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NICB'S HOT WHEELS: AMERICA'S TOP TEN MOST STOLEN VEHICLE MAKES

DES PLAINES, III. October 13, 2020 — Car thieves have a new favorite target: the Ford Full Size Pickup. According to the [National Insurance Crime Bureau's](#) latest "Hot Wheels" report, which includes crime data from across the country, Ford Full Size Pickups were the most stolen vehicle in 2019, supplanting the Honda Civic as the top target of theft.

The report examines vehicle theft data submitted by law enforcement to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and determines the vehicle make, model, and model year most reported stolen in 2019.

The most stolen vehicles in the nation during 2019 were:

RANK	VEHICLE	# THEFTS	MOST FREQUENT VEHICLE YEAR STOLEN
1	Ford Pickup (Full Size)	38,938	2006
2	Honda Civic	33,220	2000
3	Chevrolet Pickup (Full Size)	32,583	2004
4	Honda Accord	30,745	1997
5	Toyota Camry	15,656	2007
6	Nissan Altima	13,355	2015
7	Toyota Corolla	12,137	2018
8	Dodge Pickup (Full Size)	11,292	2001
9	GMC Pickup (Full Size)	11,164	2018
10	Honda CR-V	10,094	2001

While the Ford pickups are a treasured target by thieves, when categorized by model year, the 2000 Honda Civic had the most thefts followed by the 1997 Honda Accord.

The top ten model, makes and years swiped in 2019 were:

1	2000 Honda Civic	4,731
2	1997 Honda Accord	3,563
3	2006 Ford Pickup (Full Size)	3,061
4	2004 Chevrolet Pickup (Full Size)	2,099
5	2019 Ram Pickup (Full Size)	1,547
6	2001 Honda CRV	1,394
7	2015 Nissan Altima	1,349
8	2001 Dodge Pickup (Full Size)	1,174
9	2019 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee	1,110
10	2018 GMC Pickup (Full Size)	1,101

In 2019, the top three model years stolen were 2018 vehicles (47,859 thefts), followed by 2019 models (45,188 thefts), and 2017 models (39,425 thefts).

As thefts remain high, NICB recommends drivers follow these four layers of protection to guard against vehicle theft:

1. **Common Sense** — the commonsense approach to protection is the easiest and most cost-effective way to thwart would-be thieves. You should always:
 - Remove your keys from the ignition
 - Lock your doors/close your windows
 - Park in a well-lit area
2. **Warning Device** — the second layer of protection is a visible or audible device which alerts thieves that your vehicle is protected. Popular devices include:
 - Audible alarms
 - Steering column collars
 - Steering wheel/brake pedal lock
 - Brake locks
 - Wheel locks
 - Theft deterrent decals
 - Identification markers in or on vehicle
 - VIN etching
 - Micro dot marking
3. **Immobilizing Device** — the third layer of protection is a device which prevents thieves from bypassing your ignition and hot-wiring the vehicle. Some electronic devices have computer chips in ignition keys. Other devices inhibit the flow of electricity or fuel to the engine until a hidden switch or button is activated. Some examples are:
 - Smart keys
 - Fuse cut-offs
 - Kill switches
 - Starter, ignition, and fuel pump disablers
 - Wireless ignition authentication
4. **Tracking Device** — the final layer of protection is a tracking device which emits a signal to police or a monitoring station when the vehicle is stolen. Tracking devices are very effective in helping authorities recover stolen vehicles. Some systems employ “telematics” which combine GPS and wireless technologies to allow remote monitoring of a vehicle. If the vehicle is moved, the system will alert the owner and the vehicle can be tracked via computer.

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