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## Welcome to the 24th PANIU Report

This report covers the period April to June 2015.

**The most pleasing thing to report this quarter is that total thefts for the period have fallen from 632 in the last quarter to 531 this quarter. The bulk of what is being stolen today are smaller compact items of machinery that can be easily transported inside light commercial vehicles such as panel vans.**

Mini excavators are still the most stolen item of machinery by generic type but it is older pre CESAR models being targeted or those machines which are not being fitted with CESAR.

The CESAR effect is clearly and unequivocally working both as a deterrent to theft and in recovery once stolen.

When the police were first invited to look seriously at the nature and extent of plant machinery theft by The Plant Theft Action Group (PTAG) in 2006 police UK was recording a recovery rate of just 5% for construction machinery theft. Today CESAR marked recovery figures are over 25%.

The figures speak for themselves with over 200,000 items of machinery from construction and agriculture now protected by CESAR and just 1520 of them reported stolen of which 389 have been recovered, means that just 0.5% of all CESAR marked property is outstanding as stolen.

Overall machinery theft is down 60% since the recorded peak of 2010.

Four police forces in the UK have recorded ZERO thefts in the previous 12 months and Cumbria who is tenth best had just 10 reported thefts in 12 months. These figures are truly impressive and clearly demonstrate the inroads being made by the Police and industry in tackling machinery theft across the whole of the UK.

It is very rare to see the theft of high value equipment. Machinery fitted with Thatcham 3\* rated products are seldom stolen. The use of unique keys and immobiliser technology, have made security on those products protected, as good as your private car.

Who still shouts for “One key fits all”?

Telematics and the use of tracking technology play a major part as well. Protecting your assets and taking note of the crime prevention advice being offered have all helped in reducing theft.

Maintaining the database and recording all reported machinery thefts remains our number one priority. For Police and particularly PANIU to understand the nature and extent of machinery theft across the UK and for us to be able to provide accurate meaningful data it is imperative that we are notified of all thefts and all recoveries.

The PANIU database now holds over 32,000 records. Many of these are what would be considered “Old” records. More than 7 years since the theft. Nothing is weeded from our database.

Plantworx, the Construction Equipment Association exhibition on 2-4 June 2015 was a resounding success. The Police only training day was attended by just fewer than 100 officers/police staff. It was really encouraging to see so many new faces. People who had not previously attended police training events hosted by PANIU/Datatag before.



The network of coverage continues to grow as more and more officers are made aware of CESAR & PANIU giving them the confidence and knowledge to deal with this type of theft professionally as and when it is presented to them.

If you are aware of any Good News Stories suitable for inclusion in our quarterly report please contact me. My staff are always available to give advice and support and wherever possible will attend your pre planned operations. They are also available to give presentations in your work place as part of our ongoing training awareness programme. This includes police and industry.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Caroline Clooney**

*Detective Inspector*

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Break down of the figures between April and June 2015

The tables show the current position with regard to theft of construction & agricultural machinery across the UK for the past 12 months.

It is very pleasing to note that the total theft figures for the previous quarter have fallen to the levels we had previously been recording of a little over 500 thefts per quarter.

As always with these figures it is only as good as what we get told. So these are all thefts recorded on the Police National Computer and thefts notified to us by our Insurer donors.

By manufacturer it can be seen that John Deere top the table but this is NOT tractor theft. It is utility trucks & ride on mowers that are being targeted. Easy to steal items which can be concealed and transported inside vans.

Thames Valley Police area have jumped straight in to joint top spot, having not been in the top ten for at least the previous three quarters. The South East Region continues to vie for top spot with Yorkshire and the North East.

There are of course some police forces whose names we never see in the top ten, so how about the following most impressive statistics which record the best 10 by force for the past 12 months. (We still record Scottish thefts by the old force areas as opposed to an all encompassing "Police Scotland" figure).

