

MapCreate™ 6 Quick Reference

This is a quick reference guide to help you successfully make maps and transfer them from MapCreate 6 to your GPS unit's MMC/SD card. Please print this out and refer to it when building and transferring maps. This procedure assumes that you have the software installed on your computer already, and also that the MMC/SD reader is plugged in to your computer with the MMC/SD card inserted in the reader. *NOTE: If you have Windows® 98, then you also need to load the drivers for the MMC/SD reader. The drivers are located on the West CD. Do not load these drivers if you are running an operating system other than Windows 98.

1) Insert the appropriate CD for the mapping areas you want (East or West). *NOTE: If you installed the program using the "Custom" method (all files on your hard drive) then you will not need to have the CD in.

2) Open MapCreate 6 by clicking on Start, highlight Programs or All Programs, highlight Lowrance Electronics, and click on MapCreate 6. *NOTE: If you have a later version of MapCreate 6 it may ask you to choose between Easy Mode or Advanced Mode. Click on the Advanced Mode (Start MapCreate button).

3) Now with the MapCreate program up and running, you need to center the map over the area that you want to load into your GPS, then zoom in. The Zoom buttons are in the lower right hand corner of the screen. You can move the map to another area by clicking on the arrow keys located at the top, bottom, left and right hand sides of the mapping screen.

4) Once you are looking at the area you want to load, you will need to click on the icon at the top of the



screen that looks like a pencil; it will say "Create Map Borders" if you put your mouse over it. Now move your mouse down to the mapping screen and left click and hold down the left mouse button. While holding the left mouse button, move your mouse. This will create a green box. If the box is magenta, that means you did not hold the mouse button down. Delete the magenta box by right clicking. Refer to the Help file (press F1 key) or your owners' manual (page 37 in the MapCreate 6.2 book) if you want to learn how to use the magenta Corridor Map Border boxes. Now make the green box surround the area that you want to load onto the MMC/SD card and release the mouse button.

5) Now click on the icon at the top of the screen, just to the right of the pencil.



It looks like a magic wand, and if you move your mouse over it, it will say "Create Custom Map" You should now have a window that popped up that says "start," "registering atlas files" and a blue progress bar will be moving across the bottom of that window. *NOTE: If you have an earlier version of MapCreate, a box may appear after you click on the magic wand icon that says you must save the map border first. If that's the case, click OK, type in a name and click Save.

After the program is finished with this process you will get a message that says "The size of your custom map is _ _ MB." Now click OK. After you click OK a Save As screen will appear. At the top of the Save As screen where it says Save In, make sure it says **Removable Disk** to the right of that. If it does not say **Removable Disk** in the Save In box, be sure to change it so it does. Now in the File Name section, type in a name and then click on Save. This will save your map to the MMC/SD card. When the Saving Custom Map message box disappears and you just see the map screen, transfer is complete.

6) Now that the map is on the MMC/SD card, all you have to do is insert the MMC/SD card in your GPS and turn on your GPS. If you're looking at a mapping screen on your GPS and you zoom out, you should see the same box that you drew on your computer now on your GPS. If you zoom into that box you should see the higher detailed information.

If you need further assistance, please call Customer Service in the U.S. at 800-324-1356 and select the software option. Call Customer Service in Canada at 800-661-3983.

For more detailed instructions, refer to the following topics in MapCreate's documentation. (Manual is available for free download from the company web site, www.lowrance.com.)

MapCreate 6.2 manual, part 988-0147-382

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MapCreate 6 Help File (press F1 key or click Help, highlight Help Topics and left click)

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Create Map Borders

Create Custom Map File