



Escort Entourage PS

The Entourage gives you full-on, *Mission: Impossible*-style live monitoring. The portable unit's info (there's also an Entourage model you can hard-wire into your car) is accessed through a website, which reports speed and location superimposed over Google Maps. You can also set alarms that notify you via e-mail or text message when the Entourage detects movement or leaves a customizable geographic perimeter. The downside: Access to all this information requires a subscription, \$14.95 a month.

(\$299.95; 800-964-3138; www.escortradar.com)



BEST FOR: Tracking where your car goes if it gets stolen.

Davis Instruments CarChip Pro

The CarChip Pro plugs into the OBD II port under your car's dash and spits out information by the bucketful. It records vehicle speed as often as once every second, along with four selectable parameters such as throttle position, engine speed, and even timing advance. It can also read and clear check-engine-light codes. The downside, for Luddites, is that it requires a computer. But once the data is downloaded via the included software, you get a highly detailed report. And the CarChip remembers specific cars, so it can be swapped throughout a fleet.

(\$119.00; 800-678-3669; www.davisnet.com)

BEST FOR: Obsessive-compulsives and business-fleet owners.



LandAirSea GPS Tracking Key Pro

Looking for some cloak-and-dagger spy gear? Look no further. The Tracking Key Pro is a self-contained GPS receiver and recorder, powered by two AA batteries. The 100-hour memory is designed to outlast the 80-hour battery life, and the unit attaches to your car with a strong magnet. It's the ultimate grab-and-go solution for the PI on the move. We even tried it under the bumper of a test car, and it still worked. The tracking key is passive, which means you need to download the recorded data to a computer. That said, it will display the car's travel history on a map or generate a report that includes the approximate addresses of stops, such as

hourly-rate motels. (\$248.99; 847-462-8100; www.landairsea.com)



BEST FOR: Checking alibis.



Lemur Vehicle Monitors SafeDriver

The SafeDriver also plugs into your car's OBD II port, sending information wirelessly to a key fob that displays maximum speed, distance traveled, and hard braking events (0.40 g or greater). The fob can be separated from the sensor (you can update the statistics after a trip), and it lets you know if the sensor gets unplugged from the OBD II port. It's great if you want a simple driving report card, but it lacks detail.

(\$69.95; 866-302-0054; www.lemurmonitors.com)

BEST FOR: Keeping tabs on a new teen driver.



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An aerial photograph of a city street intersection. A red sports car is highlighted with a green circular graphic on the road. The surrounding area includes several tall office buildings, one with a prominent green facade, and a street sign for 'DEPENDENCE BANK' on the left. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Big Brother Is Watching

Electronic nannies can tell what your car and its driver have been up to.

Whatever your reason—as a business owner, concerned parent, data-obsessed nerd, or even suspicious spouse—you might want to know how and where your car is being driven when you're not behind the wheel. We've collected four devices of varying levels of sophistication (and price). Each offers real ease of use and a healthy outlet for your paranoia. —MICHAEL AUSTIN