



GRABBED: The windscreen is smashed, the hand goes through and the tax disc is gone

Smash the tax bandits

MOTORISTS in Notts are used to fitting steering wheel locks, removing their radio/cassette players and locking valuables out of sight.

But most motorists don't realise they are leaving one very valuable item on show for any opportunist thief — the tax disc.

Now the *Evening Post* is giving every reader the chance to protect their disc — for just 99p.

Crime correspondent **DANNEN BROOK** looks at the new invention and how police believe it will help in the fight against theft.

EVERY 30 minutes, somewhere in Notts, thieves break into a car to steal something.

Not every one of these cases involves a tax disc being stolen — but police believe there are enough taken to make the crime a real problem.

Worth up to £146, the tax disc can be stolen in moments and, once in the hands of thieves, can be altered and used on stolen and dangerous vehicles to make them appear legal.

But now a Midlands invention could change all that — for less than £1.

Called the Secur-i-disc, the simple invention can help stamp out this lucrative crime for opportunist thieves thanks to a tamper proof holder that uses strong adhesive.

Many of the cars which come to attention of police, either because they have been broken into, or been involved in criminal activities, have been found to have stolen tax discs.

Last year, 718 discs were taken from vehicles in the county. They will have been sold on for fraudulent use. The *Evening Post* Secur-i-disc would have prevented many if not all thefts.

Traffic police Sergeant Paul Tipper said: "A great deal of the stolen tax discs we hear about have been taken from cars when they are broken into."

And he added: "I would say that anything which

Sticky ending for thieves

prevents thieves from being able to steal discs from cars has got to be a good thing."

He says it is not just the people who lose their discs who face a big bill.

"We hear of situations where people have innocently bought a car with a tax disc which has been



LEGAL? A traffic warden checks a tax disc

stolen from a vehicle.

"These people will be detained on suspicion of receiving and handling stolen property until they can prove otherwise."

And he added: "These tamper-proof tax disc holders have got to help us and, if people take whatever precautions they can to make sure their tax disc does not fall into the wrong hands, it has got to benefit the public as well."

Tax disc fraud costs the country £160 million every year. Now you can help beat the tax bandits at their own game.

● Last year in Notts 16,436 vehicles were stolen.

● 18,600 vehicles were broken into from vehicles.

Arnold	1,938
Bassettlaw	2,123
Beeston	1,963
Carlton	1,755
Central	1,992
Hucknall	1,690
Manfield	2,895
Radford	1,543
Trent	3,041



HOW IT WORKS



Carefully peel off licence holder backing to expose adhesive and place on a flat surface with adhesive facing up.

If you dampen your fingers before, it will help in stopping the adhesive sticking to them.

Apply back of tax disc to centre circle to ensure a permanent bond. Apply pressure to the disc only.

Remove paper backing from clear plastic disc and carefully apply adhesive side of disc to surface of tax disc. Do not try and attempt to remove plastic disc at any time during fixing.



Place adhesive side of licence holder on car windscreen and smooth down to display disc.

If at any time, the tax disc needs returning to the DVLA, peel the holder from the windscreen and cut the disc out.



HOW TO ORDER

● To order your disc holder, simply fill in the coupon and send 99p by cheque or postal order, made payable to Nottingham Post Group Ltd, to the address below.

● PLEASE ENCLOSE STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR ORDER.

● The tax disc holders are also available from *The Evening Post* reception at Forman Street, Nottingham.

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