

Driver's Side

RADAR BUSTERS

If you are in the market for a radar detector or jammer, how to beat a citation, or protect yourself against photo radar, you may want to check out one of the Internet's largest and informative websites about these products at RadarBusters.com.



Roy Reyer, the president and owner of RadarBusters, retired after 20 years of law enforcement as a Lieutenant with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in Phoenix Arizona. During Roy's twenty year career he was involved in training and the certification of police officers in the use of traffic enforcement devices including police radar and laser.

After Roy's retirement he took his experience and started his website RadarBusters. Roy cuts through all the hype and tests all the major brands of radar detectors and jammers, rates them and sells only the best units that actually work.

As an example, you may have seen advertised those gadgets that claim to jam radar and laser and even promise a "ticket rebate" if you should get a citation. Roy has tested most of these units and says that he had never found one unit that works and even offers videos of his testing on his site.

As for products and countermeasures that do work, Roy first recommends getting a good radar detector. Most explains that most of the cheaper radar detectors that are sold do not have the range or filtering that is required to effectively protect you from the police radar guns.

One of the detectors he gives high marks to is the Escort Passport 8500. On K band, the most used radar band by police, his testing shows that the Escort 8500 has the greatest range of any other detector made today at 2.2 miles. He also rates the filtering of the Escort 8500 as being able to filter out 80% better than other brands at filtering out false alarms.

Roy then recommends that if police are using laser in your area, to consider getting a laser jammer to defeat their guns. A regular radar/laser detector is not effective against police laser as "when your shot, you're got" and there is no time to react and slow down. However active laser jammers such as the Beltronics 904 or the Blinder M-20 make the police laser guns totally useless as they are able to flood out their laser light and make your vehicle invisible to their guns, and they are legal to use in all passenger vehicles in the US with the exception of Washington DC and Virginia. Roy explains that laser is not regulated by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as radar is, but regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and currently there are no federal laws prohibiting their use on your passenger car.

If photo radar or the red light cameras are used in your area Roy also offers products to defeat them and also offers free information on how to beat these citations.

Roy explains that most jurisdictions mail the citations to the owner of the vehicle that is photographed speeding or running a red light. As using regular mail service to deliver a summons or notice to appear is not legal service in many states, Roy explains the steps that you can legally take to have those citations dismissed and not appear on your driving record.

Roy also offers tips on what you should, and should not do if and when you do get pulled over by a law enforcement officer and some of the common myths about police radar.

Roy says that he feels that one of the most important tips for when you are stopped is not go get out of your vehicle unless instructed to by the officer and not to admit to anything. Roy explains that most police officer incidents occur as the officer is walking up to the driver of the vehicle. Because of this the officer is trained to watch exactly what you are doing and how you are reacting and the officers stress level is high. Roy recommends that the driver place his hands palms up on the steering wheel to show the officer that you do not have anything in your hands that could harm the officer, and if it is night, to turn on your interior lights. Never reach into your glove box, under the seat or other places as you are now increasing the officers stress level as he doesn't have any idea what you may be reaching for or attempting to hide.

Roy also explains that one of the most common myths he is asked about is that if you ask to see the officer's radar gun that he has to show it to you. Roy explains that there is no law making it mandatory for the officer to show you the radar gun and that the officer's primary concern during the stop is to protect you and him from injury. If the officer feels that the safest place for you to be is inside your vehicle during the stop, that is where he is going to keep you.

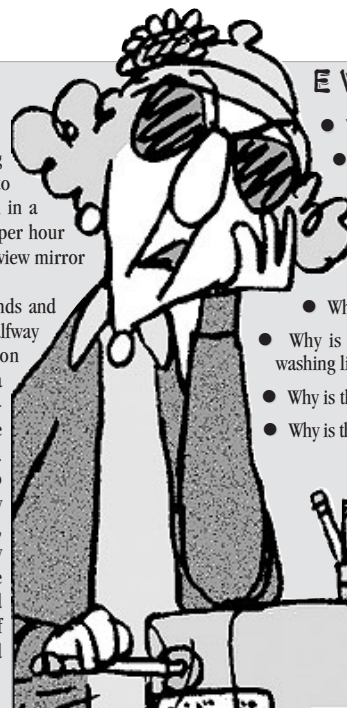
To check out some of Roy's other tips, to read his radar detector/jammer reviews, or to purchase one of his products, visit RadarBusters.com

HIGH TECH

Three men, one American, one Japanese and one Canadian were sitting naked in a sauna. Suddenly there was a beeping sound. The American pressed his forearm and the beep stopped. The others looked at him questioningly. "That was my pager," he said, "I have a microchip under the skin of my arm." A few minutes later a phone rang. The Japanese fellow lifted his palm to his ear. When he finished he explained, "That was my mobile phone. I have a microchip in my hand." The Canadian felt decidedly low tech. But not to be outdone he decided he had to do something just as impressive. He stepped out of the sauna and went to the toilet. He returned with a piece of toilet paper hanging from his behind. The others raised their eyebrows and stared at him. The Canadian finally said ----- "Well, will you look at that, I'm getting a fax."

WOMEN DRIVERS

Driving to the office this morning on the motorway, I looked over to my right and there was a woman in a brand new BMW doing 90 miles per hour with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner! I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup! It scared me (I'm a man) so bad, I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the bacon roll out of my other hand. In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my mobile from my ear, which fell into the coffee between my legs, splashed and made me drop the cigarette out of my mouth, ruined my shirt and disconnected an important call! ... WOMEN DRIVERS!!!



EVER WONDER?

- Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?
- Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?