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UNIT OVERVIEW



Unit Overview

Installing the battery:

- 1) Locate the lithium-ion battery that came in the product box.
- 2) Locate the metal contacts on the end of the lithium-ion battery.
- **3)** Insert the battery so that the metal contacts on the battery line-up with the metal contacts inside the battery compartment.
- **4)** Insert the battery into the battery compartment, and push until it clicks into place.



Unit Overview - Battery

Charging the unit's battery using the aircraft's power outlet:

- **1)** Mount the aera 660 in the aircraft and connect the power cable to the aircraft power outlet (cigarette lighter receptacle).
- **2)** Route the power cable so that it does not interfere with aircraft operation. The unit begins charging as soon as external power is applied.

GPS RECEIVER STATUS

The bars located at the top of the screen indicate the GPS signal strength.

Viewing the GPS status:

From the **Main Menu**, touch **GPS Info** > **GPS** tab.

DISPLAY ORIENTATION

The aera 660 can be viewed in either Portrait or Landscape Mode.

Changing the display orientation:

1) From the Main Menu, touch Tools > Setup > DisplayOr:

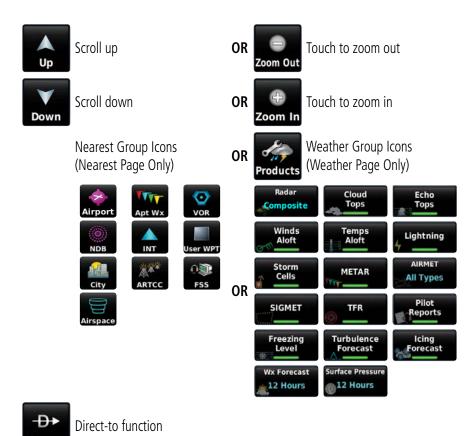
Press the Power Button once quickly.

2) Touch Landscape or Portrait.

OPERATION

DEDICATED PAGE ICONS

Dedicated Page Icons are located vertically on the right side of the screen in landscape mode or horizontally along the bottom of the screen in portrait mode.





Menu

Page menu



- Previous Screen
- Main Menu (Touch and Hold)



R Cancel map pointer

MAIN MENU



Touch the following icons to display the associated page or menu:

Charts Displays the VFR or IFR charts.

3D Vision Displays 3D Vision.

Nearest Displays the Nearest Page.

Waypoint Displays Waypoint Information.

Flight Plan List Displays the Flight Plan List.

Active Flight Plan Displays the Active Flight Plan.

Traffic Displays the dedicated Traffic Page.

Terrain Displays the Terrain View.

Weather Displays Weather Map Page.

GPS Info Displays current position and satellite status.

Tools Displays second-level Tools Icons.

Touch and hold the leack icon at any time to display the Main Menu.

NEAREST ICONS

From the **Main Menu**, touch the icon to access the Nearest Page.

Touch these Nearest Group Icons to display the associated function:

Airport Displays nearest airports.

Airport WX Displays nearest airport weather.

VOR Displays nearest VORs.

NDB Displays nearest NDBs.

Intersection Displays nearest intersections.

VRP Displays nearest Visual Reporting Point (VRP) (Atlantic).

User WPT Displays nearest user waypoints.

City Displays nearest cities.

ARTCC Displays nearest ARTCCs (Air Route Traffic Control Centers).

FSS Displays nearest Flight Service Stations (FSS).

Airspace Displays nearest airspace.

WEATHER ICONS

With the Weather Page displayed, touch the **Products** icon Products to access the Weather Products:

Displays radar (composite or base reflectivity). Radar Composite **Cloud Tops Forecast** Forecasted cloud top heights. Cloud Tops Forecast **Temps Aloft** Displays Temperatures Aloft. Aloft **AIRMET** Displays AIRMETs. **All Types** Freezing Level Displays where icing conditions are likely. Level Cloud **Cloud Tops** Displays cloud top height contours. Tops Lightning Displays lightning data. Lightning Displays SIGMETs. SIGMET SIGMET

Turbulence Forecast	Turbulence Forecast	Displays turbulence data.		
Surface Pressure 12 Hours	Surface Pressure	Displays pressure isobars and centers.		
Echo Tops	Echo Tops	Highest altitude with precipitation.		
Storm Cells	Storm Cells	Displays storm cells and projected path.		
TFR	TFR	Displays TFRs.		
Icing Forecast	Icing Forecast	Displays SIP and SLD data.		
Winds Aloft	Winds Aloft	Displays Winds Aloft.		
METAR	METAR	Displays METARs.		
Pilot Reports	Pilot Reports	Displays PIREPs.		
Wx Forecast	Wx Forecast	Current & forecast weather conditions.		

TOOLS

From the $\boldsymbol{Main\ Menu},$ touch the $\boldsymbol{Tools\ }$ Icon to access the second-level Tools icons.

Touch the following second-level icons to display the associated function:

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10	Setup	Displays third-level Setup Icons.
	User WPT	Displays User Waypoints and Proximity Waypoints.
	Flight Log	Displays Flight Logs.
	Track Log	Displays Track Logs.
	VNAV	Displays Vertical Navigation.
#	Profile	Displays Aircraft Profiles.
	E6B	Displays the E6B Calculator.
474	Weight/Bal	Displays the Weight & Balance.
*	Data Link	Displays the Data Link Info Page.
4	Downloads	Displays available downloads.
b	SiriusXM	Displays the Sirius XM Audio Page.

Audio
Database Displays database and software version information.



User Timer Displays User Timer.

VIRB Displays VIRB Remote Page.

