

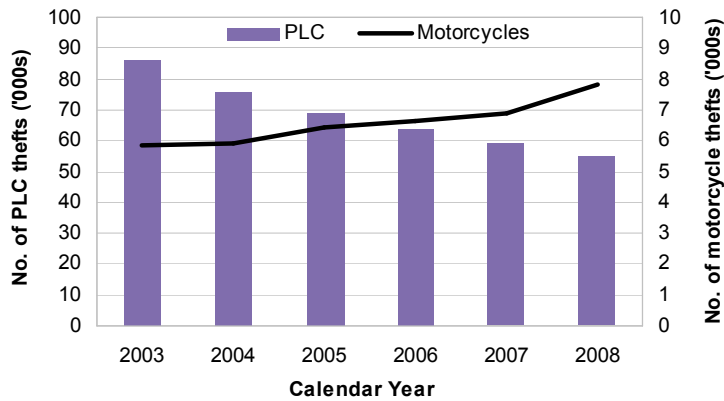


National Motor Vehicle
Theft Reduction Council
driving down vehicle theft

theft matters

SCOOTERS - THIEVES LOVE 'EM AND LEAVE 'EM

Australia -Theft of passenger/light commercial vehicles and motorcycles



Over the last five years in Australia, motorcycle theft increased by 34%. In that time, passenger/light commercial (PLC) vehicle theft decreased by 36%. Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki and Kawasaki continue to be the most popular motorcycle theft targets, however, since 2003, theft of these brands has decreased.

Table 1. Top 3 motorcycle brands with an increase in theft between 2005 and 2008

Motorcycle brand	2008 total thefts	2008 scooter thefts	% scooters of total thefts
Bolwell/SYM	250	201	80
Vmoto	246	218	89
TGB	131	118	90

Analysis of the thefts in Table 1 showed that 85% of the models stolen were scooters.

Additionally, of the top ten motorcycle brands that experienced an increase in theft from 2005 to 2008, more than half the models were scooters (57%). Two-thirds of these scooters (64%) were recovered, which was double the recovery rate of all motorcycles (excluding scooters) (32%). These scooters, like other motorcycles, were commonly stolen on Friday and Saturday between 4pm and midnight.

According to the latest figures from the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries, more than 15,000 scooters were sold in 2008, an 8% increase compared with 2007.

The NMVTRC is working with the Australian Scooter Federation (ASF) to develop an information package for buyers and riders about how to minimise their theft risk. For tips on securing your motorcycle visit www.carsafe.com.au/documents/NMVTRCMotorcycleDLBro6.pdf



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