



### Review of a Nextbase402G dash cam

In a V8BB response with a user's views on this dash cam model, Mike Howlett reported he had found the Nextbase402G was not difficult to set up and had worked well on a recent 2,400 mile trip to France and back. Here he provides some useful feedback on this dash cam.

Setting up the Nextbase402G was not difficult if you have got used to modern digital devices. There is a good instruction manual included as a PDF document (copy available via a hyperlink in the PDF version of this note to the file on the V8 website) and I was able to follow this easily. I found (as the book tells you) that the default settings are such that you could use the camera straight out of the box without doing anything to it. However, I have been through the settings for recording video which you will find on pages 15 and 16 of the book. As with most small devices, you have to follow the right sequence for pressing the buttons on the camera, but I didn't find it difficult. And again, as with most complex devices, the majority of the book can be safely ignored! Once set, all you have to do is plug it in and drive. It switches itself on as soon as power is applied to it and shuts down when the power is removed. With the largest 30GB SD card it can record four hours of travel, after which it starts to overwrite the oldest files. When viewed on your computer screen, the quality of the movies is excellent. Although good quality, the screen on the camera is necessarily small and cluttered with icons, making playback on the camera less satisfactory.

The dash cam is mounted on a suction pad behind the rear view mirror on the passenger's side, so is almost entirely out of the forward view of the driver, and it is set

up to have a broad view of the road ahead. On the MGB GT windscreen, space is at a premium, and I was concerned that it would partially obstruct my wife's view, but she found that she didn't notice it at all after a few minutes in the car.

The power feed is run from the small USB plug on the dash cam across the top of the nearside sun visor and then down the side pillar and across under the dash to wherever your socket is located, most likely the cigar lighter in the centre of the radio console or a bespoke socket. If you intend to use it in more than one car it would be worth buying a long cable for each vehicle so the cable can be routed carefully as a permanent arrangement to suit each car. I use a one-into-three lighter socket adapter so that I can use both camera and satnav together.

The video recording works very well, recording the journey in 3 minute long MOV files, about 350MB each. If an incident

should happen, a single button press safeguards the recording from being overwritten. The picture quality is good as you can see from the single frame taken on the M6 over my bonnet with the RV8 style of bump. If you look at the time stamp you can see that it is nearly 21:00, but the quality is still excellent despite the lower light level. I haven't tried it at night so far. You don't even need any special software to view the movies on your PC as Windows Media Player (or similar) will work well. As the dash cam includes a GPS function the recordings are complete with GPS co-ordinates and your speed.

### Nextbase402G spec

The Nextbase402G captures video whilst driving in FULL HD 1080P resolution so records your journey or in the event of an incident provides evidence to help prove exactly what happened. The exclusive WDR (Wide Dynamic Range) feature enhances footage to provide the clearest image possible, even at night. It has 2.7" LED backlit anti-glare screen which allows you to see the recording and easily view playback without the need for a PC. The GPS antenna provides exact location and tracks your entire journey so it can be viewed on Google Maps using the PC software supplied. With a 140 degree lens viewing angle and the best in lens technology it captures crystal clear footage with a very wide field of vision to enable you to see cars beside you, on side roads, pedestrians and even driver blind spots. There is also a G sensor which automatically senses a crash and saves the video files before, during and after so they are not overwritten or corrupted.

