

Security chips in vehicles within 5 years - November 22nd

To combat theft of vehicle and cargo, the National Traffic Council (Contran) published today an edict creating the National System of Vehicle Identification (SINAV) where all vehicles in the country will be equipped with a chip on the windshield that will include information on the vehicle's number plate, chassis and the vehicle's Renvan code.

A network of antennas installed on roads, avenues and highways will be capable of reading the information on the chip and passing on the vehicle's location (and whether it has a chip or not) to each state's Detran (Department of Traffic). This new system will be fully implemented in 5 years.

How much drivers will have to pay for the installation of the chip has still not been defined. Some states, such as Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, will most likely cover these costs by embedding them in vehicle license taxes.

Each state will have 18 months in which to start organising the system and requesting quotes for equipment purchase. After this period, they will have 32 months in which to make the system fully operational. Any vehicle circulating without a chip will be committing a grave infraction, which currently results in 5 points be registered to the driver's license.