

Big Brother is Watching your Toyota Sienna

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"The 2005 Toyota Sienna (I'm not sure about earlier models) has an Event Data Recorder (EDR) which is a black box of sorts (sans the audio recording). In the event of a crash, near crash, or airbag deployment, it records various data such as vehicle speed, engine speed, driver seat position, gear selector position, etc."

"It sounds like if you are in an accident, your car could be a witness against you. Their lack of an adequate privacy policy is really shocking, not to mention there isn't any disclosure of this when you buy the car (okay, I admit, I didn't read all the fine print in the contract I signed)."

"Toyota will not disclose the data recorded in an EDR to a third party except when:

- * An agreement from the vehicle's owner (or the leasing company for a leased vehicle) is obtained
- * Officially requested by the police or other authorities
- * Used as a defense for Toyota in a law suit
- * Ordered by the court"

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