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# How to Protect Your Fleet from Theft

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2022 ANTI-THEFT REPORT

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**RAVELCO**  
Anti-Theft Device 



# Make no mistake:

## Your vehicle is being targeted by thieves

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**Fleet trucks represent a lucrative target for professional thieves.** Loaded with expensive tools and equipment and often parked in an unsecured location, a loaded truck represents a goldmine for a skilled thief...if they can get in and get out in a minute or less. With the advent of better locks for on-board storage, thieves are now stealing the entire vehicle so they can take their time breaking in to steal equipment — and leave a stripped and damaged vehicle to be found days or weeks later. The losses add up: expensive tools, downtime for both the vehicle and the worker, and the cost to repair the vehicle.

**DON'T LET YOUR FLEET BE THE NEXT TO BE HIT:**  
understand how to protect your investment.

In the following pages, you'll discover the plethora of security options available to protect your fleet. You'll read pros and cons and can make an informed decision about the best solution for your fleet

# Anti-Theft solutions for Fleet Vehicles

Here are a few popular solutions that are marketed to fleet managers.  
Let's breakdown the advantages and disadvantages of each solution.

## EQUIPMENT AND TOOL PROTECTION

### Puck Locks

These locks are designed to protect cargo and tools against attacks by securing all entry points. There are a variety of manufactures, and all feature hardened steel to defeat attempts to drill out the lock core.

#### Advantage:

Difficult for thieves to break open doors to steal tools, especially in the one to two minutes of opportunity most break-ins offer — a great way to eliminate or reduce smash-and-grab thefts.

#### Disadvantage:

Fleet managers report that these Puck Locks, while effective at preventing smash-and-grab tool theft, actually encourage thieves to steal the whole vehicle. Then they take it to a remote location where they have the time and tools to cut away the locks and get the tools inside.



## GENERAL VEHICLE PROTECTION

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### GPS trackers

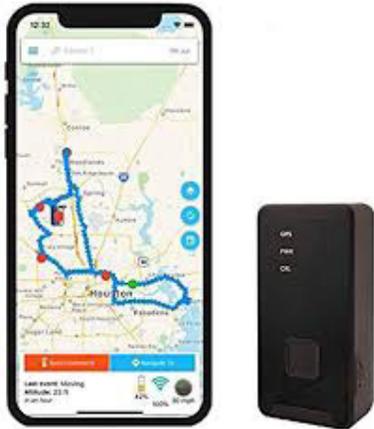
GPS trackers allow you to track exactly where the vehicle is located. These are ideal for many applications, including tracking routes, driver behavior, and overall driving safety.

**Advantage:**

Vehicle data and location can be tracked to provide accurate routing, shipping delivery and a variety of other commercial applications.

**Disadvantage:**

GPS is ineffective at preventing vehicle theft, though it might allow for recovery after theft. Thieves can also quickly defeat GPS trackers by cutting the thin coaxial cable that the GPS is dependent on...and thieves can easily identify. Thieves can even place the vehicle in a space (parking garage or metal-roofed garage) and block GPS signals between the unit and the satellite that tracks it.



### Dash Cams

Dash cams capture harsh driving incidents, provide in-cab coaching and driving safety scores, and can even exonerate drivers in the case of accidents.

**Advantage:**

Improves overall safety of drivers, thanks to data capture for post-event feedback and in-cab feedback for ongoing training.

**Disadvantage:**

Like GPS trackers, dash cams can't stop vehicle theft

## VEHICLE THEFT PROTECTION

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### Vehicle alarms

These systems are designed to sound an alarm when somebody tries to break a window or open a door. Some offer a kill switch to prevent engine ignition.

**Advantage:**

They can be inexpensive to buy and are designed to be installed quickly under the dash. Some have a remote key fob to turn on the alarm.

**Disadvantage:**

No one pays attention to the car alarm sound — too often it's dismissed as yet another malfunctioning alarm. Alarms are very easy to defeat because of the quick connections made during the installation — easy installation means easy removal. All alarms are installed in the same location in every vehicle (under the dash on the driver side), so the thieves know exactly where to look. In under a minute a nominally skilled thief can easily turn off, unplug, or disable the alarm unit and then start the vehicle and drive off.

[Watch this video](#) on how easy it is to defeat a car alarm.

### Club Devices

Club devices attach to steering wheels of all sizes and immobilize the vehicle.

**Advantage:**

Easy to install and inexpensive, easily distributed to an entire fleet. And can slow down the theft of a vehicle.

**Disadvantage:**

Ineffective at preventive theft. The club's lock can be drilled out in seconds, allowing for fast removal and the opportunity to hot-wire your vehicle and drive off. Users also report issues with the lock getting stuck in place and requiring a locksmith to remove it from the steering wheel.



## VEHICLE THEFT PROTECTION

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### The Ultimate Vehicle Immobilizer:

#### The Ravelco Anti-Theft Device

A small plug-like device installed in the dash, with steel-covered wires routed to the engine compartment. When the portable plug is removed, the vehicle can't be started.

#### Advantage:

Learn why it's so effective ([link to video](#)) The target-hardened installation means wires are under the dash and can't be accessed from within the vehicle. In the engine compartment, wires are hidden within factory wiring, disguised to look like factory wiring, or are otherwise imperceptible. To remove the unit requires unraveling a vehicle's entire electrical system and multiple engine components — which requires time and expertise that thieves don't have. [See how it work here.](#)

#### Disadvantage:

None for drivers and fleet owners — with over 5 million units sold, not a single vehicle with the Ravelco unit installed has been stolen.



"In one year we lost 13 vehicles to thieves, with no end to the thefts in sight. We got the vans back, but not the tools, costing the company over \$250,000 per year. We tried alarms, clubs, locks, GPS. Nothing worked. Until we installed the Ravelco Anti-Theft Device. Since then, we haven't lost a single vehicle protected with a Ravelco, and there have been over 30 attempts. We put them on every single vehicle we don't want to be stolen. In 5 years, it's saved the company over \$600,000."

**Joe Parisi**  
Chairman, Therma

# Make the sure choice: Ravelco

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Choose an anti-theft solution that's best for your fleet — the only solution that ensures 100% protection against vehicle theft. With over 5 million units installed and not one unit breached in 43 years, there's really no other choice.

To learn more about how California and Arizona Ravelco can protect your fleet vehicles from theft, call us today. Before you lose a vehicle tonight.

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## Video Case Study

Rescue roter was losing 12 vehicles a year to theft. They tried everything but nothing worked. So they found the Ravelco Anti-Theft Device. **Not a single vehicle stolen since their fleet was protected.**