



Top 10 Stolen Vehicles in Canada Fact Sheet

Every car is a target

You may think that thieves only target luxury cars. **False.** While organized auto theft rings steal luxury cars to export them overseas, they also target more popular models to sell for parts on the black market.

You may also think that thieves don't want your car. **False.** All model years are targets. In fact, according to the top 10 lists below provided by the Insurance Bureau of Canada and Boomerang Tracking some of the most popular cars with thieves include Honda, Subaru, Acura, Dodge and Audi and are more than 5 years old.

2007 Top 10 stolen vehicles in Canada

1. 1999 Honda Civic SiR 2-door
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3. 2004 Subaru Impreza WRX/WRX STi 4-door AWD
4. 1999 Acura Integra 2-door
5. 1994 Dodge/Plymouth Grand Caravan/Voyager
6. 1994 Dodge/Plymouth Grand Caravan/Voyager AWD
7. 1994 Dodge/Plymouth Caravan/Voyager
8. 1998 Acura Integra 2-door
9. 2000 Audi TT Quattro 2-door Coupe
10. 1994 Dodge/Plymouth Shadow/Sundance 2-door Hatchback

2007 Top 10 stolen vehicles recovered by Boomerang Tracking

1. Ford F250
2. Ford F350
3. Chevrolet Silverado
4. Volkswagen Jetta
5. Cadillac Escalade
6. Nissan Pathfinder

7. Nissan Murano
8. Honda CRV
9. Toyota Yaris
10. Acura Integra

A serious phenomenon

Vehicle theft is a serious, ongoing phenomenon that has a direct negative impact on our society. According to Statistics Canada, 159 000 cars were stolen in 2007 in Canada. That's 435 vehicles stolen per day!

Thieves are using new methods to steal cars. Most recently, cars have been stolen from individual victims directly by force in home invasions (where the car and car keys are taken), or through "car jackings," which have been increasing in Toronto.

What's important to remember is that every car is a target. To have the ultimate security and peace of mind, the public needs to take a "multilayered" approach to preventing vehicle theft.

Boomerang's Contribution

- Boomerang Tracking launched Auto Theft Awareness Month in November to educate the public on protecting their vehicles.
- Boomerang Tracking has published a guide to protect vehicles from theft called Keeping Track Booklet, available at www.boomerangtracking.com
 - It tests the reader with a Myths and Realities quiz
 - Includes a review of vehicle theft in Canada
 - Describes the four methods of prevention against car theft
- Boomerang Tracking has launched a YouTube channel to better educate drivers. The video entitled "Auto Theft Prevention 101" presents these four methods to prevent theft and is viewable at <http://www.youtube.com/boomerangtracking>
- Experts on vehicle theft protection are available for interviews.