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Customer Reviews

very pleased with price, quality and clarity in the contents provided

Much smaller than I thought. I guess I did not pay attention to dimensions!

Americans have become accustomed to the road map organized alphabetically by state - that is, to the extent they buy physical maps or are willing to wrestle control from the GPS for planning trips). Let's take the standard Rand McNally road atlas to see how that works in practice. If you're in a small state like Rhode Island, this means you get a high level of detail splayed out across the page. If you're in Colorado, the rectangular shape of the state perfectly fits the two-page spread. New Mexico is not as fortunate - the squarish shape of the state fits on one page, but relegating such a large state to one page leaves out many details. I live in Texas. The maps of Texas are a disaster of design. The state is rotated 90 degrees so that one must turn the map sideways to look at it. That's inconvenient when you're holding such a large map to read it. The state is scattered across a pair of two-page spreads, and yet at this scale it still isn't enough to fit all of Texas. The result is hard-to-read maps where things far apart in reality seem squashed together. What's worse, the maps disappear into fold in the binding. If you happen to be in that part of Texas, good luck finding

your way. The Michelin spiral-bound guide solves these problems. The maps are organized by location rather than state. This means that virtually every map is at the same scale and orientation, for easy and consistent reference. The spiral binding style allows for separation between each map, so there is no lost space at the central fold. This is a great format for the American road map, and I hope it becomes the new standard.

Not your normal atlas. It is a little smaller than usual. And, where you usually go state by state in alphabetical order, this has a chart in the front which will guide you map by map (and not necessarily by a whole state) from west to east. But, it does have a guide which will show you the next adjacent map you need to use. Biggest drawback (after getting over the unusual assembly of maps) is the lack to a full USA map as an overview. I think I like it, but will take some time getting used to it.

As stated, its format is entirely different from other atlases; but once you get used to it, you'll never want to use anything else. I agree that it needs a whole US map, but that is about its only drawback. Used my old one for about 8 years and many miles. Just bought the new one. The BEST!!!

I like the size of this road map much better then the larger format ones that are more common. This map / book / atlas will be much easier to keep in the car, either in seat pocket, under the seat, or in between the seat and armrest. The binding is also a much better design in my opinion. A co-pilot can be reading the map, fully flat on their lap, and only taking up a small part of their lap because the binding allows for the book to be folded into itself without damaging the inside edges of the book / paper. The larger maps / books with staple bindings suffer every time you open them, and try to flatten the center. And when you try to turn the page all the way back, to take up less space, it doesn't stay flat, and the staples begin to rip the pages. The Front and back covers feel very strong. Its a thick paper, and feels like its laminated with some kind of material that will wick liquids. The front cover has a built-in book-mark. It is 3 inches longer, folds into itself. But if you wish to bookmark a page inside the book, you can just use those extra 3 inches of the cover to fold it into the page. And that extra space has printed on it the map's legend, making it even more useful, then just a bookmark. Taking into account that the book is thick, the bookmark part of the cover has a pre-creased fold on it, so that if you are bookmarking a page in the middle or back of the book, it will fold around all those pages, and stay in good condition, not folding uncomfortably. I personally like how the atlas is designed to navigate the roads. The pages are laid out geographically, instead of

alphabetically by state. The pages go from West to East, starting at the north-west corner of the country. When the page reaches the eastern most part, the pages jump back to the west, just below the 1st north-west map, and so on. To me it makes sense. Regardless of which direction you travel, West to East or East to West. For North-south travel you will be jumping pages more often, but each map page tells you which map page it is adjacent to. So easy to find the next map. The quality of the print, colors, fonts, etc. are all guite good. They keep a consistent map scale across the countries. And then there are even closer maps for the North East corridor of the USA. Canada and Mexico's maps are of a smaller scale (less pages for more area). It has a list of all the national parks and many other state and county parks, where to find them on the atlas and their GPS coordinates. Considering it has 304 pages, it is thinner then I expected. A positive surprise. It has 2 national maps. One shows you what pages correspond to where on the map. The other is a full USA interstate map, for a large overview. One thing I do feel is that the inside pages feel a bit thin. They seem to be coated with something to make them smooth-ish. I'm hoping they will be more durable then they look and feel. I will have more to write about the atlas once I take a road trip and use it. In my opinion, the size and ring binding alone are worth giving it a try. It will fit inside a 1.5 gallon bag to keep it dry.

I've had several editions of the Michelin Road Atlas, buying new copies every couple of years. Everyone relies on their technology to navigate by, but when that fails... This is a useful, informative, concise, affordable accessory to the rest of the travel supplies you pack when heading out on that road adventure. The format is quite intuitive and easily learned with little learning curve. Great for those kitchen table travel preplans or dreams as well. .. Buy it. Look it over. Pack it on your next road trip!

Good atlas. Been using for years.

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