- Cumbria: 10

Grampian: 9

Merseyside: 5

Central Scotland: 0

Northern: 0
- Dorset: 9

Tayside: 6

Fife: 3

Dumfries & Galloway: 0

City of London: 0

JAN-MAR 2015		
RANK	POLICE FORCE	TOT
1	GREATER MANCHESTER	74
2	WEST YORKSHIRE	39
3	METROPOLITAN POLICE	36
4	KENT	34
5	LINCOLNSHIRE	25
6	ESSEX	23
7	LANCASHIRE	21
8	NORFOLK	21
9	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	20
10	HAMPSHIRE	18
	OTHERS	321
TOTAL		632

APR-JUN 2015		
RANK	POLICE FORCE	TOT
1	THAMES VALLEY	33
2	WEST YORKSHIRE	33
3	SURREY	29
4	GREATER MANCHESTER	27
5	DEVON & CORNWALL	25
6	METROPOLITAN POLICE	23
7	LINCOLNSHIRE	21
8	KENT	21
9	WEST MIDLANDS	19
10	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	17
	OTHERS	283
TOTAL		531

JAN-MAR 2015		
RANK	MANUFACTURER	TOT
1	JCB	68
2	TAKEUCHI	43
3	THWAITES	42
4	JOHN DEERE	35
5	BOMAG	31
6	BENFORD/ TEREX	30
7	STEPHILL	24
8	KUBOTA	23
9	CATERPILLAR	22
10	HITACHI	15
	OTHERS	299
TOTAL		632

APR-JUN 2015		
RANK	MANUFACTURER	TOT
1	JOHN DEERE	65
2	JCB	60
3	KUBOTA	45
4	BOMAG	33
5	TAKEUCHI	30
6	THWAITES	29
7	BENFORD/ TEREX	14
8	HITACHI	14
9	NEW HOLLAND	13
10	CATERPILLAR	8
	OTHERS	220
TOTAL		531

JAN-MAR 2015		
RANK	PLANT TYPE	TOT
1	MINI EXCAVATORS	132
2	GENERATORS	79
3	DUMPERS	79
4	ATTACHMENTS	63
5	TRACTORS	58
6	ROLLERS	37
7	TELEHANDLERS	35
8	UTILITY TRUCKS	25
9	RIDE ON MOWERS	20
10	COMPRESSOR	15
	OTHERS	89
TOTAL		632

APR-JUN 2015		
RANK	PLANT TYPE	TOT
1	MINI EXCAVATORS	116
2	TRACTORS	68
3	RIDE ON MOWERS	65
4	DUMPERS	46
5	ROLLERS	44
6	GENERATORS	35
7	ATTACHMENTS	31
8	TELEHANDLERS	27
9	UTILITY TRUCKS	25
10	BACKHOE EXCAVATOR	11
	OTHERS	63
TOTAL		531

JAN-MAR 2015		
RANK	REGIONAL CLUSTER	TOT
1	YORKSHIRE & NE	153
2	SOUTH EAST	136
3	NORTH WEST	112
4	EAST MIDS & ANGLIA	73
5	SOUTH WEST	55
6	SCOTLAND & NI	35
7	WALES	32
8	MIDLANDS	31
9	BTP & MOD	4
TOTAL		632
	UNKNOWN/ OTHER	1

APR-JUN 2015		
RANK	REGIONAL CLUSTER	TOT
1	SOUTH EAST	149
2	YORKSHIRE & NE	101
3	EAST MIDS & ANGLIA	59
4	SOUTH WEST	56
5	NORTH WEST	53
6	MIDLANDS	51
7	SCOTLAND & NI	25
8	WALES	30
9	BTP & MOD	6
TOTAL		531
	UNKNOWN/ OTHER	1

