Subject: Sat radio lifetime subscription
Posted by Lost the Remote on Sat, 24 Oct 2020 00:47:48 GMT
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Subject: Re: Sat radio lifetime subscription
Posted by Nouri on Sat, 24 Oct 2020 01:43:54 GMT
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You have to have a radio that Sirius can be programmed into.

They were being weasels with the wording of that deal. I'm glad a judge slapped them down because that was dirty pool. When I hear "Lifetime Membership" I think of MY life, not that of the radio. That would be like assuming that a "Lifetime Membership" to a gym means the lifetime of the gym equipment. Who assumes that?

Subject: Re: Sat radio lifetime subscription
Posted by Leot55 on Sat, 24 Oct 2020 03:18:36 GMT
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I saw that and I'm surprised that it's as favorable as it is really. It went from 3 total transfers at $75 each, to unlimited transfers from one satellite radio to another at $35 each. That's not how I took the underlined bit though. I think part of the settlement award is that those with inactive lifetime subscriptions can elect to reactive them, or they can choose to accept $100 as payment for the settlement.

Subject: Re: Sat radio lifetime subscription
Posted by Porter on Sun, 25 Oct 2020 20:27:01 GMT
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It depends on the vehicle and on the radio itself really. I have an Alpine that's easy to unbolt and move to another vehicle. You might need a convertor depending on its age and type.

Subject: Re: Sat radio lifetime subscription
Posted by gofar99 on Mon, 26 Oct 2020 02:45:27 GMT
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Hi, I have been an on and off user of it for years. Most recently it came with my new car (2018). When that ran out I quit. I now use USB jump drives and can hear what I want when I want and not pay for a subscription. Beware though that the maps and emergency road service are also subscriptions on many new cars and they typically run about $100 each per year. I kept the maps as it gives local traffic info (wrecks, construction etc) but not the service as my insurance company does that already.

Subject: Re: Sat radio lifetime subscription
Posted by Leot55 on Sat, 31 Oct 2020 02:41:35 GMT
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Was it hard to cancel, gofar99? I've heard some consumer horror stories about how tough they make it to cancel their service. When they first offered the lifetime sub it was pretty affordable, mainly because no one knew if it would really last or not. Satellite radio wasn't as big then. Do you pay for the maps separately? Is there a reason you like it more than a GPS system or using your phone for directions? I'm not fond of using my phone for directions or maps, but I'm happy with a navigation system (different cars).

Subject: Re: Sat radio lifetime subscription
Posted by gofar99 on Sun, 01 Nov 2020 02:07:44 GMT
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Hi, It was not hard to cancel, but you need to be firm and not bite into any of the things they will offer. Also they send stuff via snail mail all the time trying to tempt you back. Yes I pay for maps separately. They are a GPS system. Lets you follow your location in real time. Settings down to 200 feet to the inch on the display. Some local landmarks are included as well. I like them as they display well in the vehicle (2018 Subaru Forrester) and let you know of delays ahead of you such as accidents, construction and just general slow downs. Plus how long they are on the road in front of you. It can help alternative routes. It works better than Garmin which I already have. Use of phones on a long trip is possible ...but not as informative IMO.

Subject: Re: Sat radio lifetime subscription
Posted by Madison on Fri, 06 Nov 2020 19:40:37 GMT
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What is that service called, gofar99? My radio came with something similar, but it's not accurate and I've been looking to switch. I have a Garmin too and it doesn't provide real-time, detailed info about traffic and such. My radio screen is large and easy to see, but the service isn't great. I'd be willing to pay for something better.

I've tried to cancel Sirius in the past and have had the retention caller hang up on me more than once. They mailed me a letter giving me free service for like 6 months. Rinse and repeat when it's due again. I don't see how they make money.

Subject: Re: Sat radio lifetime subscription
Posted by gofar99 on Sat, 14 Nov 2020 02:10:52 GMT
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Hi, It is just called "Maps" ....not too definitive really. It was standard on the model of Forester I have. It is a satellite based system that knows where you are and updates the maps in real time. I believe it requires the optional media center in the vehicle. I would check out the XM site and see if something is offered for non-OEM units. I really hate dealing with them. They are experts at speaking in circles and trying to keep customers.

Subject: Re: Sat radio lifetime subscription
Posted by Mica on Sat, 14 Nov 2020 13:53:41 GMT
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My Nissan came with Sirius too but not a lifetime subscription. When my free period was over they started charging me $27 a month. Once I saw this (I check my account every few months) I said heck no.

This maps thing sounds like something I must have! Our new Ford truck has a great GPS built in. My Nissan has no built-in GPS. That is something I would pay for.