

CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

There has been a sharp increase in catalytic converter theft due to the global price rise of the precious metals they contain. Replacement can cost thousands of pounds.

A CAT guard sounds the alarm (and can even send you a text message) if anyone tries to cut your exhaust pipe or otherwise remove the catalytic converter.

The Ford Transit was the UK's most stolen vehicle in 2015, with the Mercedes Sprinter in second place.
National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service (NaVCIS)



HIGH VISIBILITY LOCKS

Thieves often look for easy targets. High visibility steering and external locks offer additional protection, and deter opportunistic thieves.

Slamlocks

Criminals can steal vehicles left unattended for a short period of time, such as when making deliveries.

Slamlocks automatically lock your van door when you slam it shut.

SlamPlates

Thieves can bypass door handle locks by making a hole above the handle to open the door.

SlamPlates cover this vulnerable area with a steel plate, preventing door handle break-ins.

Deadlock

Loss of vehicle contents is a major cost for commercial fleets.

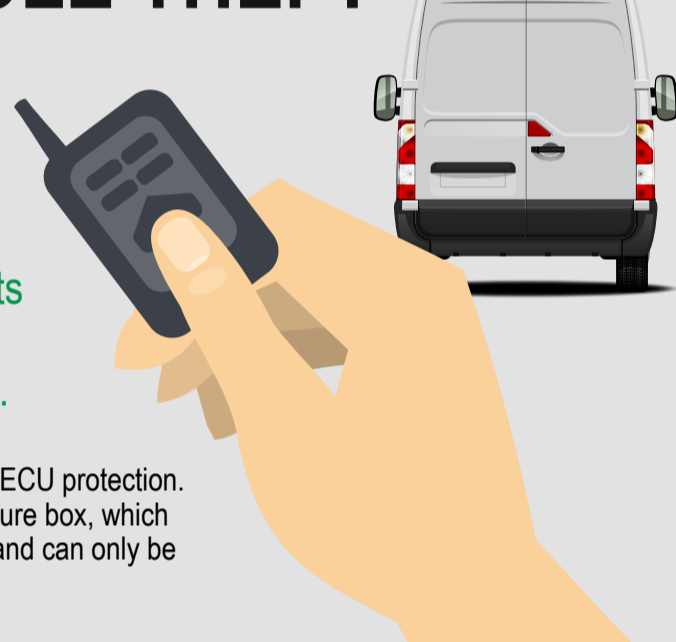
Deadlocks are manually operated cab and load area door locks, which stay locked during a standard system breach. Doors cannot be opened from the inside in the event of a break-in, protecting valuable contents.



KEYLESS VEHICLE THEFT

Thieves have discovered a way to clone the key fob, allowing them to bypass the immobiliser system and to start the vehicle – all with cheap products ordered from overseas and readily available “how-to” YouTube videos.

However, you can protect yourself with an OBD / ECU protection. This encloses the OBD / ECU socket within a secure box, which attaches to the crash bar behind the dash board and can only be opened with the correct key.



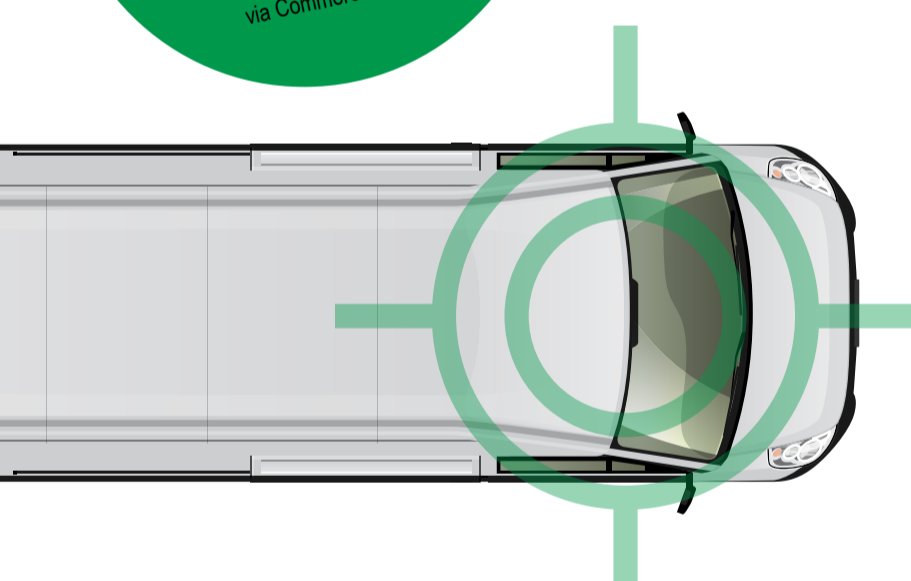
Around 47,000 commercial vehicles are stolen in the UK each year, at a total asset cost of £152M.
Fleet News via Commercial Fleet



VEHICLE TRACKING TECHNOLOGY

Locating a stolen vehicle quickly is essential to minimising business losses.

The latest tracking software can locate your vehicle even when thieves use concealment and GPS/signal jammers.



BACK TO BASICS

- Keep an eye out for people lurking near vehicles.
- Park in safe and well-lit places.
- Train your drivers to lock doors behind them every time they leave the vehicle.



Are your van security products independently tested and endorsed by Thatcham Motor Insurance Repair Research Centre or Sold Secure? They should be if you want the maximum protection.

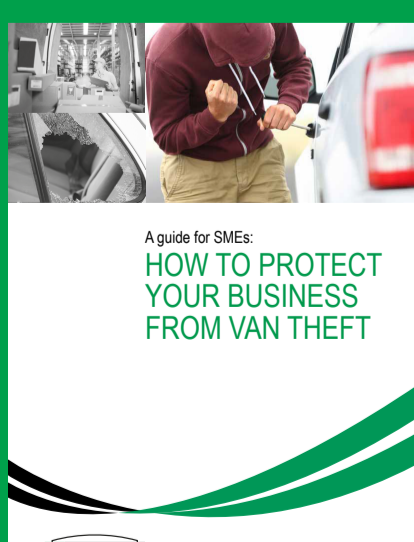


SECURITY COSTS

TO BUY: approx £900 (parts and labour)

AVOID UPFRONT COSTS: with commercial vehicle hire, your provider should be able to include extra security features for a small monthly fee.

[Find out more - speak to a vehicle hire expert about your leasing and security needs >](#)



Our latest guide helps SMEs guard against van security issues and calculate the true business impact of van theft.

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