



THIS WEEK'S HOT KIT



OLD-SCHOOL WAY TO BEAT KEYLESS CROOKS

NEW PRODUCT

Milenco High Security Steering Wheel Lock

Price: £59.95

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KEYLESS vehicle theft has risen by 30 per cent in the past five years, according to official figures. Estimates by tracking companies suggest that criminals “electronically compromise” vehicles in up to two-thirds of cases of theft. That’s why many drivers are now starting to resort to old-school protection for their cars and vans.

Security specialist Milenco has launched a new wheel lock to protect cars even if criminals manage to open the doors. The High Security Steering Wheel Lock is the only product of its type that comes with a Sold Secure Gold standard in the UK, according to the brand.

The compact wheel lock is made of strong steel and has the “very highest quality lock in steel-constructed casing”, claims Milenco. It’s said to fit all car and van steering wheels, and comes in silver and yellow paint finishes.

Drivers can take a lot of reassurance from the Sold Secure Gold standard. It means the product has withstood a five-minute test attack that’s been conducted using a range of methods, including cutting, levering, hammering and drilling.

The High Security Steering Wheel Lock costs £59.95 and is available both online and at several car and motorhome accessory shops. The www.milenco.com website lists stockists.



Under lock and key Milenco’s high-security lock fits around steering wheel, so even if crooks overcome the car’s electronics, they won’t get far



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Powerful

Wolf 18V impact wrench runs on lithium-ion power, and is ideal for changing wheels, but a spare battery is essential

Q Which impact wrench?

I DO a lot of track days and change my car’s wheels when I get to the venue. I’d like to speed the job up with an impact wrench, but some are pricey. Is there something cheaper?

Jason Lonnergan, E-mail

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REALISTICALLY, you need to spend £100 or so to get a usable tool. The runner-up in our last test (Issue 1,471), the Wolf 18V, costs £114.98 (www.ukhs.tv). It runs on lithium-ion batteries and features four impact sockets and an extension bar, but you’ll need to buy a second battery if you want one.

Q Security marking my tools

MY neighbour recently had his garage broken into and tools stolen. In case the same thing happens to me, I want to security mark my kit to help me recover it. What tool is best for this?

Brian Barraclough, E-mail

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THERE are several systems for marking tools using microdots, synthetic DNA and chemicals backed by manufacturer databases. If you just want to etch or engrave your tools with a postcode and house number, the Best Buy in our rotary multitool test, Sealey’s E5188, would suit. And it could also be used for other jobs.

Q Preparing car for posh wax

I’VE been given a tub of premium carnauba wax as a birthday present. I’ve never used such a product before. What should I do to ensure I make the most of the wax?

Simon Samuelson, E-mail

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IN simple terms you should clean the car, put right any paint defects with a polish or compound and clay the bodywork to remove invisible contaminants. One step that is often forgotten is to get any oil, old wax or polish off the bodywork. Use a tar remover or strong alcohol-based glass cleaner.