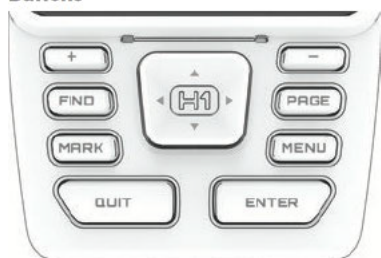
① Internal Iridium® and GNSS antenna

Press to enter sleep mode or wake the device.

- ②  Hold to view the notification center and controls, and turn the device on or off.

③	SOS button under protective cover (page 8).
④	USB port under weather cap (page 4).
⑤	Buttons (page 3).
⑥	microSD® card slot under weather cap (page 12).
⑦	Action button NOTE: You can customize the shortcut function for this button during the initial setup, or from the device settings menu.
⑧	Camera
⑨	Flashlight
⑩	Carabiner loop
⑪	Mounting spine NOTE: Go to buy.garmin.com to purchase optional accessories.

Buttons



FIND	Press to open the search menu.
MARK	Press to save your current location as a waypoint.
QUIT	Press to cancel. Hold to return to the home page.
ENTER	Press to choose options and acknowledge messages.
MENU	Press to open the options menu for the current page. Hold to view the notification center and controls.

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PAGE	Press to scroll through recently opened apps. Hold to switch between open apps.
▲▲▲	Press to scroll through menu options, move through dynamic areas of the screen, and move the map cursor.
+	Press to zoom in on the map. Press to scroll to the next page.
-	Press to zoom out on the map. Press to scroll to the previous page.

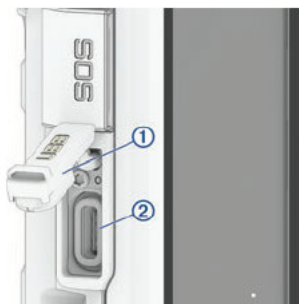
Charging the Device

NOTICE

To prevent corrosion, thoroughly dry the USB port, the weather cap, and the surrounding area before charging or connecting to a computer.

NOTE: The device does not charge when it is outside the approved temperature range (page 12).

- 1 Lift the weather cap ①.



- 2 Plug the power cable into the charging port ② on the device.
- 3 Plug the other end of the power cable into a compatible AC power adapter (5 V minimum output power).
- 4 Plug the AC power adapter into a standard wall outlet.

The device displays the current battery charge level.

Pairing Your Phone and Activating the Device

⚠ WARNING

Before you can use the inReach features of your satellite communicator, including messaging, SOS, tracking, and inReach Weather, you must have an active

satellite subscription. You must have a valid phone number to complete activation and pairing with the Garmin Messenger app. Always test your satellite communicator outdoors before using it on a trip.

The M/N: A04828 satellite communicator works best when it is paired with the Garmin Messenger app. The app allows you to compose and send messages using your phone, and to sync inReach data with your satellite communicator.

- 1 During the initial setup on your satellite communicator, scan the QR code with the camera on your phone to download and install the Garmin Messenger app.

NOTE: If you previously skipped the pairing process, you can select  > **inReach Activation**.

- 2 Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the pairing process and activate a subscription service plan.
- 3 To use additional connected features and complete the setup process, download and install the Garmin Explore™ app using your phone.

After the satellite communicator and phone are paired, they connect automatically when they are turned on and within range.

Garmin Messenger App

WARNING

The inReach features of the Garmin Messenger app, including SOS, tracking, and inReach Weather, are not available without a connected inReach satellite communicator and an active satellite subscription. Always test the app outdoors before using it on a trip.

CAUTION

The non-satellite messaging features of the Garmin Messenger app alone should not be relied on as a primary method to obtain emergency assistance.

NOTE

The app works over both the internet (using a wireless connection or cellular data on your phone) and the Iridium satellite network. If you are using cellular data, your paired phone must be equipped with a data plan and be in an area of network coverage where data is available. If you are in an area

without network coverage, you must have an active satellite subscription for your inReach satellite communicator to use the Iridium satellite network.

You can use the app to message other Garmin Messenger app users, including friends and family without Garmin® devices. Anyone can download the app and connect their phone, allowing them to communicate with other app users over the internet (no login is required). App users can also create group messaging threads with other SMS phone numbers. New members added to the group message can download the app to see what others are saying.

