

NEW GPS TECH

SkyCaddie SX500

£379.95 Complete accuracy guaranteed

SINCE 1998, SkyCaddie has been dedicated to helping golfers improve their games, enjoy golf more and play faster by offering the most reliable, most accurate, most comprehensive and most easily-accessible distance information. The SX500 is the culmination of everything that SkyCaddie represents and has been designed to help you enjoy the game more through its vivid, powerful and accurate technology.

Tech features

First off, let us take a look at the key tech highlights, Dynamic HoleVue and RangeVue, IntelliGreen Pro and PinPoint technologies, before we run into the wealth of features on offer. Dynamic HoleVue with Integrated Targets continuously re-orientates the entire highly-detailed hole map from your exact position, boosting the devices in-play capabilities. Up to 40 geo-referenced targets per hole have been pre-created by experienced SkyCaddie course mappers, giving you clear and accurate distances to every bunker, water hazard, carry and lay-up point on the hole from where you stand.

SkyCaddie's IntelliGreen Pro technology, meanwhile, provides distances to major tiers and contours on the green, false fronts and greenside mounds, all of which are all instantly visible on SX500's stunning display screen.

This innovative feature can then be combined with PinPoint tech to give distances to today's pins, giving you a staggering amount of information when hitting into the greens.

Dynamic RangeVue overlays yardage arcs on fairway landing areas and greens to show at-a-glance yardages across the full width of the hole and can also be used with the Club Ranges feature to offer you personal club selection advice.

Value for money

The SX500 might sound like a major investment when you first glance at the £379.95 price tag but, when you consider the ridiculous amount of features it houses, you will soon realise just how smart an investment it is. Along with the

innovative technologies mentioned earlier, we also have a high-capacity rechargeable Li-Polymer battery, which gives over 36 holes use, a highly water-resistant design which makes SX500 extremely grippy even in the worst weather, and in-built WiFi to download the latest exclusive SkyCaddie course updates on demand, without the need to connect to a computer.

The SX500 also includes a year's pre-paid Birdie membership and is pre-loaded with more than 35,000 ground-verified, error-corrected SkyCaddie golf course maps.

Other features include a Super Large Number Mode if your eyesight is poor, or if you simply want the fastest-possible distances to the front, middle and back of the green, while Intelligent Automation provides an almost touchless experience from the car park to the 19th hole, with Auto-Course, Auto-Hole Advance, Auto-Zoom, Auto-Distance, Auto Green Depth and Rotating Auto-View to display your scorecard in landscape view.

The SkyCaddie SX500 even has a 13-megapixel camera, enabling you to take photos during your round of golf that are then uploaded to your SkyGolf 360 online user account.

Final thoughts

There is no doubt in my mind that the SX500 is the most comprehensive GPS device I have ever tested. The staggering amount of features on offer is unrivalled by anything else on the market and the confidence it gives through its detailed and accurate information is bound to help you shoot lower scores.

The device itself and its five-inch full HD touch screen are very intuitive and as easy-to-use as your smartphone. Every minute detail and piece of info that the powerful SX500 delivers is crystal clear and easily accessed.

The innovative technologies housed in the SX500 helps to really set it apart from its predecessors and other handheld GPS devices. Playing with the SX500 is like having your own personal caddie in the palm of your hand and that is why it is more than worthy of its price tag and the annual subscriptions you will need to pay following the first year.

WE SAY

The SX500's visually stunning 5" full HD touch screen is very intuitive and easy-to-use.

Ping Sigma 2 putter range £200

With a focus on a softer feel and lively response through multi-layer face technology, and a newly designed adjustable-length shaft, Ping's Sigma 2 putter series consists of ten options, including the new, highly stable Fetch model that is designed with a golf ball pick-up feature. ■



DYNAMIC HOLEVUE

Accurate distances to every bunker, water hazard, carry and layup point is given according to precisely where you are standing on each hole.



DYNAMIC RANGEVUE

Your SX500 will show in-play club selection suggestions tailored to your game once synced with your SkyGolf account's club-by-club hitting distances.