Quads Thefts

JAN-MAR 2015		
RANK	QUAD MAKE	TOT
1	HONDA	90
2	YAMAHA	37
3	SUZUKI	16
4	OTHERS	55
TOTAL		198

Quad NOT included in total

APR-JUN 2015		
RANK	QUAD MAKE	TOT
1	HONDA	93
2	YAMAHA	30
3	SUZUKI	18
4	OTHERS	75
TOTAL		216

Quad NOT included in total





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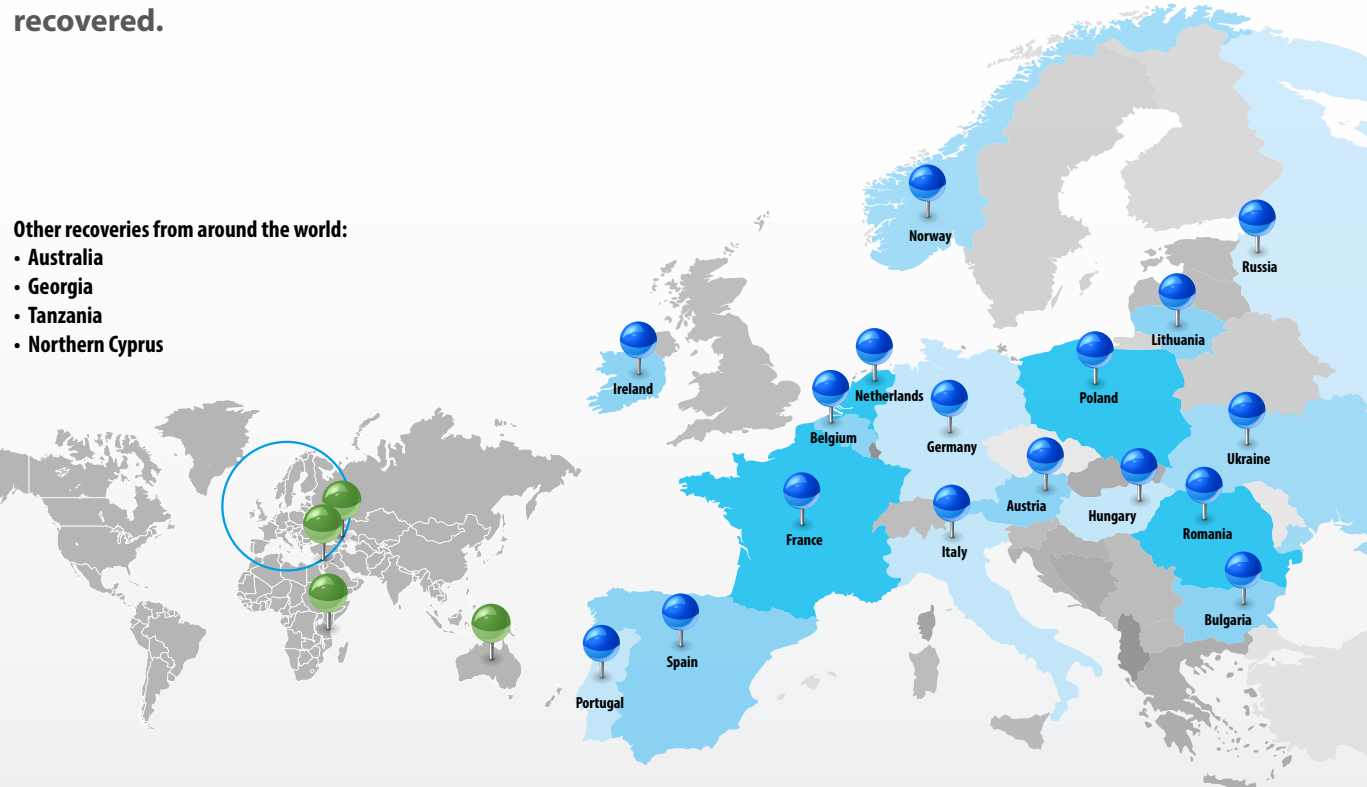
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## PANIU International Recoveries

PANIU continue to foster relationships with law enforcement agencies across the globe. This map highlights some of the countries where UK stolen machinery has been recovered.

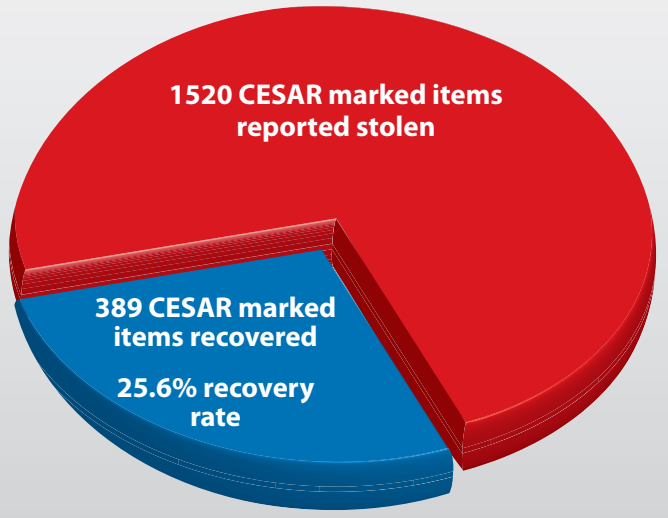


- Other recoveries from around the world:
- Australia
  - Georgia
  - Tanzania
  - Northern Cyprus

## Continued Success for CESAR

The latest CESAR figures:

- 200,000+ machines protected by CESAR.
- 1520 CESAR marked items reported stolen.
- 389 CESAR marked items recovered.
- 25.6% recovery rate.



