

# Bluetooth, blind spots and backup



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## Yada Bluetooth mirror

Price: \$249

Available at: Canadian Tire

The *Yada* Bluetooth Rear-view Mirror Backup Camera and Speakerphone (talk about a long name) is really two devices in one. While the backup camera allows you to see what's behind you when you pop your gearshift into reverse, the integrated Bluetooth system and built-in speaker and microphone allow you to use this gadget as



## Bluetooth rearview mirror

a hands-free device for your cellular phone.

Installation couldn't be easier as this device was designed with the do-it-yourselfer in mind. The mirror part of the device fits over your existing rearview mirror, and gets its power either from the cigarette lighter, or from the dome light. The camera part of the

system clips in place over the rear licence plate, and gets its power from the backup lights. The camera is water-resistant and includes night vision technology.

What's truly impressive is the phone part of this gadget. The speakerphone holds 1,000 phonebook contacts in its memory and is capable of displaying the caller's ID right inside the mirror.

## Backup sensor system

Price: \$99

Available at: Canadian Tire

We've all been in vehicles equipped with backup sensors. The closer you get

to an object, the louder the beeps become, telling you that you're about to back into something that will damage your bumper.

But if your vehicle didn't come with backup sensor technology installed at the factory, this new aftermarket gadget is likely the next best option. Like the factory-installed units, the *Yada* Backup Sensor System employs a series of sensors to determine the location of nearby obsta-



cles. The company says these sensors are easy to install, so

if you're handy you should be able to attach the sensors to the inside of your rear bumper without professional help.

## Blind spot warning system

Price: \$149

Available at: Canadian Tire

A growing number of new vehicles come with a blind spot warning system that alerts the driver to the presence of a vehicle in his or her blind spot. The *Yada* Backup Sensor System is the aftermarket version of this innovative technology. Not a do-it-yourself project, the manufacturer recommends professional installation.

When the backup sensors detect a vehicle in the driver's blind spot, they send a message to a dash-mounted display that alerts the driver to the presence of the other vehicle. And should the driver try to change lanes when there's a vehicle in his blind spot, the system sends out an audible alert to warn the driver of imminent danger.

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