

Car Alarm Installation - Self Fitting Or Professional Fit In The UK

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Aftermarket car alarm installation kits are available for many manufacturers such as Cobra, Clifford, Viper, Toad, Gemini and GT. A new car alarm fitted to your vehicle should integrate with your existing central locking system so that the remote control will both arm and disarm the alarm at the same time as locking and unlocking the doors. Some alarms such as the K9 has keyless entry which unlocks the doors as you approach the vehicle and locks the vehicle as you walk away from it.

Some newer vehicles make car alarm installation very quick and simple as they have plugs and sockets already in place in the wiring loom to accommodate modular alarms such as the Cobra OEM alarm which simply plugs in without the need to cut wires or make manual connections. Alarm car fitting can be difficult in smaller cars where space is limited to accommodate both a siren and electronics unit so in this situation it is better to pay extra and use a compact alarm where the siren and electronics are integrated in one small package.

Unless you are a competent auto electrician car alarm installation should be left to a professional especially if the alarm has an integrated immobiliser which requires complex connections to be made to the fuel pump, ignition or starter motor circuits. A car alarm installer can ensure the warrantee is valid if the alarm fails due to any manufacturing defects, a good manufacturer will offer a lifetime guarantee for the original owner on an alarm provided it has not been transferred to another vehicle.

In the UK a Thatcham car alarm installation is approved by motor insurance companies and by fitting a Thatcham security system you will benefit from cheaper insurance as well as having a very secure, best quality alarm system. After fitting a Thatcham security system the car alarm installer will issue a Thatcham certificate which must be presented to your motor insurer.

If you do not require an insurance approved security system and you are a competent auto electrician then DIY car alarm installation is an option. Some security systems are designed for self installation and come with car alarm fitting instructions, Microscan make a wide range of easy to fit car alarms. Andrew Jocelyn from the UK has been involved in car alarm installation since 1998 dealing with many types of car alarm system from a simple alarm to an insurance approved Thatcham car alarm with GPS tracking system allowing full control of your vehicle via a mobile phone.