**ARE YOU AWARE that you can check all PANIU data 24/7 via the CESAR database on 08 450 700 440**

## Brand new dumper recovered by PANIU

A 1 tonne Thwaites dumper with just 30 hours on the clock was recovered by PANIU as a result of a Tracker activation and using the Sponsor Vehicle kindly provided by Clancy Docwra.

The dumper belonging to Eagle Plant was stolen from Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire overnight between 27th April - 28th April.

It was located in the Brent Cross area of North London, in the rear of a long wheelbase white Ford Transit. The van was bearing false plates.

This is a common method used by plant thieves. The roll bar was dropped and machine loaded with a set of metal ramps. It was a tight fit!

Further enquiries are ongoing....



## PANIU / Port of Dover Recovery

On 18th April 2015 DC James Elliott received a call from Tracker in relation to a stolen John Deere ride on mower. The machine had been stolen in Essex overnight and was believed to be heading into Kent.

Kent Police had no resources to deal, so DC Elliott responded to it, using the Tracker equipped Clancy Docwra sponsored vehicle. Suspecting it was heading towards Dover docks, DC Elliott notified the Port of Dover Police, who were already out checking the outbound freight on his arrival. The Tracker signal was picked up and led PANIU / Port of Dover officers to a long wheelbase Mercedes Sprinter van which was in the shipping lanes, just minutes away from boarding the ferry.

The fully loaded Lithuanian 'post' van was taken off the dock to an examination shed and emptied. As well as the stolen John Deere ride on mower, a further John Deere ride on mower was found as well as a KTM trials bike, 5 quality mountain bikes and a haul of garden tools including chainsaws, hedge cutters, leaf blowers, strimmers etc. These items were all virtually brand new and identified as coming from two properties in Essex the previous evening. Interestingly, the same two premises were burgled 3 months earlier on the same night and they had both just replaced all of their equipment with the brand new items.

One Lithuanian male was subsequently arrested and enquiries continue.







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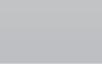
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## A Good Spot by Heysham Docks Officers / Benefits of using PANIU Database

PANIU received a call from Heysham Docks requesting a check on a Caterpillar 302.7 mini excavator that was loaded on an unaccompanied trailer in the Heysham Port Compound. A 15 digit serial number (should be 17) was provided from the VIN plate.

The plate showed the machine to be a 2013 model. There were no obvious CESAR stickers and the stamped VIN could not be located.

Already suspecting the machine to be wrong PANIU staff asked if an engine number could be located. This was found and checked on the PANIU database and an exact match was immediately found on a CESAR record (Full serial number and engine number recorded upon CESAR fitment). This related to a Caterpillar mini excavator that had been stolen in July 2014 in Newport and was reported to Gwent Police.

Closer inspection revealed the CESAR decals had been removed, a false VIN plate fitted and a false number stamped on the kingpin.

The machine had not been circulated on PNC !!! PANIU had been notified of the theft by the insurance loss adjusters (As well as PNC road registered and property file records, PANIU receive theft notifications from 9 insurance companies, several loss adjusters as well as directly from hire companies such as Hewden, Clee Hill, Clancy Plant Hire etc).

PANIU confirmed CESAR had been fitted on the machine and the Ports officers were able to confirm the identity of the machine using the Datatag scanner.

The pictures show the machine and the removed CESAR decals.



## Benefit of using PANIU Database Part 2!

Revenue and customs attended premises in Tunstead, Norfolk with local Police Officers on 26th May 2015.

Whilst on scene a Manitou MLT741 telehandler with VRM EU09HYG was checked on PNC using the road registered file. It was no trace lost or stolen.

Thankfully PC Darren Hopson contacted PANIU who conducted further checks on the machine. This revealed it was reported stolen from Epping in July 2010.

PANIU had been notified of the theft by HSB insurance shortly after the theft and it had been added to our database as stolen. Ben had highlighted the fact it had not been circulated on PNC and flagged this up with Essex (as he is unable to create other force PNC reports). It appears it was not placed on PNC until July 2014 and then only on the property file - it was not linked to the PNC road registered file for EU09HYG and hence didn't flag up stolen when Norfolk officers conducted initial checks on it.

