



## **What You Need To Know About Car Theft Today & How to Protect Your Vehicle with the RAVELCO® - an Automobile Anti-Theft Device That No One Has Ever Outsmarted**

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Trenton, NJ ([PRWEB](#)) January 10, 2004 -- If you're like most of us, you want to protect those you love and the things you care about. Because your vehicle plays such a vital role in your life, an auto thief can rob you of much more than just a vehicle.

Having your car stolen can mean missing work, school, or important appointments -- even losing income. Without proper protection, your vehicle -- as well as your daily routine -- is at risk. With vehicle theft on the rise, protecting your property is now more critical than ever. That's the bad news. The good news is that there is something you can do to keep your car safe.

But, many of you aren't. There are many misconceptions about who auto thieves are and what it really takes to protect your vehicle. That's why we produced this report to increase consumer awareness and modify the behavior related to vehicle theft.

A little knowledge can go a long way to ensuring that your vehicle remains just that -- your vehicle -- safe, secure, and in your hands. So, let's get started... and let's work together to stop car thieves in their tracks.

Car theft is a highly profitable and low-risk industry that has become a very serious problem in US today, according to Security Expert Chuck Whigham, Owner of GetRAVELCO® Anti-Theft, LLC, (pronounced GET-RU-VELL-CO) a company that sells an automotive anti-theft device that has never been outsmarted. Now available in Tri-State Area and surrounding regions. -- With over 20 years of experience in the industry and we have seen what works and what doesn't.

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**THIS IS WHY ALARM SYSTEMS DO NOT WORK!**

See CBS News Clip on Scanner Boxes - Learn What Car Thieves Already Know About How to Steal Your Car  
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[You will be very impressed with what you will see.]

FBI statistics show that the rate of car theft is significantly higher than a decade ago. Auto theft is a staggering cost to the public in terms of lost property and is a very real concern for government officials, law enforcement and most importantly, victims of vehicle theft. The cost of this growing problem is \$8-9 billion dollars annually.



For Americans, our vehicle is the primary mode of transportation. The emotional and financial toll combined with the inconvenience makes the cost very high for those who've had their vehicle stolen.

Since theft is committed by professionals, the FBI notes that preventing vehicle theft in the first place is critical.

In fact, a car or truck is stolen in the United States every 27 seconds. "Over 1,500,000 Vehicles Were Stolen Last Year." says Whigham.

### Top 3 Areas with Highest Risk for Vehicle Theft

FBI reports indicate that more than three out of four vehicles are stolen at the locations mentioned below, which is where vehicles are most commonly parked. More than one half of thefts take place in areas where vehicles are parked without attendants.

• Home

• Parking lot or garage

• Road or alley

"While tracking and vehicle recovery devices have helped to nudge the rate of recovery of stolen vehicles. Most of the vehicles that were not recovered, were not here to be recovered", explains Whigham. "The decline in the recovery rate can be attributed to the proliferation of organized vehicle theft over the past five years".

"Auto theft for joy riding has now taken the back seat to auto theft as a part of organized crime, which racked up hundreds of millions of dollars of profits in the US and abroad last year. Organized criminal groups make a profit by exporting stolen vehicles to foreign countries, or selling their parts in whole or in part for reconstructed vehicles being resold through ads in local media".

### KNOW WHO YOU'RE BUYING FROM

These organized groups also are in the business of providing new Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) for stolen cars, making it easier to sell them in the US and abroad. A VIN is 17-character code at the bottom left corner of a vehicle's front windshield, which identifies a vehicle's characteristics, such as its make, model, and color, and it is unique to each vehicle.

Some common ways that thieves can obtain a VIN is from vehicles stolen in another province, or by acquiring it from a wrecked vehicle. Last year alone, Police identified thousands of vehicles in the US that had been re-VINed.

As a result of this growing trend, Whigham warns the public to be wary of who they purchase a vehicle from. He recommends buying from a certified automobile dealer such as a member of the NADA - National Automobile Dealers Association, or someone who they know personally.

### CAUTIOUS OF CLASSIFIED ADS

"Be cautious of classified advertisements in newspapers or other publications because they are used as a platform by thieves to sell stolen vehicles to unsuspecting customers".

To ensure the used vehicle you intend to buy is not stolen, Whigham encourages you to research its VIN before



you buy the car.

