



ChipNTrac – a self-monitoring GPS vehicle tracker

ChipNTrac is a self-monitoring GPS tracker that will send you a text message alert to your mobile phone if your car is tampered with or stolen. It's a small device, easy to install in your car and comes with the useful additional free Club Recovery support service. It's supplied by a Kent based company, RBS Property Marking, run by Stan Ratcliffe. The benefit of the device is twofold: first it provides you with an alert of any tampering with your car and secondly if the car is taken away by thieves then the tracker sends information on the location of the car to assist tracing the car so the police can recover it.

If your car is tampered with, or worse stolen, you will naturally contact the police to investigate the theft and then if the car is not recovered or has suffered damage, look to your motor insurers to cover the loss.

Reporting a vehicle theft to the police presents them with a difficult task tracing it as they will not know where the thieves may have taken your car if you don't have a tracker fitted. That's made much more difficult if the car is broken for spares if you cannot give an ID on any of the parts on your car which could stand up in court. So it is likely to have 'unsolvable' marked against your incident report number. An article on the Metropolitan Police in the London

'Evening Standard' by reporter Justin Davenport highlighted the way police 'screen out' crimes including over 75% of vehicle thefts because after an initial investigation these crimes are considered 'unsolvable'.

Insurance claims involving vehicle theft take time to process should your car not be traced and returned to you. Following your notifying the insurer of damage to the car or a theft they will ask for information on the progress made by the police on the reported car theft. Without the advantage of being able to track and trace the vehicle there will be a lengthy delay before the case is accepted as unsolvable on the basis of the police response and then a pay-out can be processed and made by the insurer.

Self-monitoring GPS tracker

ChipNTrac is a self-monitoring GPS tracker that will alert you if your car is tampered with or stolen. It's about the size of a box of matches and can easily be fitted in your car and connected to your vehicle's electrical system. Being fully insulated the polarity is not a concern. It has an internal battery which is kept fully charged and will take over running the tracker for up to 7 days and send an alert when it drops. The voltage converter for powering the tracker from your vehicle will run on a power supply of 6 to 36 volts so is suitable for classic cars and

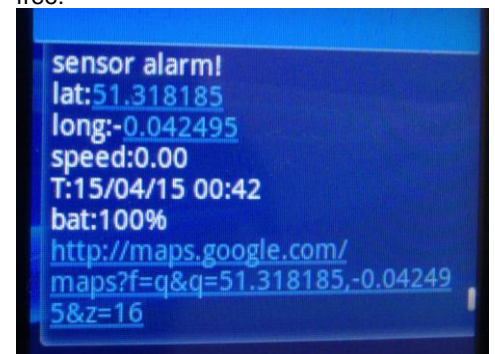
motorcycles as well as modern cars, motorhomes, caravans and commercial vehicles.

Monitoring your car with ChipNTrac

This is done using your mobile phone - even a basic mobile phone will do because there are no apps to be loaded. It's all done with simple text messages. The reply from the tracker gives the grid location of the tracker so you can give this to the police to enable them to trace and retrieve a stolen car. If you have a smart phone with Internet access then you can click on the web address at the foot of the message to see the location of the car on Google maps. You can set alerts to detect someone messing about with the car when it is parked or in store or if it has been stolen and is on the move. You will need a SIM card for the tracker - this can be a PAYG card or if you have a mobile phone on contract then ask your provider for a second SIM card (with a different number) and then use part of your free text message allowance for the tracker. Note text message tariffs may apply. **Setting the tracker is controlled from your mobile phone which you use to turn the tracker on or off** when you get into or leave the car. You can register up to five authorised mobile phones.

What is Club Recovery?

There are no annual fees or subscription for this service which provides a step by step guide to reporting a theft. With the turmoil most people will be in if their car is stolen and, with the owner's authorisation, the service can provide tracking support by assisting or taking over monitoring the tracker and liaising with the police. This is similar to a monitored tracker service but is free!



ChipNTrac with Club Recovery is available at a special price for MG Car Club members – see the advert for details and the special discount code. For more information contact RBS Property Marking on 01474 350883 or at www.rbs-propertymarking.co.uk