

How to request property marking

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary is offering the dot peen property marking service free of charge across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

If you would like your property marked please email property.marking@hampshire.police.uk

Before marking your property you will be required to sign a disclaimer form. This form requires your name, address, date of birth and contact details. You will then be asked to sign to say that the item which is about to be marked belongs to you and that you are the rightful owner.

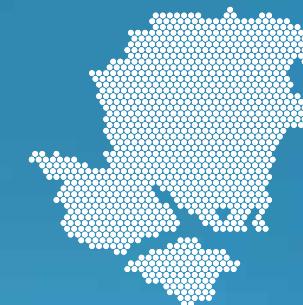
You will also sign to say that you consent to the item/s indicated on the form being permanently marked and that you will not make a claim against Hampshire Constabulary if any damage is caused as a result of the dot peen process being applied.



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DOT PEEN PROPERTY MARKING SCHEME



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Dot peen property marking scheme

Every year, we recover hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of stolen property from the hands of criminals, but all too often there is no way of identifying the rightful owners.

Being able to trace the ownership of the property not only helps people get their property back, but it can also provide evidence that is vital in securing convictions.

A dot peen property marking machine is an important tool used by police to:

- help identify lost and stolen property
- return stolen property to rightful owners
- take action against those that handle stolen goods
- providing evidence that is vital in securing convictions
- helps make items harder to sell on once stolen



How does it work?

Dot peen marking involves using a tungsten carbide-tipped pin to indent an item with dots to create a visible, permanent unique number.

The unique number (usually a postcode and house number) will be entered onto the national Immobilise property register database, vastly increasing the chances that the item will be reunited with its owner if it is lost or stolen.



What can dot peen mark?

Dot peen is very effective in marking most materials (apart from glass or ceramics).

In the rural setting the machine is used for marking:

- garage and garden tools
- power tools
- equestrian tack
- plastic and wooden items
- agricultural plant panels, quad bikes etc

While other methods of property marking, such as UV marker pens or forensically-coded liquid, can also be very effective in reuniting property with its rightful owners, the visual deterrent of a permanently marked serial number alone could be enough to deter would-be thieves.

