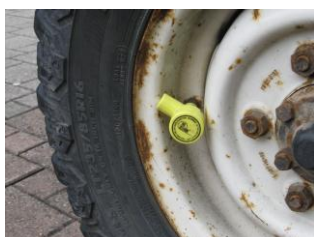


Vehicle theft protection



How often is an offroad vehicle stolen? How often are wheels removed unnoticed by the driver? After all the stories I heard I came to the conclusion that there is most probably a great deal of exaggeration.

Who wants to sell or drive around with an eye-catching offroad vehicle? Even the interior cannot be so easily sold separately as most of it is either of not so great value or registered. However, there remains some potential remaining risk. And here you can buy small but useful protection items relatively cheap on the market. Well, I have switched off my vehicle burglar protection (there is the possibility to re program the Landrover with various scale of protection. It cost me around 65 CHF to do so. Key remote control and ultrasonic can cause blockages and other undesirable side effects(eg empty battery in the key remote control). And as of a sudden, you have a nice mess you got into. I am also astonished how many cars are stolen that have a triplex burglary protection. Specialists must be able to circumvent it within minutes.



As alternatives, there are steering wheel locks, wheel clamps and also tire deflators on the market. In my opinion, they are as efficient as the built in vehicle burglar alarm. I have chosen two devices: A tire deflator that is attached to the tire valve. If the car starts to move, the tire is deflated with each turn the wheel does. After 300 meter, you will drive without air in one of the tires. I don't think you make many kilometers with that. Disadvantages : Don't forget to remove the deflator yourself before continuing the tour and the protection needs a special adapter between tire valve and the device. This makes inflating the tire at the pump station somewhat more time consuming.



The second protection I have are coded screw nuts to prevent theft of my wheels. I replaced one of the standard nuts with this special nut on each wheel. They can only be unscrewed with a special (coded) adapter. Five such nuts cost me 140 CHF and I think the investment is worth it. However, pay attention where you keep the adapter in case you have to do a wheel change. And don't lose it either.