

Garmin InReach MINI 2 Instructions

Without phone pairing and using the Garmin Messenger app

Charge via USB-C

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1. Turn On Garmin

Hold down Power button (top button) for 2 seconds until Garmin shows on the screen, then release. The home screen shows charge level, time, date and number of messages in inbox.

2. Activate Message Service

Sending and receiving messages including SOS requires an active Garmin Iridium satellite messaging subscription. **FILL THIS IN**

3. Test Message Service

Do this as described below before using the Garmin in the field. There is a test in the menu, but I suggest instead to send a test message with GPS coordinates to your cell phone as described below so you can see what it looks like and can reply to it.

4. Add or Edit Contacts

1. From the Home screen press OK (upper right button) to get to the main menu.
2. Press Down Arrow (lower left button) 5 times and press OK to enter Contacts menu.
3. Use Up Arrow (upper left button) or Down Arrow (lower left button) to choose Add Contact, or select an existing contact you want to edit, then press OK to get to the contact menu.
4. Press OK twice to Edit Details.
5. Use Down Arrow to select first name, last name, phone number or email address to edit, then press OK.
6. Edit field by using Up and Down Arrows to choose a character, space, cursor left, cursor right or delete. To get a list of capital or lower case letters, numbers, special characters or emojis, toggle through the lists with the Back button (middle right button). Press OK to select the character. Repeat until field is complete. If you need to delete what you have typed and start over, select the Garbage Can icon. End the edit by selecting the Check icon and OK to save.
7. Up Arrow to Done and press OK to save changes.
8. Press Back 3 times to get to Home screen.

5. Send Message without GPS Coordinates

For quick "all OK" to loved ones not tracking you.

SENDING CHECK IN MESSAGES FROM PHONE IS UNLIMITED, LOOK IN TO THIS

1. From the home screen press OK button to get in to main menu.
2. Press OK again to get in to Send Message Select Contacts menu.
3. Press Down Arrow several times to identify a contact to send a message to: name on left, and icon for contact method of phone or email on right.
4. Press OK to select contact and method.
5. Press Up Arrow several times to get to the Next row.
6. Press OK to get to the Select Message menu.
7. Press OK to type message.
8. Edit text as described in adding contact info above. Be frugal on length of message since satellite bandwidth is limited and a long message can increase messaging charges.
9. Make sure Garmin has clear view of the sky, then press OK again to send the message.
10. After about a minute, verify the Garmin emits a chirping sound to signify the message has been sent. If not it may be telling you to get a clearer view of the sky and try again.
11. Press Back to get back to the Home screen.

6. Send Message with GPS Coordinates

This may take longer because the Garmin may need to average the very low power satellite signals to derive an accurate location if you are in a deep canyon, dense forest, or inside a car.

1. From the Home screen press the Down Arrow 3 times then OK to select the Navigation menu.
2. Press Down Arrow twice to show your latitude, longitude and elevation.
3. Click OK, Down Arrow, then OK to get to Share With screen.
4. Use Down Arrow and OK to select each recipient.
5. Press Up Arrow several times until you reach Next then press OK.
6. To send only latitude, longitude and elevation press OK, otherwise to add a preamble or appendix write message like described in editing contact information above.
7. Press OK to send. You should hear the uploaded chirp sound within a minute if you have good reception.
8. Press Back Arrow to get to the Home screen.

EXPLAIN HOW TO READ GPS COORDINATES SENT THIS WAY BY RECEIPTENT ON PHONE OR LAPTOP

7. Check Messages

Both sent and received.

1. From the Home screen press Down Arrow and press OK to enter Messages.
2. Use up and Down areas and press OK to read a message.
3. Use Down Arrow to reply or delete, otherwise press Back to return to message list.

8. Send SOS

Can be done with the Garmin on or off.

1. Lift the SOS protective cover (lower right button).
2. Press and hold down the SOS button that was under the cap. A countdown will show on the screen. Release SOS button when finished. This sends your location and a generic message to the Garmin Emergency Response Center (GERC).
3. The GERC will respond with a text message on the Garmin asking you for more info. If you can, reply, but they will initiate a rescue even if you don't reply. You can reply again with more information from the Home screen.
4. To cancel an SOS, press the SOS button again, then select Cancel Request, then select Confirm.

9. Get Weather Forecast

1. From the Home screen press Down Arrow 3 times and OK to go to Weather screen.
2. Press OK 5 more times to get a basic weather forecast for your location, assuming you haven't changed the weather location from the default location. Wait about a minute until you hear the finished upload chirp, then the downloaded 5 beeps. Provides current temperature and wind speed, and a 4-day forecast for sun or clouds, high and low temperatures, and chance of precipitation.

10. Track Your Trip

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11. Turn Off Garmin

Hold down the Power button for a couple of seconds until you see the power button icon then release to turn off the Garmin to save energy.