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## Tamper-proof tax disc spells end of road for car thefts

# A RIPPING IDEA!



The new disc holder

**BIRMINGHAM** motorist Michael Prince is driving into a fortune — thanks to thieves who stole the £130 road tax disc from his car.

The 45-year-old dad was so annoyed at the theft that he gave up his building business and set about inventing a tamper-proof disc holder.

Stolen tax discs have become bigger business than MoT certificate fiddles, as thieves clean off a car's details and sell them on for up to £30.

The Government expects to lose £163 million this year from motorists not paying road tax — many of them buying stolen discs on the black market instead.

But Mr Prince's Securi-Disc uses a special synthetic material as an adhesive cover which cannot be removed without ripping the disc — thwarting thieves' attempts to create a forgery.

The disc holder comes complete with a warning which tells thieves the tax disc is tamper-proof.

Mr Prince reckons his revolutionary disc holder could stamp out road tax fraud — and end one of Britain's fastest growing crimes.

His new device was recommended by West Midlands Police and then approved by the Driving & Vehicle Licensing Agency in Swansea. Tens of thousands of them will go on sale at Post Offices and shops across the country next month for 99p.

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Mr Prince said: "I was really annoyed when my road tax disc was stolen — and couldn't believe how simple it was for the thief.

"Modern cars have all these complex security devices, but nothing to protect the tax disc. I saw the hole in the market and came up with the perfect solution. I'm hoping it will be a real winner."

### Simple idea

Sergeant Steve Rojek, of West Midlands Police information technology department, said: "This is such a simple idea, but could provide us with major assistance in fighting road tax fraud."



SCREEN DEBUT: Michael Prince shows off his tamper-proof tax disc