

# Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Etching

## What is VIN Etching?

VIN Etching is a process of permanently etching the vehicle's 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on each piece of window glass on a vehicle.

## Why should you consider VIN Etching on your vehicle?

VIN etching is a theft deterrent. When a vehicle is stolen, the thief can easily change the identity of the vehicle by replacing the V.I.N plate on the dashboard. However, when a vehicle has been VIN etched, the thief must replace each piece of window glass in order to change its identity. This extra work and expense may cause a thief to reconsider stealing the vehicle.

## How long will the process take?

VIN Etching takes approximately 10 minutes per vehicle. To begin the process, a vehicle owner must show proof of vehicle ownership with current registration. A complete consent form will be provided by the Sheriff's Office.

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