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ASSURANCE AUTO ET HABITATION

## Effectiveness of Protection Systems

Description					Effectiveness Evaluation		
System Type	Price*	Significant Features	Brands Available	Points of Sale and Installation	Against Network Theft	Against Opportunistic Thefts	For After-Theft Recovery
<b>Marking of Parts</b>							
Marking with computerized data bank	\$200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 parts marked</li> <li>• Data accessible to police and insurers</li> <li>• Sandblast marking and engraving</li> <li>• Unique vehicle coding for owner and VIN identification</li> <li>• Warning sticker on windows</li> </ul>	Sherlock	Authorized agents	Very effective	Ineffective	n.a.
Marking without computerized data bank	\$100 to \$300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From 25 to 50 parts marked</li> <li>• Sandblast marking and engraving</li> <li>• Inscription of VIN or part of VIN</li> <li>• Warning sticker on windows</li> </ul>	None	Dealers, specialized retailers and auto glass installers	Moderately effective	Ineffective	n.a.

Electronic Immobilization								
3 cut-offs	\$350	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passive-arming</li> <li>• Disarming with transponder or random-code remote control</li> <li>• Warning light</li> <li>• Personalized installation</li> </ul>	Autowatch, Magtec	VICC approved agents	Effective	Very effective	n.a.	
2 cut-offs	\$130		Autostart, Carbine, DOC, Clifford, Duro, Powerstart, Prestige, Pursuit, SPAV, Tiger, Viper, etc.	Specialized retailers and auto glass installers	Moderately effective	Very effective	n.a.	
1 cut-off	\$50 to \$80		Not very effective	Effective	n.a.			
Alarm								
Basic system with siren	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passive arming</li> <li>• Disarming with random-code remote control</li> <li>• Self-powered alarm (with battery)</li> <li>• Warning light</li> <li>• Personalized installation</li> </ul>	Alpine, Autostart, Carbine, Clifford, Marksman, Powerstart, Prestige, Pursuit, Python, Ultracar, Ungo, Viper, etc.	Specialized retailers and auto glass installers	Not very effective	Effective	n.a.	
Mechanical Immobilization								
Steering-wheel lock	\$20 to \$80		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bright colour</li> <li>• Easy to install and remove</li> </ul>	De Vice, KlickKity, The Club, Twin Hooks, Sentinel, etc.	Department stores, hardware stores, specialized retailers	Not very effective	Effective	n.a.
Tracking								
Cellular and GPS	\$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passive arming</li> <li>• Immediate theft detection</li> </ul>		Vigil	Authorized agents	n.a.	n.a.	Effective
Cellular	\$400		Boomerang	n.a.		n.a.	Moderately effective	

\*Prices are approximate and cover purchase and installation, if required. They were obtained from retailers in the Montreal region in February 2002.

**VIN:** Vehicle identification number.

**Cut-off:** Number of electrical devices to be deactivated to disarm the anti-theft system before being able to start the vehicle.

**GPS (Global Positioning System):** System that geographically (longitude, latitude) locates an object.

**Passive arming:** Feature of an ignition interlock system that is automatically armed as soon as the engine is turned off, without the driver's intervention.

Source: *Protégez-vous*, April 2002  
(our translation of information provided)