Thankfully PANIU were able to identify it via the serial number and confirm it was still stolen by ringing the original informant, Essex Police (to confirm the crime report had not been updated) and HSB insurance.

HSB paid out £48,000 for the Manitou. It would not have been recovered had PANIU not received the HSB claim notification and PC Hopson's diligence. Well done Daz!







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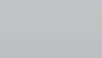
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## CROSSRAIL thief sentenced

On 16/01/15 an industrial Hytorc hydraulic torque wrench (purchase price £3,350) was seen for sale on ebay. It was advertised with a fixed price of £800. Pictures of the item showed the serial number.

Checks on this item revealed it had been originally supplied to Dragados Sisk, one of the major contractors working on the multi billion pound crossrail project, and it was supposed to be on site at the Limmo Peninsula works in East London. The exact date and time of the theft was not known but believed to be between June 2014 and January 2015.

Other items listed for sale by the same seller were also types of equipment used by the Crossrail project teams, including gas detectors and wind speed meters.

The theft of the hydraulic wrench was immediately reported to Police and PANIU were informed by June Saunders, the Crossrail Police Liaison Officer. A request to Ebay for seller details was made and research conducted by Ben Hewing.

A search warrant was obtained and executed on 02/02/15. Gintaris RAMONAS and his partner were present. RAMONAS, who had been working on the Crossrail project, made admissions that he had taken items whilst at work and informed Police that the stolen items were in the garage.

The hydraulic torque wrench and a number of other items totalling over £6,000 which had been stolen from the crossrail site were recovered by Police.

Both suspects were arrested and taken to Grays Police Station and later interviewed.

Subject RAMONAS was later charged with Theft Employee.

On 22nd June 2015 Gintaris RAMONAS appeared at Basildon Crown Court and was sentenced to 12 months community order, 250 hours of unpaid work and £250 costs.



## Knutsford man found guilty of handling a stolen John Deere tractor worth more than £20,000

A Knutsford man has been found guilty of handling a stolen tractor worth more than £20,000. On 1st May 2015, Andrew Callwood of Seven Sisters Lane, Knutsford appeared at Chester Magistrates Court for the offence of Handling Stolen Goods namely a John Deere 6320 tractor. Callwood had pleaded 'Not Guilty' at an earlier hearing.

The Court heard that on the afternoon of Tuesday 8th April 2014, PC Millar, an officer with Cheshire Police Motorcyclist Roads Policing Operations Team was undertaking patrol duties on the A556, Chester Road, Northwich when he caused a John Deere 6320 tractor and trailer to stop. The officer had noted that there was no rear registration mark on the trailer and that it obscured the registration mark of the tractor. On stopping the tractor, PC Millar noticed further discrepancies with the tractor's vehicle excise licence.

The tractor and trailer were seized by Police and later examined by a Cheshire Police Stolen Vehicle Examiner who concluded that the John Deere 6320 tractor was an outstanding stolen tractor having been stolen from Staffordshire in August 2009.

The court heard that Andrew Callwood had been in possession of the stolen tractor, which he had claimed that he had bought with no receipts or paperwork for £5,200 in 2012.

The John Deere 6320 tractor had been valued at £28,500 at the time of the theft by the insurer NFU Mutual.

Magistrates did not agree with Callwood's explanation and he was "found guilty".

He received a fine of £2048.00 plus costs of £620.00. In addition, Callwood also received 125 hours unpaid community service.

PC Mike Dawber, stolen vehicle examiner with Cheshire Police said "This sends out a message that rural areas are not a soft touch and if you are involved with committing rural crime in Cheshire or elsewhere, that irrespective of time, we will track you down and put you in front of the Courts."

PC Mike Dawber  
Collar no 4267  
Knutsford Rural NPT

Date of completion: 06/06/2015







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## PLANTWORX

**PANIU attended the second Plantworx exhibition at Bruntingthorpe, Leicestershire between 2-4 June 2015. It was organised by the CEA (Construction Equipment Association) and is the only live working demonstration show for the construction industry in the UK.**

It was well supported by the industry with most of the leading manufacturer's present, exhibiting their latest equipment. The show attracted 12,000 visitors over the three days including Police officers from across the UK who attended a National Police Conference on the morning of the last day.