Simulator

Drives simulator.

SETUP ICONS

From the **Main Menu**, touch the **Tools** > **Setup** to access the third-level Setup Icons. Touch these third-level icons to perform the associated function:

Display Displays backlight intensity/timeout, color mode (map/chart),

screenshot (on/off), and aircraft position settings.

Sound Displays sound settings.

Units Displays unit settings.

Time Displays time settings.

Map Displays Navigation Map settings.

Position Displays position settings.

Interface Displays interface settings.

Alarms Displays alarm settings.

Airspace Displays Special Use Airspace alarm settings.

Connext® Displays Connext interface settings.

Weather Displays weather data source setting.

Bluetooth® Displays Bluetooth connection settings.

Wi-Fi Displays Wi-Fi settings.

Power Displays Power Loss Warning settings.

3D Vision Displays 3D Vision settings.

Navigation Displays Navigation settings

Keyboard Displays Keyboard settings.

OPTION MENUS

The aera 660 has a dedicated lcon that displays a context-sensitive list of menu options available.

Navigating the option menu:

- 1 Touch the Menu Icon
- 2 Touch the desired menu option.



DATA ENTRY

The following icons are displayed in the data entry window.



Symbo

Enter Exits the keypad function and accepts the changes.

Backspace Erases the current data.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Numeric/Alpha/} & \textbf{Displays the numeric, alpha, or symbol keypad.} \end{tabular}$

Symbol

Cancel Cancels a value that has been edited.

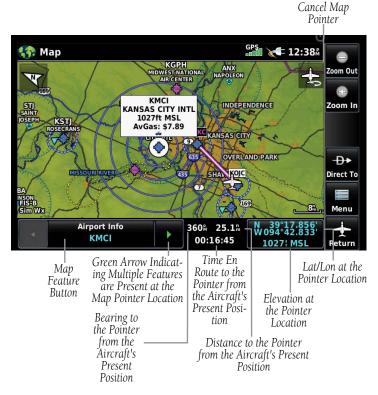
Entering alphanumeric data:

• When alphanumeric data can be entered, a keypad will appear after touching the desired datafield.

2 Touch the keypad letters or numbers to enter the desired data.

3 Touch Enter.





Map Panning (Navigation Map)

Activating the map pointer:

- **1)** While viewing a Map Display, touch anywhere on the map to activate the map pointer.
- 2) Touch the icon to cancel the map pointer.

Panning the map:

While viewing a Map Display, touch anywhere on the map and drag.

Reviewing information for a map feature:

- While viewing a Map Display, touch anywhere on the map to activate the map pointer. When the Map Pointer is over a map feature, the map feature is highlighted, an information box appears on the map, and the highlighted map feature is displayed on the Map Feature Button. If multiple features are present at the Map Pointer position, green arrows will appear on the Map Feature Button.
- 2 If necessary, touch the buttons to cycle through the list of map features present at that position. Touching the buttons changes the highlight and description.
- 3 Touch the Map Feature Button to review information for the Map Feature.
- If desired touch Direct-to → to navigate to the map feature.



BLUETOOTH®

Connecting/Pairing to a weather/traffic/audio device via Bluetooth:

- 1) Ensure the weather/traffic device is turned ON. From the Main Menu, touch Tools > Setup > Bluetooth > On.
- 2) Touch **Not Paired** or **Not Connected** next to the device. A Bluetooth Passkey window will open.
- **3)** Touch **OK**. The weather/traffic device is now connected.

'EASY UPDATE' DATABASE DOWNLOADING AND INSTALLATION (AUTOMATED AND USER-INITIATED)

Database purchases are available online (www.fly.garmin.com). However, once the databases are purchased online, the ability to download and install databases is available from the aera 660 via Wi-Fi.

Database downloads can be automatically downloaded as updates become available, or be user-initiated.

Enabling automated database downloads:

- 1) If Automatic Database Downloads are currently disabled, from the Main Menu, touch Tools > Downloads.
- 2) Touch **Enable Automatic Downloads**. This enables the unit to automatically download databases as they become available. The user is prompted when a database is ready for installation.



Enabling Automatic Downloads

User-Initiated database download/install:

- 1) From the Main Menu, touch Tools > Downloads.
- 2) Touch Easy Update to begin downloading all updated databases. Databases will continue to download even if the Downloads page is not displayed.



Database Downloads Page

3) Use unit as normal, following prompts as necessary.

SOFTWARE UPDATES

In addition to databases, the aera 660 will check for software updates when connected to the internet over Wi-Fi. The aera 660 can use Wi-Fi to update its system software, as well as any other software available from Garmin.

Software downloads can be either user-initiated or configured to automatically download as updates become available.

User-Initiated software download/install:

- 1) From the Main Menu, touch Tools > Downloads.
- 2) Touch Menu > Software Downloads.
- 3) Touch the desired software update and touch Next.
- 4) Read the Software License Agreement and touch Agree and Install.



Software Downloads Page

Enabling automated software downloading:

- 1) If Automatic Software Downloading is currently disabled, from the **Main Menu**, touch **Tools** > **Downloads**.
- 2) Touch Menu > Software Downloads > Menu.
- 3) Touch Yes.



Enabling Automatic Software Downloads

Automated software download/install:

If Automatic Software Downloading is currently enabled (refer to previous procedure), a 'Update Software' window is automatically displayed once a software update becomes available.

- 1) From the 'Update Software' window, touch **Yes** to view the update.
- **2)** Touch the desired software update and touch **Next**.
- 3) Read the Software License Agreement and touch Agree and Install.



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