



## **Vehicle Immobilizer Vehicle Theft & Widget Related Information**

FBI Statistics - 1.1 million vehicles are stolen annually, or 1 vehicle every 28.8 seconds. Vehicles are at increased risk of theft if parked at malls, movie theaters, employee parking, schools, or apartment complexes.

Proceeds from the sale of stolen cars, their parts, vehicle ID tags, or contents are used to buy drugs, alcohol, and fund criminal lifestyles. Unsold vehicles are often used to smuggle narcotics and humans, or commit other crimes.

Recovered vehicles are often missing parts or have been completely stripped. Paranoid thieves often set cars alight to avoid leaving traceable evidence. Lucky victims get their cars back with only damaged door locks, missing VIN plates, and a damaged steering columns.

Gaining access to a car is not difficult for any criminal. Shaved keys, master keys, slim jims, locksmith tools, and hidden spare keys are easy to find or acquire. Many of these tools are readily available on the Internet.

Theft has an impact on finances and lifestyle. If your vehicle is stolen, you must pay the deductible, any negative equity on an existing auto loan, the cost of alternative transportation, the down payment for a new vehicle, and the cost to re-purchase other stolen valuables.

Insurance companies often reward consumers who install aftermarket security systems with discounts on the comprehensive portion of insurance premiums. Some discounts add up to 20%.

The Widget is a complete vehicle immobilizer. When armed the device reduces the amount of battery current to below the threshold required to start but it keeps accessories powered-up for your return. If, however, a thief attempted to steal your vehicle there would be insufficient power to energize the starter, fuel pump, and ignition. The experience for a thief is a car with a dead battery. Widget hardware is also hidden away from the steering column without any traceable wires.

If that isn't enough, The Widget also comes with just-in-case financial protection. in the form of a \$2,500 theft reimbursement coverage, and \$1,000 of travel allowance, \$1,000 of airfare allowance, \$500 of rental car allowance and \$100 of long distance phone call allowance.