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TRAINING BULLETIN 002
SECURE WEAPON STORAGE
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I. Purpose

The purpose of this training bulletin is to provide guidance to all commissioned officers on the topic of proper weapon storage in personally owned vehicles. Given the number of vehicle burglaries in most communities, it is imperative that officers have a means of securing their weapon(s) when forced to leave it in their vehicle. ODOP does not consider it sufficient theft prevention for your weapon to have only one level of security in your vehicle; such as locking your vehicle. Therefore, we recommend a range of security options (see section III below) which cost between \$20 and \$200. Although the purchase of a vehicle safe is not mandatory, it is highly recommended that you purchase a safe for use in your personal vehicle.

II. Considerations

While it is best to store your weapon or other items of value at home, in a secured place, if it is not on your person where you maintain positive control, we understand that in some situations this cannot be done. For that reason we ask that you take every precaution to prevent a theft of your weapon and valuables by making your vehicle a more difficult target. To that end, our recommendation is that you obtain a safe, and that any safe you use be secured to the vehicle to make it more difficult for thieves to take the safe and open it at their leisure.

Use of a gun safe, or similar security device, should be considered anytime a weapon or item of value will be left unattended in a vehicle. When properly installed, these safes may provide a higher security option than what is available to you at your destination; for example, the lockers at your local fitness center.

III. Gun Vaults

\$16.99 – Sentry®Safe Compact Security Safe, found at Academy Sporting Outdoors stores.

“Great for keeping important items safe while traveling, the Sentry®Safe Compact Security Safe is designed to secure compact valuables, such as cell phones, wallets, keys, MP3 players and GPS units. Made of solid steel for durability, this safe features a programmable, 3-number mechanical lock and a steel tethering cable for added security. A soft lining protects fragile contents from scratching and damage.”

Features and Benefits

- Durable, solid steel construction
- Programmable, 3-number mechanical lock
- Steel tethering cable for extra security



- Soft lining protects fragile contents from scratching and damage
- Compact, lightweight design easily fits in luggage, briefcases and backpacks for simple portability

What's in the Box?

- Sentry® Safe Compact Security Safe
- Tethering cable
- Warranty card
- Owner's manual

<http://www.academy.com/shop/pdp/sentry-safe-compact-security-safe/pid-859607?color=Black&N=626381016&Ntt=Safe&Ntk=All>

\$99.99 – GunVault Mini Vault 2-gun Safe, found at Academy Sport and Outdoors stores.

“Protect your firearms with the GunVault Mini Vault 2-Gun Safe that features 16 gauge steel housing and a tamper-proof, spring-loaded door. The safe features a No-Eyes® Keypad for quick access and includes optional audio feedback to confirm correct keypad entries. A built-in computer blocks access after several wrong keypad entries, and a tamper indicator will alert you after invalid entries have been made. The safe is lined with soft foam to further protect firearms and is battery-powered for portability.”

Features and Benefits

- 16 gauge steel housing to protect firearms from theft or damage
- Tamper-proof, spring-loaded door with precise fittings makes it difficult to pry open with hand tools
- High-strength lock for reliable performance
- No-Eyes® Keypad offers quick access while optional audio feedback confirms correct entry codes
- Built-in computer blocks access to the safe after several incorrect entry codes are entered
- Tamper indicator will alert you after invalid entry codes have been attempted
- More than 12 million access codes available to enhance security
- Soft foam inner-padding keeps firearms or other valuables protected against damage
- Holds 1 to 2 pistols depending on size and type
- Battery-powered to allow portability
- Meets California Department of Justice standards for firearm safety

Battery Type: AA

External Width (in.): 8.1

Exterior Material: 16 gauge steel

External Height (in.): 4.9

Batteries Included: No

External Depth (in.): 12

Product Weight (lb.): 10

Number Of Batteries: 8

Batteries Required: Yes



What's in the Box?

- - GunVault Mini Vault 2-Gun Safe

<http://www.academy.com/shop/pdp/gunvault-mini-vault-2-gun-safe/pid-29487?N=626381016&Ntt=Safe&Ntk=All>

\$149.95 – GunVault SV500 Speed Vault Pistol Safe, found online.

“Keep your handgun safe, secure and ready for action with the Speed Vault series. Offering a revolutionary design, the Speed Vault is equally as fast as it is discreet. It is the ideal choice for a home or business looking for added security.”

- Fast activation drop-down drawer
- Multiple mounting options
- Protective foam-lined interior
- 18-gauge steel construction
- Mounting hardware included
- Audio and LED low battery warning
- Backup override key included
- Digital keypad
- California DOJ Approved

Dimensions:

- Overall: 13"W x 3.5"D x 6.5"H
- Interior: 8.5 x 2 3/5 x 5 3/4
- Weight: 6.61 lbs
- Power Supply: 9v Battery

<http://www.gunsafes.com/GunVault-SV500-Speedvault-Pistol-Safe.html>

\$199.00 – Console Vault Universal 1007, found online.

“This model is considered the "Universal" model and is available with the optional Drink Holder "Cloak". This model is the perfect solution for vehicles that do not have a factory console and also used within the airline, boating, and RV industry. This model has a pleasing shape that can be used alone or with “Cloaking” accessories. For greater security and concealment the 1007c accessory is a steel shell that attaches over the top that gives the entire unit the look of a drink holder and storage tray; most people don't even give it a second look. The 1007c "Cloak" option, ordered separately, secures the vault with a spring loaded pin on the front edge and can be removed quickly when required. The 1007 is available with the high security barrel key lock only.”

- Massive 12 Gauge cold rolled plate steel, welded tab and notch seams.
- Superior 3 point locking system resists prying.
- Bank Vault style hinge latch pins.
- Drill resistant locks.
- Easy 10 minute installation.
- Perfectly balanced spring assisted door.

Dimensions:

- 7"W x 11"D x 3.5"H
- Weight - 10 lbs

<http://www.gunsafes.com/Console-Vault-Universal7W-11L-4H.html>



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