This can be done by visiting the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) website at [www.nicb.org](http://www.nicb.org) and search the history of a VIN, which may tell you about any theft and salvage of the vehicle.

Whigham also recommends asking the seller where they had their vehicle serviced, and going to that service station to inquire about the vehicle. You should ask whether it has qualified for a warranty, and express concern if it has not.

While you should be careful about who you buy your vehicle from, once you do buy a vehicle you should also be careful about protecting it from theft, or else it will be just another statistic.

The most recent report from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) states that the New York and New Jersey metropolitan areas are among the highest theft rates in the country.

Cars are stolen intentionally, not accidentally. Theft of cars cost American consumers billions in insurance claims for unrecovered vehicles, and components stolen from vehicles each year. Car theft constitutes a significant economic loss to society, says Whigham.

Mere numbers, of course, cannot begin to address the many other consequences of car theft: the emotional upset of victims, the hours of wasted time, the loss of irreplaceable personal belongings, and the other crimes that are often committed with stolen vehicles.

## BACKGROUND

There are many kinds of automobile theft prevention devices on the market today, but just how effective are they? Which ones truly perform as intended and prevent vehicles from being stolen? Which devices keep vehicles in their rightful owner's hands and help to reduce losses due to auto theft claims that costs the American insurance industry billions annually?

These are some of the questions facing insurers, who are being asked to provide premium discounts to their customers for a wide variety of devices available, all claiming to prevent auto theft.

All vehicle owners share in the cost of professional auto theft. The \$8-9 billion insurance companies pay each year for stolen and theft-damaged cars is reflected in the premiums you pay.

Now you can help prevent these losses by having your vehicle equipped with an electronic engine immobilizer.

After extensive research, the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) determined that electronic engine immobilizers are the most effective means of automobile theft deterrence. Immobilizers are electronic security devices that are integrated into the vehicle's circuitry and engine management system.

Immobilizers work by automatically, or passively, interrupting the power to multiple electronic circuits, usually the starter motor, ignition and fuel pump circuits when the specially coded key is removed from the ignition switch, or the vehicle is shut off.

These keys typically employ a transponder or resistor embedded in the head of the key to communicate the code to the engine management system.



Only if the correctly coded key, or other coded element is used and recognized by the system, will the circuits be enabled, allowing the car to start.

If the correct code is not recognized by the system, or some other means is attempted to start the vehicle such as hotwiring or breaking the ignition lock cylinder, the system will remain armed and prevent the car from being started.

The advantages of immobilizers over other theft deterrent devices

The main advantages of immobilizers, over other theft deterrent strategies such as mechanical locks and barriers, alarms, tracking systems, VIN & parts etching is that:

Immobilizers prevent the vehicle from being started and driven away.

Immobilizers are installed once, either at the factory when the vehicle is being assembled, or by an after market installer.

Immobilizers provide protection for the life of the vehicle.

Immobilizers provide theft protection in all geographic localities, under all kinds of conditions.

Immobilizers are passively activated and do not require any special action on the part of the driver to protect the vehicle.

Immobilizers do not require monthly fees, or monitoring, and are not dependent on a monitoring infrastructure being in place in order to function.

Immobilizers will continue to provide theft protection for the vehicle, even if the device's manufacturer goes out of business.

Immobilizers are practical and affordable for all kinds of motor vehicles, not just high-risk luxury cars.

Other car security devices such as steering wheel locks, alarms, tracking systems and parts marking, combined with an immobilizer provide additional layers of protection, but an engine immobilizer should always be considered the minimum level of security at the core of any vehicle theft deterrent system.

These other means cannot be relied upon as the sole means of theft protection. Rather than recovering a vehicle after it has been stolen, immobilizers offer a proactive means of preventing vehicle theft in the first place.

**NOT ALL IMMOBILIZERS ARE CREATED EQUAL**

Not all immobilizer systems are equally effective.

It has been proven, that vehicles equipped with high quality immobilizer systems reduce the frequency, and cost, of auto theft.

The NICB recommends "Layered Protection" to prevent auto-theft. The four layers NICB recommends



are (1) Common Sense; (2) the Warning Device; (3) the Immobilizing Device; and (4) the Tracking Device.

First, there is "Common Sense": simple actions such as removing your keys from the vehicle, closing all windows, and locking all doors.