The conference was opened by Detective Chief Inspector Sarah Staff from the Metropolitan Police Organised Crime Command and PANIU's Barry Mudie gave a presentation to officers regarding the theft of machinery and issues relating to PNC and the benefits of using the PANIU database.

With many skilled and experienced officers either retiring or being moved to non vehicle crime related roles, it was great to see lots of new faces and interest in the plant theft issue.



## DATATAG HAIL PLANTWORX 2015 A SUCCESS

Datatag ID Limited recently attended the second Plantworx exhibition at its new home of the Aerodrome in Bruntingthorpe, Leicestershire. The CEA (Construction Equipment Association) organised bi-annual Plantworx exhibition is the only live working demonstration show for the construction industry in the UK and despite extremely un-seasonal weather on day one, the show attracted 12,000 visitors over the three days.



Datatag ID limited, industry leaders in security marking technologies exhibited their latest security product, VENOM, already a multi award winning anti-theft system for fuel. Visitors were able to find out more about this unique forensic DNA product throughout the show in the briefing tent where Datatag's Strategic Alliance Manager, Dave Luscombe gave an informative presentation to visitors about the new initiative each day.

Datatag is the power behind the world's number one construction equipment security initiative CESAR, which now protects over 200,000 pieces of construction and agricultural equipment in the UK. CESAR has proved to be a 'game-changer' for the industry in its fight against crime, as overall theft levels have fallen by over 70% since its introduction in 2007. CESAR has been so well received, since introduced to the construction industry, that today all major manufacturers now fit CESAR as standard. Insurance companies support the initiative by offering substantial discounts of up to 25% for all marked machinery.

On the last day of Plantworx Datatag organised a national police briefing which saw officers travel from forces around the country to see Datatag Police Liaison and Training Officer, Nick Mayell giving the first ever live-demonstration in the UK of thermal and chemical etching techniques to over 100 police officers. The half day conference was well received and provided officers with valuable information about the work CESAR does, and how they can use its technology to help them identify potentially stolen items.



To read the full articles go to: <http://www.cesarscheme.org/News.html>





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Models Fitted : All  
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Installation by : Import Centre  
Models Fitted : All  
Fitted Since : September 2008



Installation by : Import Centre  
Models Fitted : All Articulated Machines  
Fitted Since : January 2009



Installation by : Import Centre  
Models Fitted : All  
Fitted Since : January 2010



Installation by : Import Centre  
Models Fitted : All  
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Models Fitted : A5, 6, 7 and 8  
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Fitted Since : April 2010



Installation by : Import Centre  
Models Fitted : U17 and KX080-3 only  
Fitted Since : September 2010



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Models Fitted : All  
Fitted Since : January 2011



Installation by : Import Centre  
Models Fitted : All  
Fitted Since : January 2011



Installation by : Import Centre  
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Fitted Since : June 2012



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Installation by : Factory  
Models Fitted : All  
Fitted Since : September 2012



Installation by : Factory  
Models Fitted : All  
Fitted Since : January 2013



Installation by : Import Centre  
Models Fitted : All  
Fitted Since : January 2013



Installation by : Factory  
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Scanning of Registered Machinery

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## Did you know...

- The Plant and Agricultural National Intelligence Unit is a specialist Police Unit whose remit is to assist Police and other law enforcement agencies with the identification of stolen plant or agricultural machinery.
- We offer support and advice to help you identify any type of plant or agricultural machine.
- We maintain the most accurate police database of all stolen machines throughout the UK.
- We record all national theft data and have access to the PNC and the majority of plant insurers and manufacturers loss data.
- We offer advice, intelligence and statistical information regarding organised criminal networks working in your area.
- We can provide suitable 'sting' vehicles including tractors and excavators at nil cost.
- We provide specialist police examiners for pre planned operations.
- We provide training and advice to officers around identification and investigative techniques.



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PANIU promote the CESAR registration scheme whereby registered plant equipment can be identified by any person without the need for detailed examinations or specialist equipment. CESAR was created as a direct result of police highlighting the difficulties they faced when dealing with equipment theft.



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You can contact PANIU during office hours by ringing 0207 230 7290  
DC James Elliott - 0044 (0) 7825 111 493 • DC Toni Holt - 0044 (0) 7825 010021  
or email: [paniu@met.police.uk](mailto:paniu@met.police.uk)

Out of these hours the PANIU stolen equipment database can be accessed by Police  
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# Plant Theft - The Real Truth

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