

The Odometer

This little gadget was invented in 1854 by Samuel McKeen, who lived in Nova Scotia. Although there were very early beginnings of odometers, McKeen developed the modern style. Odometers record the distance vehicles travel. McKeen began using an odometer on carriages. As the wheels turned, it would measure the mileage driven. An odometer can be electronic or mechanical, and can even be a combination of the two. Today, digital odometers are providing more features and are costing less. Many people will check the odometers on a car when looking to potentially buy. It is a crime to tamper with an odometer and digital odometers make tampering very difficult.