Second, the "Warning Device" can be either visible or audible. Some examples include alarms, steering wheel locks, brake locks, decals, window etching, and ID markers in or on the vehicle. ID numbers and etching are used to assist law enforcement officers in the recovery of stolen vehicles.

Third, there are "Immobilizing Devices." NICB states that these devices are "designed to prevent thieves from bypassing your ignition and hot-wiring your vehicle." Last, there are "Tracking and Vehicle Recovery Devices" which emits a signal that can be tracked after you have reported your vehicle stolen... "After the Fact."

Chuck Whigham, Owner of GetRAVELCO Anti-Theft, LLC, a company that sells an auto anti-theft device, suggests, "You should research your alternatives carefully when looking for ways to protect your automobile from theft. Layers 1 and 2 may deter joy riders, but will not protect it from someone really determined to steal your vehicle.

Look for a well-designed layer-three device, such as the RAVELCO Anti-Theft Device (pronounced RUVELL-CO). A good layer three device will deter and foil even a professional thief and should eliminate the need for layer four.

Of all immobilizer systems, for over 28 years the RAVELCO Anti-Theft Device has set the standard and ensured the highest level of quality, durability, reliability, a Zero-Failure Rate, and most of all- a 100% success rate in preventing vehicle theft- and also assures compatibility with other vehicle systems.

The RAVELCO has an unprecedented and unparalleled track record of success- No other security devices comes close. In over 28 years and more than three million installations worldwide- Not one vehicle has ever been stolen with a properly installed and utilized RAVELCO Anti-Theft Device. No other security device manufacturer can make this claim.

#### BUYING A PEACE OF MIND

In addition to the above precautionary measures, Whigham supports the proactive use of a Layer 3: Electronic Immobilizing Anti-Theft Device because they are a true impediment for thieves, and thus provide another level of security for vehicles.

Moreover, he concurs with the anti theft device standard developed by the Vehicle Information Centre of Canada (VICC) and hopes to spearhead the mandate of similar standards with US automobile insurers in the near future.

Insurance companies offer a lower rate for cars equipped with anti-theft devices.

"The best prevention against auto theft is making your vehicle more difficult to steal in the first place. This is why immobilizers are the best and most cost effective," explains Whigham.

"An immobilizer is a passive anti-theft system which cuts off the fuel, ignition, and starter of the vehicle if it is



tampered with, making hot-wiring impossible".

The RAVELCOÂ Anti-Theft Device is a dual-circuit interrupter that can be installed on all cars, trucks, heavy equipment, farm machinery, motor homes and powerboats.

In more than 28 years, the RAVELCOÂ Anti-Theft Device, has eliminated auto theft by professionals. Moreover, for the past 17 years, it has virtually eliminated the need for vehicle recovery and tracking systems. The RAVELCOÂ system the world's most foolproof anti-theft system is unlike other anti-theft systems that can be outsmarted by professionals, the RAVELCOÂ system offers proven security.

In fact, since it's launch in the United States in 1976, and with more than three million installations to date not one vehicle equipped with a properly installed RAVELCOÂ system has ever been reported stolen.

The device is a removable plug that completes two full circuits on the vehicle. Without the ignition key and the unique RAVELCOÂ plug, it is impossible for the vehicle to start.

An armored steel cable comes from the back of the RAVELCOÂ, goes through the engine firewall, and into the engine compartment. All connections are made in the engine compartment and are camouflaged in and through the factory wiring.

To set the device, simply remove the plug when the vehicle is not in operation. There are more than 100,000 possible plug configurations- an impossible obstacle for even the most persistent thief.

Because all of the engine connections are made in the plug, a thief cannot hot-wire the vehicle and there is no way of bypassing the device. To start the vehicle without the plug the thief would have to uninstall the device- an almost impossible task.

The RAVELCOÂ unit works on gasoline or diesel engines with conventional or electronic ignition. The RAVELCOÂ has been made in the USA since 1976 and has been installed on more than three million cars, trucks and heavy equipment worldwide.

It can not be hot-wired. Don't let your vehicle become a thief's next victim. Protect your vehicle from professional car thieves with the RAVELCOÂ Anti-Theft Device.

With more than 3 million installations worldwide and 28 years in business- and not one vehicle, ever Stolen is the reason we know the RAVELCOÂ is the best anti-theft device ever manufactured. Better yet, for your protection, it has a lifetime warranty.

