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**By Nicola Kennedy**

A good number of the people with cars in the United States have their own radar detectors. Their

reason is that they feel that the speed limit at present is very low. Most of the American people are not satisfied with moderate speed while driving. They want to be the fastest driver on the road as well as get to the places they're going in record time; they want to be always in the race.

The radar detector serves as their alarm whenever there are police near them. Once the radar detector alarm sounds, they can ease off the gas and slow down their speed.

Because of the radar detectors being known to every motorist, cops are hiding, in alleyways or behind bridges in order to avoid being detected by the radar detectors.

Motorists on the other hand are being clever themselves, they are aware of these techniques from the police, so more enhanced, top-dollar detectors have entered the market.

Though the policemen are always improving their chances of catching the radar detector users, they are unable to make the streets of the United States radar detector-free.

Radar detectors are legal in many cities and states in the United States. But this does not mean that radar detector units are legal in all of the states in the US.

Here are some of the states that deem radar detectors illegal:

1. The usage of radar detectors are prohibited in the Commonwealth of Virginia. They have laws banning the use of radar detectors. Not only are radar detectors illegal to use in Virginia, they are also illegal to have in the vehicle.
2. Radar detectors and radar jammers are illegal in the District of Columbia. The passing of their laws to ban the use of radar detectors was set in 1995.
3. In Illinois, radar detectors are only regulated in commercial vehicles of over 26,001 pounds.

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4. On US military bases, they are legal to have but illegal to use.
5. Radar jammers are illegal in the states of Utah, California, Oklahoma, Colorado and Nebraska.
6. Radar detectors are not specifically regulated, but things hanging from windshields are not permitted in the state of Minnesota.
7. For motor vehicles over 18,000 pounds and any other commercial motor vehicles over 10,000 pounds in New York, radar detectors are illegal.

And other states that prohibit the use of radar detectors are the following:

- Alabama
  
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island

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- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Vermont
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

The state of Connecticut on the contrary has cancelled its anti-radar detector law in 1998 which make this radar detector now legal in this state.

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### **Benefits of Radar Detectors**

**By Mike Barus**

For motorists, a radar detector is a valuable piece of equipment that can save you a great deal of money and hassle when dealing with speeding tickets. In addition to the fees a motorist can accrue in fines regarding speed related incidents, a motorist's insurance rates can skyrocket as points are issued on the individual's driving record. Instead of looking around every turn for a police officer or state trooper aiming at traffic with a radar gun, arm your vehicle with a radar detector.

The main benefit of a radar detector is to make you aware of police officers or state troopers in the area. Radar detectors will enable you to be aware of a radar wielding officer so that you can adjust your speed accordingly. Speeding is one of the most widely stopped offenses, causing millions of dollars in fines each and every year in this country. Do not allow yourself to become responsible for hefty fines or dramatically costly points on your insurance due to speeding tickets. Instead, invest in a simple radar detector to install in your vehicle so that you are aware of any radar guns in the area.

Radar detectors do just what their name implies—they detect the radar beams that are emitted from a police officer or state trooper's radar guns. These detectors will sound a noise to tell you of the appearance of the beams so that you will be aware of their presence. Alternatives to radar detectors include devices to pick up laser—also called "ladar"—that will also inform police officers or state troopers of a speeding car. Still, other devices block radar instead of acknowledging its presence.

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These devices will not make you aware of any radar detectors, so they will not make a sound when a radar gun's presence comes into range. Instead, these devices block or jam the radar guns in order to prevent the police officer or state trooper from registering your vehicle's speed.

In addition to avoiding costly fines and tickets, radar detectors can serve as a warning system when a motorist is driving too quickly. The acknowledgment of a radar detector of a nearby radar gun allows motorists to reevaluate the speed of their vehicle and make any necessary corrections. Many motorists have acknowledged their radar detector in making them aware of their speed before they potentially lost control of their vehicle due to excessive speeds.

Before you decide to purchase a radar detector and install it in your vehicle, ensure your state of residence allows these devices on the roadways. Several states have enforced bans on radar detectors being switched on while driving, and other states forbid radar detectors in cars at all. Ensuring the legality of these devices before you choose to purchase and drive will save you from hassles and fines in the future.

Mike Barus is a reseller and a user of radar detectors, he specializes in testing all sorts of detectors. For more information, please visit

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