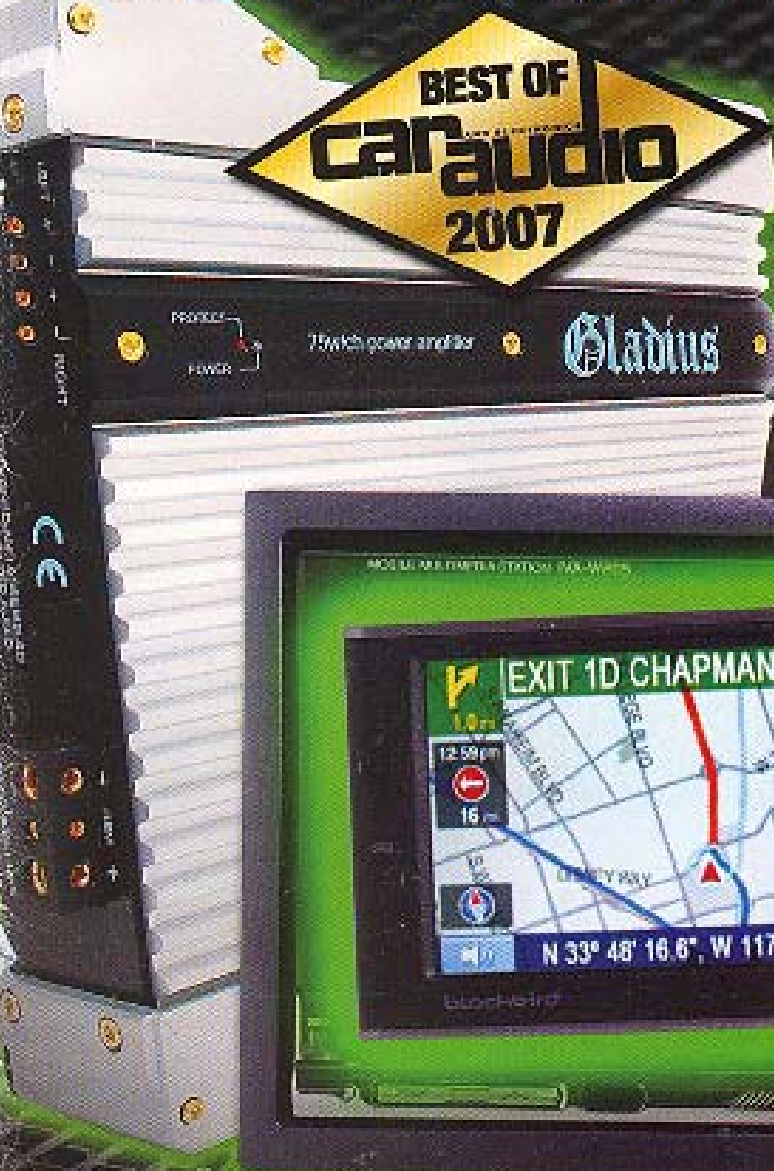


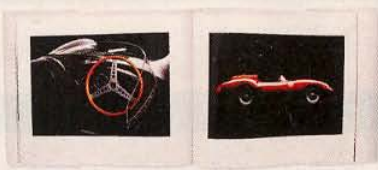
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[www.lowrance.com](http://www.lowrance.com) 800.324.1356



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