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The Rand McNally Road Atlas is the most trusted and best-selling US atlas on the market. This updated North American atlas contains maps of every U.S. state and Canadian province, an overview map of Mexico, and detailed inset maps of over 350 cities and 20 U.S. national parks. Road construction projects and updates highlighted for every state and conveniently located above the maps. Contains mileage chart showing distances between 90 North American cities and national parks along with a driving times map. Other FeaturesBest of the Road® - Our editor's favorite road trips from our Best of the Road® collection follows scenic routes along stretches of coastline, both east and west, to forests, mountains, and prairies; and through small towns and big cities. For a weekend or a week there's something for everyone.Tell Rand! As much as we work to keep our atlases up to date, conditions change quickly and new construction projects begin frequently. If you know of something we haven't captured in our atlas, let us know at randmcnally.com/tellrand.Use this book with the Rand McNally Road Atlas Ebook. Learn more at randmcnally.com/mobileTourism websites and phone numbers for every U.S. state and Canadian province on map pages

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Customer Reviews
I went to a store and looked at all of the new Rand McNally Atlases, along with a few other brands. This one was the best, at least for me. As some have commented, it is really big. The upside is that there is a lot of detail and it is actually not that thick or heavy. The small ones did not have enough
detail to make them worthwhile. The spiral ones seem like a good idea, but it is tough to match up different pages and it often seems like there are small gaps in the maps on different pages. With this one it is easier to follow a map from one page to the next. This is big and can be a bit awkward in a car, but it is one of the best atlases out there.

My kids call me an old fuddy-duddy. And they say this atlas proves it. I have one in my car, and another in my kitchen drawer (hey, you never know when you will want to know where something is). I bought this one for my 18 year old son to put in his car, since he will be leaving for college in a month. I’m a firm believer that if you’re stuck in a traffic jam on I-80, it’s good to have a real map to tell you how to get around it, instead of trying to rely on a GPS (not that helpful) or calling a brother, sister or parent for help. And if you’re one of those who think the Zombie Apocalypse might be coming, then you know GPS won’t work any more, and you’d better have an atlas to help you find your way down those zombie infested roads. ;-) 

I’ve ordered a new copy since previous review of the 2012 version. They’re mostly identical except for updated census figures and a few map updates -- not enough to warrant an update in itself, but I needed another copy for another location. I periodically check out atlases and find the Rand McNally to be the most useful for general reference and highway driving. The maps are clear and have the kind of attention to fonts and cartography that minimizes confusion and has a good level of detail for the scale. I think this size (this the large, almost newspaper size format) is the best one for reading and reviewing in a car, but too large for (say) most backpacks or bookshelves (turn it sideways). In short, if you want an atlas, this is as good as ever.

This Atlas is a must-have if you’re travelling by automobile. Our road trip took us from Connecticut through each southern state into central Florida and back up north into and across Pennsylvania, with Long Island Sound our final destination back into Connecticut. It was right on in every respect: mileage between areas, well-mapped roads and their interchanges and overlaps. Well worth every penny!!Lynne F.

The Rand McNally 2013 Atlas for the three countries has some great qualities. I postponed a year to get an updated atlas because I also wanted the most current census figures from 2010. The Atlas is easy to use and similar to one that I bought years ago. I wished that the editors would consider updating the colors and highlighting some of the features and adding more landmarks such as
cemeteries into the maps as well. There are some omissions and mistakes like Brick Township, New Jersey which is a heavily populated shore town in Ocean County. I looked for it in the index section where it should have been listed and wasn’t. Apart from this small mistake, I hope they could correct it for 2014 Atlas. I also noticed that Studio City in California was also omitted from the index and map regarding Los Angeles, California. As for the this atlas, I enjoy looking at the maps for my own amusement and learning about the other states, Mexico, and Canada.

What more can I say about the 2016 Rand McNally road atlas? This may well be my twentieth copy over the years, and still my favorite armchair reader, planning imaginary road trips and camping expeditions. I’ve found these atlas’ to be invaluable over the years, and hope that they’ll lead me along America’s trails for many years to come. They’re always a good investment for me!

Even with GPS on my phone and built into my car, I still get maps and an atlas for the car - I just love maps! And you never know when you might want to head off on a route that the GPS would not find. This year’s edition is nice - but I do wish they would not use the proprietary MS tagging on their products - There are enough good code standards out there already that my devices read: Bar codes, QR Codes, etc. The only way I could find to read the triangle-bar-code pattern of the MS Code is to get the MS app. Bad choice. There are enough scanners out there that read the other standards that I cannot believe they HAD to go with this one.

I have the 1991 Atlas and figured it was time to get a new one. However, the 2014 Atlas has included a margin with such worthless information as the 800 number for tourism information. So the map is smaller. The older map is also has more and better detail. You can more easily see where the rivers and interstates are. There are some small towns that have disappeared, however, there some new ones added. The 1991 Atlas had a key for each state. The 2014 has one on inside flap. Both show different road types for limited access, multilane, and principal highways, but the 1991 map has two different levels of other through highways and 2014 only has one. One nice added feature of 2014 is green shading for construction zones. The index of the 1991 Atlas went from page 129 to 146. The 2014 Atlas only goes from page 129 to 136. The 2014 has more cities on its mileage chart. However, the bottom line is the 1991 Atlas is better and I only plan to use the 2014 Atlas to see if a new highway was built.

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