Messages sent using a wireless connection or cellular data on your phone do not incur data charges or additional charges on your satellite subscription. Messages received may incur charges if message delivery is attempted over both the Iridium satellite network and the internet. Standard text messaging rates for your cellular data plan apply.

You can download the Garmin Messenger app from the app store on your phone (garmin.com/messengerapp).

Iridium Satellite Network

Your device requires a clear view of the sky to transmit messages and track points over the Iridium satellite network. Without a clear view of the sky, your device attempts to send the information until it acquires satellite signals.

TIP: For the best connection with satellites, place the device with the antenna pointed toward the sky.

Home Page Overview



- ① **Status bar:** Swipe down from the top of the home page to view the notification center and controls.
- ② **Home Page:** Displays an overview of your current activity, and includes dynamic areas such as a map and

data fields based on your current activity type. Select each dynamic area to view additional information. Swipe left on the home page to view additional tools, glances, and data fields.

NOTE: Some glances require a Bluetooth® connection to a compatible phone (page 4).

Swipe right to return to the previous page.

- ③ : Select to open the apps list.
- ④ : Select to start, stop, save, or discard, and view information about the current activity (page 10).
- ⑤ : Select to search for a location.
- ⑥ **Saved:** Select to open the Saved menu and navigate to a destination (page 11).

InReach Features

WARNING

Before you can use the InReach features of your M/N: A04828 device, including messaging, SOS, tracking, and InReach Weather, you must have an active satellite subscription. Always test your device before you use it outdoors.

Ensure you have a clear view of the sky when using the messaging, tracking, and SOS functions, because these features require satellite access to operate properly.

NOTICE

Some jurisdictions regulate or prohibit the use of satellite communications devices. It is the responsibility of the user to know and follow all applicable laws in the jurisdictions where the device is intended to be used.

Messages

Your M/N: A04828 satellite communicator sends and receives messages using the Iridium satellite network.

Sending a Check-In Message Check-in messages are messages with predefined text and recipients.

TIP: You can customize check-in message recipients in the Garmin Messenger app. From the **Device** tab in the app, select **Check-In > Edit Check-in Contacts**.

- 1 Select  to open the apps list.
- 2 Select **Messenger** > .
- 3 Select a check-in message.

inReach Tracking

You can use the tracking feature on your M/N: A04828 device to record track points and transmit them over the Iridium satellite network at the specified send interval.

Starting Tracking

- 1 Select  to open the apps list.
- 2 Select **Tracking** > **Start Tracking**.

NOTE: Starting the Tracking feature also starts recording your path as an activity.

SOS

WARNING

Before you can use the SOS function, you must have an active satellite subscription. Always test your device outdoors before using it on a trip.

Ensure you have a clear view of the sky when using the SOS function, because this feature requires satellite access to operate properly.

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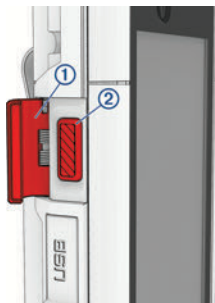
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During an emergency, you can use your M/N: A04828 device to contact the Garmin Response™ center to request help. Pressing the SOS button sends a message to the Garmin Response team, and they notify the appropriate emergency responders of your situation. You can communicate with the Garmin Response team during your emergency while you wait for help to arrive. You should only use the SOS function in a real emergency situation.

Initiating an SOS Rescue

You can initiate an SOS rescue with the device turned on or off if the device has battery power.

- 1 Lift the protective cap ① from the **SOS** button ②.



- 2 Press and hold the **SOS** button.
- 3 Wait for the SOS countdown.
The device sends a default message to the emergency response service with details about your location.
- 4 Reply to the confirmation message from the emergency response service.
Your reply lets the emergency response service know that you are capable of interacting with them during the rescue. If you do not reply, the emergency response service will still initiate a rescue.

For the first 10 minutes of your rescue, an updated location is sent to the emergency response service every

minute. To conserve battery power after the first 10 minutes, an updated location is sent every 10 minutes.

TIP: You can also initiate an SOS rescue and interact with the Garmin Response team using the Garmin Messenger app. You must have an active satellite subscription to use the SOS feature in the app.

Canceling an SOS Request

If you no longer need assistance, you can cancel an SOS request after it is sent to the emergency response service.

