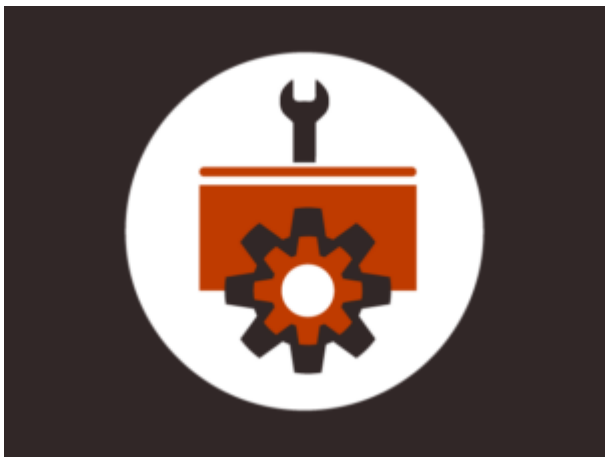
NHTSA Consumer Vehicle Theft Prevention



What consumers should know about vehicle theft and how they can safeguard their vehicle.

Motor vehicles are the primary mode of transportation for most Americans, and often an indispensible part of their lives. They are used for a myriad of reasons, including going to work, school and the grocery store. But what would happen if that vehicle suddenly disappeared? Many would find it difficult, if not impossible, to take care of even the simplest everyday errands.

The Department of Transportation’s (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) establishes, implements and enforces vehicle antitheft regulations. NHTSA has set the standard to help consumers and vehicle owners address the vehicle theft problem for more than 25 years.