

WHY CAR OWNERS DISLIKE MONDAYS

If you drive a white car you might not like Mondays, according to a new analysis of figures from the Police National Computer released by the Royal Automobile Club Foundation and Retainagroup today. Vehicle crime still accounts for more than 30 percent of all crime, according to the latest Home Office analysis.*

Based on a sample of more than 35,000 cars reported as stolen on the Police National Computer and compared against information held on Retainagroup's International Security Register (ISR), a secure database containing details of more than 12 million cars, the analysis shows that car theft peaks on Mondays.

Further analysis reveals that white cars are more likely to be stolen than any other colour.

As black is fast becoming the most popular colour of new car and analysis shows that black cars are the third most likely to be stolen, it will be interesting to see what effect this might have, if any, on future car theft rates. Prior to black, silver was the most popular colour of new car, the third least likely colour of car to be stolen, according to the figures.

White cars could be more at risk because white is non-metallic and is easier to disguise through re-spraying. And, with car theft peaking on Mondays, hard-pressed motorists can enjoy a day of rest on Sunday, when the risk of having their car stolen is one-third that on a Monday.

Note: 'Crime in England and Wales 2006/2007' published by the Research Development and Statistics Directorate within the Crime Reduction and Community Safety Group in the Home Office.

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