



## What is Immobilise Now!

*Immobilise Now!* is a partnership of immobiliser suppliers and installers established by the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council. Our aim is to provide access to quality immobilisers at affordable prices.

## Car theft – the facts

Each year, one in every 120 Australian households falls victim to vehicle theft.

Even more surprisingly: it's older vehicles, not new ones, which are most commonly targeted. This is because around three-quarters of vehicles stolen in Australia are taken by opportunists who steal for transport, to commit another crime or worse, just for kicks. And it doesn't help that most vehicles 10 years and older lack reliable security devices.

An Australian Standards (AS/NZS 4601:1999) certified engine immobiliser offers the most effective protection available against such opportunists.

## Who we are

The National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) is an independent, non-profit organisation established by all Australian governments and the insurance industry. The NMVTRC works with its partners to reduce Australia's unacceptably high incidence of vehicle theft and the associated costs of this crime to the community.

Our Council is drawn from major national bodies whose systems and practices directly impact upon vehicle theft. This includes government justice and transport agencies, insurers, vehicle manufacturers, the motor trades and motoring associations.

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## WISH YOU'D INSTALLED AN IMMOBILISER



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Research shows that some people are still confused about how to ensure they buy a quality immobiliser and what is a fair price. The information in this brochure will help you in choosing the most effective security for your vehicle.

## What is an immobiliser?

An engine immobiliser fitted under the *Immobilise Now!* program protects your car by temporarily interrupting the power supply to the fuel pump, the starter motor, and/or the ignition. Without power to these systems, your vehicle cannot start.

In order for your car to start, an immobiliser must receive the correct electronic code from its deactivating device. This signal constantly changes ensuring that the code is virtually impossible to 'crack'.

The features of a AS/NZS 4601:1999 certified system include:

- automatic immobilisation within 40 seconds of switching off your engine;
- two independent points of immobilisation;
- connections enclosed in security housing;
- all black security wiring;
- flashing dashboard LED to indicate that the system is armed; and
- secure owner PIN override.

Engine immobilisers fitted under the *Immobilise Now!* program do not include an alarm as standard but one may be integrated with most systems, along with other features at an additional cost. For further advice and information call 1300 668 410.

"I only had the car for two months, it was a horrible feeling. I am now very worried it will happen again"

## What type of immobilisers are available?

A range of manufacturers supply products to the *Immobilise Now!* program. These products can be broadly classified by the following four deactivation devices.

- An electronically coded Jack Plug (which is like an extra key) that must be inserted into a dashboard mounted socket before starting the vehicle.
- An electronically coded Touch Key which also requires a socket to be mounted in the dashboard.
- An electronically coded Transponder Tag. The size of the cap of a ballpoint pen, the transponder tag communicates with a wiring loom around the vehicle's ignition. If you attach the transponder to your key-ring, it will be close enough to send its deactivation signal when you insert your key into the ignition.
- A Remote Transmitter device. For an additional charge these systems may also be interfaced with a central locking kit (or existing central locking system) to provide keyless entry.

Please note: not all installers will carry the full range of devices.

Importantly, each of these four categories provide the same level of protection. You just need to decide which best suits you. Consult your local *Immobilise Now!* installer for advice.

### A word of warning

These systems offer very high levels of protection so long as a thief does not have access to the deactivation device.

Keep the device on your key ring and keep your keys safely out of the hands of thieves.

A good rule is that if the car is at home but you are out, make sure all the keys are with you.

"After having a car stolen... installing an immobiliser has given me peace of mind that my car will still be there in the morning"

## How much does it cost?

\$220 is the recommended retail price, depending on your choice of product. This includes installation, a minimum two years warranty and GST.

## Certified by Standards Australia

All immobilisers available under the program have been independently certified as meeting the Australian/New Zealand Standard 4601:1999. This standard was developed by industry experts to provide the highest level of protection possible, without affecting the safe operation of your vehicle.