You're the ultimate judge... Check us out. We think you will like what you see. Get the RAVELCOÂ Anti-Theft Device Today. Available for ALL vehicles... Foreign or Domestic... Cars and Trucks.

In summary, protecting your vehicle, which is to most their second most expensive investment is like protecting your body from frigid temperatures. You must protect your vehicle by installing 'Layers or Barriers'.

Moreover, when you begin installing "Layers or Barriers," you make your vehicle harder to steal. Remember that spending a fortune in an effort to make your car theft-proof is not the goal. The real goal is to make your car less inviting to a thief.



It is a fact that no thief is going to open a car/truck hood and begin searching for circuits in order to steal a vehicle- this is what a thief would have to do to defeat the RAVELCO.

Whigham suggest that every vehicle owner do their own due diligence in an effort to make an informed consumer purchasing decision before buying any anti-theft device.

Nothing is foolproof but a 100% track record of success does say an awful lot.

Are you worried about your car being towed? Read on we will help you address that problem also. (See the section **REDUCING THE RISK**)

The RAVELCO has almost three (3) decades of street proven technology and performance incorporated into it's design, operation and function with a Zero-Failure Rate... No breakdowns, no customer complaints, and no tow-ins.

Through the years, we have seen over 200 manufacturers come and go. The RAVELCO is simply the Street Smart Solution to Vehicle Theft. All that you have to do is 'Pull the Plug on Car Theft'.

**THE BOTTOM LINE** - Everyone at one time or another (more often than not) has heard the 'chirp-chirp' sound of remote alarm systems. The NATB (National Automotive Theft Bureau) stated in a recent report that the car thieves are using scanner boxes to render these alarms useless.

These scanner boxes disable the alarm and even unlock the doors making it simple for a thief to steal your vehicle. When these alarms are scanned, the lights of the vehicle will flash letting a thief know the car is unlocked, the alarm is off, and the vehicle is ready to be stolen- next the professional uses a Bypass Kit, a Master Key, or other high tech or conventional device.

The only real protection that appears to be working is by stopping the vehicle theft itself with some sort of ignition, fuel and starter cut off device. The better of these devices usually mount on the dash, have all its connections made in the engine compartment and have its wires camouflaged.

A thief will not take the time to open the hood of a vehicle and start searching for circuits. These anti-theft devices are unlike alarm systems, which are connected only under the dash, and are very easy for thieves to disarm.

#### **REDUCING THE RISK**

Since no vehicle is 100%, theft-proof and no vehicle or geographical area is immune to auto theft.

But the more time a thief has to spend stealing your car, the greater the chance of his being caught. By making your car a tougher target, you'll encourage that thief to move on to some other car. Maybe one belonging to somebody who didn't read this.

In summary, Whigham suggests the following steps be taken to reduce the risk of having your vehicle stolen:

**Common Sense is Your Best Defense**



## Invest In Vehicle Protection

### To Prevent Towing

- Park your vehicle with wheels turned toward the curb to make it more difficult to tow. If a wrecker picks up your vehicle with your front wheels turned, your vehicle will make a circle. (Very hard to tow with your vehicle taking up two lanes.)
- If your vehicle is rear-wheel drive, back into your driveway to make towing more difficult for thieves.
- Conversely, if your vehicle is front-wheel drive, pull forward into your driveway.
- Always use your emergency brake when parked and leave the transmission in park. Standard transmissions should be left in gear.

Do not do a disservice to yourself in protecting your investment with devices that DO NOT WORK.

We all try to maintain insurance coverage on all of our investments like our homes, cars, trucks, motor homes, boats, etc. But a typical insurance policy does not cover the world of headaches or unforeseen liability that one could be faced with in the event that their vehicle is stolen.

### MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

Whigham stresses that everyone who drives a car has a moral responsibility to protect it from being stolen. Preventing the theft of your vehicle will in turn lower the incidence of criminals fleeing in high speed police chases in stolen vehicles and causing unnecessary injuries or death. Moreover, the use of an Electronic Immobilizing Device will directly work to reduce the number of carjackings and undoubtedly enable citizens to assist and support local law enforcement and government in reducing overall crime.

Furthermore, the use of such devices will conserve the resources normally needed to address auto theft, and ultimately reduce the high cost of automotive insurance rates to name a few!

For more information on how to protect your vehicle, please reference the attached files and contact us or your better car dealer to request a product brochure and newsletter.

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