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Device provides alert when your car is moved, tracks its location

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Here's something that might appeal to your fretful or data-loving side: a service that alerts you if your car is stolen, or being driven too fast by the teenager who borrowed the keys.

Among the nearly 70 emerging technologies on display last week at the Demo conference in Palm Desert, Calif., is a system from Chandler, Ariz.-based Inilex Inc., which uses global-positioning-system satellites to track the location of customers' cars and deliver a lot of other information.

The Inilex "Kepler Advantage" device, sold through car dealers for \$600 to \$1,100, plus a monthly subscription, looks like a walkie-talkie and gets stowed covertly under the dashboard.

Car owners or corporate fleet managers can go on an Inilex Web site to track their vehicles' locations and set up alerts that would be delivered by e-mail or a text message.

With this service you can be notified within minutes that your parked car has been moved, presumably by a thief.