

# LOOKING

# FOR

# HIDDEN

# TRACKERS

GPS trackers are small enough to hide anywhere in a vehicle, in a suitcase or even on a person without them knowing it. Your clients might not own a sophisticated cellular receiver, but GPS tracker detection and removal services are a vital part of any private investigation or TSCM (Technical Surveillance Counter Measure) operation so a small investment in the right technology can yield steady revenue for years.

With typical services to sweep a vehicle and remove a single GPS tracker costing upwards of \$700, time is money. TSCM experts and private investigators need to sweep and locate trackers quickly so they can move onto the next client.

Once initiated (usually by stomping down on bumper or driving vehicle a short distance), cellular GPS trackers will regularly ping nearby towers so spotting one is just like detecting any cellular phone signal.

Of course using the right cellular receiver is only part of the solution so we've put together a list of the best procedure and tips culled from our own professional colleagues. Don't settle for low cost GPS tracker detectors with limited range and false detections. Choose **Yorkie™** cellular detector for your surveillance and tracking needs.

## A little more about us...

- We have been in business for over 48 years
- We are a private, family-owned wireless tech company
- We are wireless security, test, safety & cybersecurity experts
- All our products are designed & manufactured in the USA



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# LOCATE GPS TRACKERS

## OUTSIDE THE VEHICLE

Many individuals secretly tracking someone else do not have easy access to their vehicles's interior so they opt for quick and easy exterior hiding places. GPS trackers are generally inserted at ground level in a reachable place. If you don't have access to a lift for a thorough visual inspection, try an under vehicle inspection mirror - you can always tape a mirror to a yard stick.

- Make sure the vehicle has cooled down from any recent trips - no need to get burned feeling your way around hot metal.
- Search front driver's side by tires and wheel well. Continue inspecting under and behind front and rear bumpers - use a coat hanger to lightly sweep tight areas.
- Continue inspection of front passenger underside. Look and feel for any adhesive, a zip lock or small box (roughly sized from pack of smokes to playing dice) attached without screws or bolts.
- Many GPS tracker housings use strong magnets to attach to ferrous metals found in a car's chassis while most visible surfaces are just non-ferrous aluminum.
- Check undercarriage for marks in road dust, streaks, smudges or mud that could indicate a hasty insertion or even recent removal of GPS tracker.
- Use strong flashlight to illuminate sides of vehicle from both directions to reveal any cloaked areas.

If there's a chance that someone could have access under the hood, it's worth checking out this area even though it can get too hot with too much metal for most GPS trackers to operate effectively.

- The fuse box is a good place to start. You may see wires running from the fuse box, but they do not normally have wires pressed into a fuse circuit. If you see this, try to follow the wires to their final destination.
- Next try the air filter area - it keeps a GPS tracker ventilated and easy to access.
- Don't spend much time searching areas such as the coolant, hoses or any moving parts as they rarely allow for easy insertion, extraction or operation.

*Covert GPS trackers can either store data locally or transmit the data wirelessly. You can save hours up front if you utilize a precision cellular receiver before you even begin physically searching the vehicle.*

*"I am thoroughly impressed with Yorkie – it's a great device to add to my counter surveillance equipment." - Michael K., TSCM Expert*

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## UNDER THE HOOD

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## INSIDE THE VEHICLE

Getting access inside the vehicle is only the beginning. You still must locate the GPS tracker using a methodical approach.

- Start low in front of vehicle and work up from the floor including feeling under the seats, seat covers, under or inside the head rest and glove compartment.
- Look over door panels for smudges or even damage. Trackers have turned up inside speaker boxes.
- Feel your way over the entire dashboard, especially the hidden area where windshield meets dash.
- Check carefully under steering column - OBD-II vehicle diagnostics ports can be found there allowing for continuous power of hidden GPS trackers.
- Search back seats and use a coat hanger to gently sweep in between the cushions.
- Don't overlook the trunk. You'll have to remove the spare tire and mats so be thorough. And remember to check under the trunk lid and cardboard panel separating trunk from back seats.

*Visual inspections will always be necessary to remove GPS trackers but a sensitive receiver can potentially cut search times from 1 hour all the way down to 1 minute!*