



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
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VEHICLE SECURITY – MAKING SECURE CHOICES

Sometimes the difference between your car getting stolen or broken into can be the choices that you make when purchasing a vehicle. With a small amount of research you can make a purchase that may reduce your chances of theft.

What types of vehicles are stolen?

- The majority of vehicles stolen as short term theft (recovered) in the financial period 2011/2012 were more than 10 years old, followed by vehicles between 6 and 10 years of age.
- Approximately 44% of these were not fitted with an immobiliser, and a further 6% were fitted with an immobiliser that did not meet Australian Standards (ASO4601).
- The 1990 models of Holden Commodore and Hyundai Excel were stand out vehicles for short term theft with an increase of 14% for the theft of Hyundai Excel.
- The VT Holden Commodore manufactured between 1997 and 2000 remains to be the most consistently stolen vehicle for profit motivated theft (not recovered). This was closely followed by the VS Holden Commodore manufactured from late 1995 to early 1997.

New vehicle: Security features

The National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Committee 'Secure By Design Awards 2012' were awarded to a number of new vehicles including the Volkswagen Polo 5-door Hatch, Golf 5-door Hatch, Passat and Tiguan, the Audi A4, the Jaguar XF and the BMW 1 Series Convertible and 3 Series Coupe as being judged to have the highest level of in-built security in their class. Some of these features included:

- entry systems for example doors, ignition locks, alarms, rear seat and boot access and window glazing
- higher technology engine immobilisers and
- vehicle body stamping, security labeling and micro-dotting.

Used or new vehicle: Security features

When purchasing a used or new vehicle with minimal built in security features, consider installing an Australian Standard immobiliser and/or audible alarm, and make the choice to be secure.

For further information please see the '*Vehicle Security: Why are vehicles stolen*' fact sheet available on South Australia Police's website or go to www.carsafe.com.au

If you have any questions please contact the Police Crime Prevention Section at your nearest police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au.

South Australia Police (SAPOL) is committed to working in partnership with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime to ensure that South Australia is a safe place to live, visit and do business.

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