- 1 Lift the protective cap, and hold the **SOS** button.
- 2 Select **Cancel SOS**.
- 3 When prompted to confirm your cancellation request, select **Cancel SOS**.

Your device transmits the cancellation request. When you receive a confirmation message from the emergency response service, the device returns to normal operation.

Syncing inReach Data

After you make changes to your data, such as plan changes, contacts, or check-

in messages, you must sync your device using the Garmin Messenger app.

- 1 Open the Garmin Messenger app.
- 2 Wait while your data syncs.

TIP: You can check the connection status on the Device tab in the app.

Sending a Test Message

WARNING

You should send a test message outdoors before using the satellite communicator on a trip to ensure your satellite subscription is active.

- 1 Select  to open the apps list.
- 2 Select **Messenger > New Message**.
- 3 Send a message to **testinreach@garmin.com**.

NOTE: Your device should automatically receive a message from this address after activating your subscription.

Wait while the device sends a test message. When you receive a confirmation message, your device is ready to use.

Starting an Activity

You can use the Start Activity feature to select your activity options and hit the trail quickly. Your device remembers your selections and saves them for the next time you start an activity.

- 1 From the home screen, select **Start Activity**.
- 2 Select your activity options:
 - Swipe left or right to change the activity type. Activity types include walking, hiking, hunting, and more.
 - Select **Navigation** to begin navigating to a destination (page 11).
 - Select **Tracking** to start inReach tracking on your M/N: A04828 device (page 8).
 - Select **Check-In** to send a check-in message from your M/N: A04828 device (page 7).
- 3 Go outdoors to an open area and wait while the device locates satellites.
- 4 Select **Start**.

The device begins recording your path as part of the activity.

Saved Data

From the home page, select **Saved**.

Waypoints: Waypoints are locations you record and store in the device.

Waypoints can mark where you are, where you are going, or where you have been.

Courses: A course is a sequence of waypoints or locations that leads you to your final destination.

Activities: You can use your device to record your path as an activity.

Collections: You can use the Garmin Explore app to group related waypoints, courses, or activities into collections. You can show or hide the data in each collection on the device.

Navigating to a Destination

- 1 Press **FIND**.
- 2 Select a category, such as recent finds or saved locations (page 11).
- 3 Select a destination.
- 4 Select **Navigate**.

The device calculates your route using your current activity and displays it on the map. You can

navigate using the navigation tools (page 11).

Navigation Tools

Navigation tools are available on the home page and glances. You can select each dynamic area to view additional information.

Map: Shows your position and heading on the map.

As you travel, the position icon moves and displays your path. Depending on your zoom level, waypoint names and symbols appear on the map. You can zoom in on the map to see more detail. When you are navigating to your destination, your route is marked with a colored line on the map.

Compass: Guides you to your destination by displaying a compass and bearing pointer.

When navigating, the compass arrow points to your destination, regardless of the direction you are moving. When the compass arrow points toward the top of the compass, you are traveling directly toward your destination. If the compass arrow points any other direction, turn until it points toward the top of the compass.

Data fields: Displays helpful statistics such as your current speed, trip odometer, and elevation. You can select a data field to customize the data displayed.

Device Information

Product Updates

On your computer, install Garmin Express™ (www.garmin.com/express). On your phone, install the Garmin Explore app.

This provides easy access to these services for Garmin devices:

- Software updates
- Map updates
- Data uploads to Garmin Explore
- Product registration

Getting Support

- Manuals
- Videos
- Support topics
- Regulatory information

Go to garmin.com/manuals
/A04828.

Installing a Memory Card

You can install a microSD memory card, up to 1 TB, for additional storage or pre-loaded maps.

- 1 Lift the weather cap on the side of the device ①.



- 2 Insert the memory card with the gold contacts facing the front of the device.

Specifications

Operating temperature range	From -20° to 60°C (from -4° to 140°F)
Charging temperature range	From -15° to 60°C (from 5° to 140°F)

Wireless frequency/protocol	X.X GHz @ X.X dBm maximum
EU SAR	X.X W/kg simultaneous

Charging Requirements

The power delivered by the charger must be between min 2.5 Watts required by the radio equipment, and max 15 Watts in order to achieve the maximum charging speed.

