

How to safeguard vehicles against theft – vehicle immobilisers

What is a vehicle immobiliser?

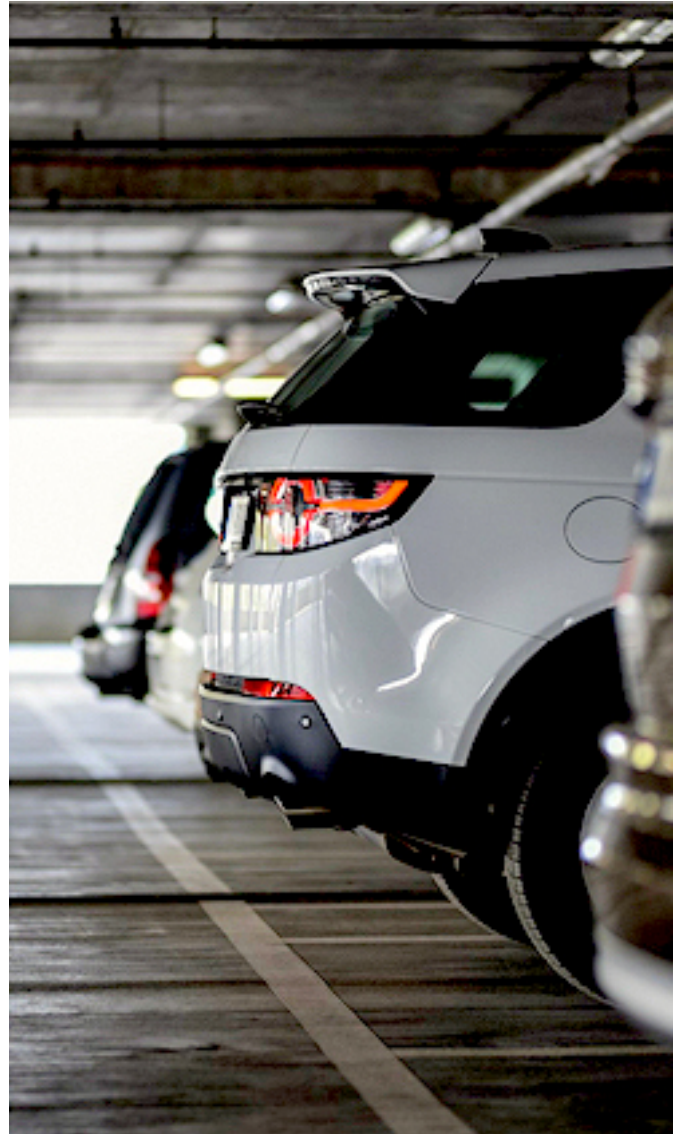
A vehicle immobiliser is a security device designed to prevent the unauthorised use of a vehicle. It achieves this by disabling essential vehicle components, such as the starter motor, fuel and ignition system, rendering the vehicle inoperable without the correct authentication.

Sophisticated immobilisers are a critical component of a comprehensive vehicle security solution, especially for individuals whose vehicles are often targets for theft.

How does it work?

Modern immobilisers typically use one of the following methods to control access:

- **Automatic Driver Recognition (ADR):** This method requires the driver to authenticate their identity using an app, card, or code before starting the vehicle.
- **Passive Systems:** These systems automatically activate when the vehicle is stationary, often using RFID technology to detect a key fob or tag.



Checklist for choosing an immobiliser

- Confirm that the immobiliser can be installed on your vehicle.
 - Ensure the device meets the security standards set by your insurance provider.
 - Opt for professional installation to ensure the system works correctly.
 - Evaluate the features of each immobiliser and their costs to choose the best option for your needs.
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Stand-alone immobilisation devices

Installing a stand-alone immobiliser to complement an approved tracking system will add further protection. Here are some of the available options for consideration:

1. Shadow Immobiliser

- **ADR Method:** Controlled via an app, card, or pin code upon request.
- **Price:** £349* fitted. Contact us for further information.
- **Certification:** Security Industry Authority (SIA), ISO 9001, ISO 27701, and ISO 27001 certified.
- **Vehicle compatibility:** Suitable for most vehicles; however, installation may be restricted for certain high-end or exotic models.
- **Insurer requirements:** Ensure compliance with your insurer's specifications, as this can affect policy terms and premiums.

Overview: The Shadow Immobiliser offers a versatile approach with multiple control options, making it a user-friendly choice. Its comprehensive certification underscores its reliability in protecting your vehicle.

2. NoGo Immobiliser

- **ADR Method:** Tag controlled.
- **Price:** £495* fitted. Contact NoGo directly for further information.
- **Certification:** Thatcham Category 2 certified.
- **Vehicle compatibility:** Compatible with a wide range of vehicles; specific exclusions may apply.
- **Insurer requirements:** Confirm with your insurer to ensure it meets their needs.

Overview: The NoGo Immobiliser is recognised for its robust security features and Thatcham certification, ensuring a high level of protection. Its tag-based system offers a convenient yet secure way of immobilisation.

3. Ghost II Immobiliser

- **ADR Method:** Controlled via button sequence input, app, or emergency code.
- **Price:** £499* fitted. Contact Autowatch UK for further information.
- **Certifications:** Tracking and Aftermarket Security System Association (TASSA) verified.
- **Vehicle compatibility:** Fits many vehicles; however, some makes and models may not be supported.
- **Insurer requirements:** Check with your insurance provider to confirm compliance with their security requirements.

Overview: The Ghost II Immobiliser provides a sophisticated security solution with multiple authentication methods. Its TASSA verification ensures it meets stringent security standards.

Combined tracker and immobiliser systems

While stand-alone immobilisers offer robust protection, combining them with a tracking system can enhance security further. Here are some of the available integrated options:

4. SmarTrack 5+ iMOB

- **ADR Method:** Card controlled.
- **Price:** Pricing can vary; contact us or SmarTrack directly for further information.
- **Certification:** Thatcham Category 5 certified tracking with integrated immobilisation.
- **Features:** Offers a comprehensive security solution with both tracking and immobilisation capabilities.

Overview: The SmarTrack 5+ iMOB integrates tracking and immobilisation, providing an added layer of security. This system is ideal for clients seeking both real-time tracking and theft prevention.

5. NoGo Track S5+

- **ADR Method:** Tag controlled.
- **Price:** Pricing available on request; visit NoGo's website for details.
- **Certification:** Thatcham Category 5 certified tracking with integrated immobilisation.
- **Features:** Combines advanced tracking with effective immobilisation features.

Overview: The NoGo Track S5+ offers a blend of high-level tracking and immobilisation. It's a suitable choice for those looking for a comprehensive security solution.

6. Chubb S5 Tracker Plus

- **ADR Method:** Card controlled.
- **Price:** Available through Chubb Insurance; contact them directly for pricing.
- **Certification:** Thatcham Category 5 certified tracking with integrated immobilisation.
- **Features:** Provides top-tier tracking and immobilisation in one package.

Overview: The Chubb S5 Tracker Plus delivers excellent protection with its combined tracking and immobilisation features. Ideal for clients of Chubb Insurance looking for an integrated security system.

* All featured pricing is correct as of 1 October 2024.