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I have noted in the media that you are considering having car manufacturers install immobilisers on new cars.

It is my opinion that this move would be reactive and ineffective as it will only affect new cars and may take around twenty years before the entire state fleet has been fitted with these devices.

I would like to offer another idea that would I think be more effective and be much quicker to implement.

Most cars these days are fitted with touch video screens, and cars up to around ten years old have these screens. If my suggestion were implemented it would have the advantage of being applied to a much wider number of vehicles much quicker than the immobilisers.

My idea is that the car engine cannot be started until a PIN number has been imputed on the screen after the ignition has been turned on. This could be applied to all new cars and it seems to me that a simple software update could apply it to any car with a touch screen and onboard computer. This would completely immobilise the vehicle to only the owner or their authorised person.

At the moment thieves are breaking into houses to steal car keys; this would be pointless as the keys alone would not start the car. This would stop the crims in their tracks. The crims would soon realise that it is pointless stealing keys and would lead to a substantial reduction in car theft.

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