Updating a Garmin GPS

Use this to update the Garmin 18x pc gps receivers to firmware version 4.20. This this version has a fix for the April 6th 2019 rollover issue.

1. Load Garmin Installation instructions if you prefer to follow that, otherwise continue below.

.Garmin Instructions: https://www8.garmin.com/support/download_details.jsp?id=4055#Instruct

- 2. -Download 4.20 update (http://download.garmin.com/software/GPS18xPC_LVC_420.exe)
- 3. -Extract "GPS18xPC_LVC_420.exe" by running it. Select "C:\Garmin" as location (default option).

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4. - Start the SNSRXCFG_200 program. select option GPS 18x PC and click OK



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5. -From the "Comm" – "Setup" menu select the appropriate serial port, set a manual baud rate of 4800, and click OK.



If successful, you will get this:



If there is an error, make sure the GPS is powered and working.



6. -From the "Comm" menu select "Connect".





7. -From the "View" menu select "NMEA Transmitted Sentences" and check that NMEA sentences are streaming.

NMEA Transmitted Sentences			
\$GPGGA,234103,4338.8509,N,07015.4140,W,0,00,,,,M,,M,,*42			
\$GPGSAA,1,			
\$GFG57,1,1,02,20,00,000,16,01,04,036,0076			
\$GPRMC,234104,V,4338.8509,N,07015.4140,W,270899,015.7,W*65			
 \$PGBMT GPS 18y-PC software ver 3.80 ×2E			
OK			

8. -From the "Config" menu select "Update Software".



9. -Select the following file "079601000420.rgn" (located in C:\Garmin)

10. -When asked to update program, select the "Updater.exe" program that was just extracted in C:\Garmin. At this point SNSRXCFG_200 should start Updater.exe if it doesn't, try one of these solution:

- close SNSRXCFG_200 and run Updater.exe
- Keep SNSRXCFG_200 running and run Updater.exe in addition

(We had to do this with some Windows 10 computers)

11. -Now select correct serial port and set a baud rate of "115200"

This might take a while.

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A successful connection should show:



If an error occurs, restart GPS (cycle power) and go back to step 8



12. Once the update is complete, cycle the power to the unit (disconnect and reconnect it) in order to reboot it.



13. -In SNSRXCFG.exe, reconnect to the device ("Comm"-"Connect") if necessary, and once successful, select menu "View"-"NMEA Transmitted Sentences" and make sure NMEA sentences are streaming. Also check the version of the software is now 4.20 and that the date (maybe in the \$GPRMC NMEA string) is correct. It might take a couple power cycle to correct. Alternatively, open a terminal program like Hyperterminal, putty, minicom etc.. Set the connection to 4800,8,N,1

NMEA Transmitted Sentences	
\$GPGGA,235805,4338.8509,N,07015.4140,W,0,00,,,,M,,M,,*4C	
\$GPGSA,A,1,*1E	
\$GPGSV,1,1,02,18,51,289,00,19,01,177,00*7D	
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14. .To Select NMEA strings to output, go to menu "Config"- "NMEA Sentence Selections"

NMEA Sentence	Selections	×
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GPGSV	PGRMF	Reset
GPRMC	PGRMT	
🗖 GPVTG	PGRMV	Cancel
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🗖 LCVTG	🔽 GPGLL	OK

- 15. Select the desired strings to output and click OK.
- 16. Save the configuration by going to the menu "Config"-"Send Configuration to GPS"

No need to save the configuration when exiting the software.