



National Motor Vehicle  
Theft Reduction Council  
*driving down vehicle theft*

# theft matters

\$2 million a week driven away for profit



HOLDEN  
COMMODORE  
VT



TOYOTA  
LANDCRUISER  
70 SERIES



FORD  
FALCON  
BA

Profit-motivated vehicle theft is related to organised criminal activity, where the vehicles are converted into cash through various illegal methods. During the last three years in Australia, profit-motivated theft<sup>^</sup> accounted for one in five thefts and was valued at \$340 million. The top ten profit-motivated theft targets in the table below represent one sixth of the total value and one tenth of the total number of thefts not recovered.

Among the top ten theft targets:

- The majority were large passenger vehicles.
- The average age at time of theft was 8 years (range 3 - 16 years).
- The Toyota LandCruiser 100 series recorded the smallest number of thefts not recovered, but had the highest average vehicle value.

**AUS - Top 10 profit-motivated theft targets, 2007 to 2009**

Make/model/series	Number of thefts not recovered	Value* (millions)
Holden Commodore VT	877	\$7.4
Toyota LandCruiser 70 series	268	\$6.2
Ford Falcon BA	312	\$5.6
Holden Commodore VY	300	\$5.2
Nissan Skyline	517	\$4.7
Toyota LandCruiser 100 series	158	\$4.6
Holden Commodore VX	375	\$4.4
Holden Commodore VZ	181	\$4.3
Subaru Impreza WRX	179	\$4.0
Toyota Corolla ZZE122R	216	\$3.9
<b>Top 10 Total</b>	<b>3,383</b>	<b>\$50.3</b>

The NMVTRC's profit-motivated theft reduction strategy is based on interventions that increase effort and risk while reducing potential profit for thieves. The challenge is doing this without imposing disproportionate interruption or costs to legitimate business practices or the public.

Click [here](#) for more information from the NMVTRC on minimising the danger of buying a stolen vehicle.

\*Average vehicle value information was derived from the Glass's Guide electronic research data service.  
^Passenger/light commercial motor vehicle thefts not recovered at 31st December 2009.

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