



Tests Show Speed Cameras Faulty: Motorists Get Help from Spray Can

Speed cameras are giving expensive tickets to drivers who should not get them, according to official government testing in England. Speed cameras used in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Great Britain and other major countries around the world have been proven to be inaccurate. Angry drivers must use their own resources to prevent the undeserved tickets.

Chester, U.K. ([PRWEB](#)) February 17, 2005 -- Innocent drivers are faced with a tough decision when they get a speeding ticket in the mail from an inaccurate speed camera: pay the fine and move on with life, or give up a day of work and pay the cost of a solicitor to try and fight it.

Most just pay the fine because they do not believe they can win a dispute over the accuracy of the photo radar units. The total potential fines plus costs and lost wages are enough intimidation to motivate most drivers to just pay the fine and move on.

Motorists who want to avoid the expense of an undeserved traffic citation are looking for ways to prevent the problem in the first place, and one company has come up with a simple, legal solution -- PhotoBlocker (tm). It comes in a spray can, and when applied to registration plates makes them unreadable to most of the photo radar speed cameras.

Photo radar speed cameras are used to raise revenue and do nothing to improve traffic safety, according to Neil Longsdon, a former chief inspector who was in command of the Greater Manchester Police motorway group in England. He complained to Manchester Online that police are supposed to prove the speeding offense by all reasonable doubt, and to use discretion and commonsense when deciding to give a traffic citation.

--Now I believe those basic principles are being ignored in pursuit of revenue,-- said Longsdon in the news article, and he called the use of speed cameras --stupid.--

Tests show that if a speed camera is set to take a photo of a car that passes at 35 mph in an area with a 30 mph speed limit could be sending fines to drivers who were actually going past at only 32 mph because of the inaccuracy of the units. It is that type of inaccuracy that has drivers angry, and ultimately could prove costly to municipalities when forced to pay refunds plus penalties by the courts.

Red-light cameras have also proven to be a cause of accidents at intersections according to a study completed in the U.S.

Studies that were presented in Washington, D.C. by researchers Forrest Council and Bhagwant Persaud and reported in the New York Times, conclude that rear-endings have gone up nearly 15 percent after traffic cameras were installed in seven cities, with injuries from such accidents up 24 percent, according to a report in the New York Times. Motorists who are worried about getting tickets from the traffic-light cameras hit the breaks when the light turns yellow and often get rear-ended by the next car as it speeds up to get through the light.

--We do not want to encourage people to break the law by speeding or going through red lights, but law-abiding citizens do not want to be unjustly penalized by speed cameras that are not working correctly,-- explained Paul Walsh of PhantomPlate, Inc.



PhotoBlocker (tm) is an inexpensive clear spray that goes on license plates, but causes the plate to be unreadable in pictures taken by most of the speed and red light cameras. The flash from the cameras causes the plate to show up as a bright spot in the pictures.

“When they can’t read the number on the plate they can’t send you a ticket,” said Walsh.

Numerous media organizations have conducted independent tests on the effectiveness of the PhotoBlocker (tm) spray, and they report that there is no specific law against the use of the spray.

“PhotoBlocker has been the subject of reports in the Washington Post, Washington Times, NewsMax.com, WorldNetDaily.com, NBC, CBS, ABC News, Tech TV, Norwegian TV, Dutch TV, Washington Times, UK’s Daily Mail and many, many more. To date we have conclusive tests conducted by the Denver Police Department, Dutch Police, Fox News, Swedish TV, Australian TV, British TV and thousands of satisfied customers in six continents,” said Scott.

Information can be found on the company’s website at www.PhotoBlockerUK.com.

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