

## Idle: iPad Steering Wheel Mount

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Posted by samzenpus on Friday May 21, @09:17AM  
from the dr.-lampe's-christmas-gift dept.  
kevin7kal writes

*"The Apple iPad is the ideal automotive communications and entertainment device. It is sized perfectly to mount using the iPad Steering Wheel Mount without obscuring the driver's view. I don't think that I am exaggerating when I say that the iPad Steering Wheel Mount probably has saved my life..."*



Submission: iPad Steering Wheel Mount by kevin7kal (698673)  
iPad Steering Wheel Mount

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**Well... (Score:5, Funny)**

by dancingmilk (1005461) on Friday May 21, @09:17AM (#32292094) Homepage Journal

What could possibly go wrong?

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by TheKidWho (705796)

Think of the Children!

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by SimonTheSoundMan (1012395)

Yeah, he says "it is a great enhancement to safety", as you don't have to text while driving on your iPhone.

My sarcasm radar is all over the place on this one. Is he joking or or real?

Nobody should be texting while driving. He's an idiot.

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**Re:Well... (Score:5, Funny)**

by siloko (1133863) on Friday May 21, @09:35AM (#32292312) Homepage  
I guess this is just a joke. Nobody would ruin a perfectly good iPad by attaching a car to it.

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**Re:Well... (Score:5, Funny)**

by mspohr (589790) on Friday May 21, @09:48AM (#32292492)  
... and nobody would ruin a perfectly good car by attaching an iPad to it.

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**The children (Score:2)**

by [nbauman \(624611\)](#)

Their other product is candy-coated lead paint chips.

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [commodore64\\_love \(1445365\)](#)

Nothing. I used to my Physics book and other texts while driving to college. It was a great way to prepare for an exam, rather than waste time.

That was in the primitive 90s, but now students can use the iPad instead! Perfectly safe.

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**Re: (Score:1, Insightful)**

by Anonymous Coward

Perfectly safe.

For extremely incorrect definitions of perfect...

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [DarkKnightRadick \(268025\)](#)

Would those be perfectly incorrect definitions of perfect? :D

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**Doesn't Need For Speed have an iPad version? (Score:1)**

by [AltairDusk \(1757788\)](#)

Now with more realism! You can FEEL the collisions as if you were actually in them... oh wait.

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [bondsby \(888959\)](#)

He's not using a 3G iPad... so at least he'll end up in a ditch 100 feet from his house, instead of endangering the highway.

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [Zarf \(5735\)](#)

Not as cool as <http://tinyurl.com/2fh8uck> [tinyurl.com]

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**It's illegal, for one ... (Score:5, Funny)**

by [tomhudson \(43916\)](#) <[hudson.videotron@ca](mailto:hudson.videotron@ca)> on Friday May 21, @09:59AM ([#32292692](#))  
[Homepage Journal](#)

You're not allowed to install any device that interferes with the deployment of the air bag.

Also not allowed to have a video screen less than a certain distance from the driver.

Also not allowed to display movies, etc., on any screen visible to the driver.

We have sane laws up here. Of course, the video I want to see is of his face as the airbag launches the iPad into it at 200 mph.

So after the lawsuits ("Apple is responsible - there was no warning not to attach it to the steering wheel!") you'll have to prove you're more intelligent than a pet rock to buy one - and that should kill 90% of the iPad market.

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**Hey! Slashdot! (Score:4, Insightful)**

by [Opportunist \(166417\)](#) on Friday May 21, @09:18AM ([#32292104](#))

I checked "Disable Advertising", why doesn't it carry over to the articles?

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**Re: (Score:1, Offtopic)**

by [Spazztastic \(814296\)](#)

I checked "Disable Advertising", why doesn't it carry over to the articles?

Because Idle CSS is shit. Remove the "idle." from the URL and it comes up with the normal CSS.

Also, you should keep ads enabled. Unless if they are particularly annoying, keeping ads enabled will support Slashdot and keep them alive.

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [dyingtolive \(1393037\)](#)

I think what he was trying to snarkily say was that the article itself was read too obviously much like an advertisement.

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [Opportunist \(166417\)](#)

Heh. I keep the ads enabled usually. I just disabled them for a moment to make this posting possible to complain in a way that I deem funny that this is nothing but blatant, pointless advertising.

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [Opportunist \(166417\)](#)

In general, when it comes to ads, my policy is simply that I do keep them enabled unless they give me a good reason to disable them (or use a blocker). Pages make money with those ads, and that way they can provide me my enjoyment for free. Not viewing those ads means that they make less money and either have to charge me or fold. Not good.

For a page to make it to my ad-block list, it would have to open up more windows than I have open already. Which is a pretty high threshold.

My hope is that I (and hopeful

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**Sigh... apple (Score:3, Insightful)**

by [jack2000 \(1178961\)](#) on Friday May 21, @09:20AM ([#32292118](#)) [Homepage](#)  
This is dangerous and illegal!

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [Thanshin \(1188877\)](#)

This is dangerous and illegal!

And so very fucking stupid!

Does anyone think this wouldn't end up as lots of accidents?

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [camperdave \(969942\)](#)

Ah! But like the guy says right at the end of the video: "This iPad steering wheel mount is much safer than other forms of in-car driver distraction."

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**Re: (Score:1)**

by [heson \(915298\)](#)

Yeah, much like chicken race is safer in a modern car than on a motorcycle or russian roulette is safer with one bullet than with five.

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**Re: (Score:3, Funny)**

by [gront \(594175\)](#)

Just wait until the airbag deploys. That will be a real treat.

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [kilfarsnar \(561956\)](#)  
Instant zoom feature!

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**Re: (Score:1)**

by [M8e \(1008767\)](#)  
You don't really need to look at the speedometer if you have a car with a manual transmission. Listen to the engine and keep track of what gear you are using.

No need for a fuel gauge either. You should know how much gas you have put into the tank, how much you car uses and how long you have traveled.

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [BobMcD \(601576\)](#)

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No need for a fuel gauge either. You should know how much gas you have put into the tank, how much you car uses and how long you have traveled.

I hate these kinds of posts. I can never tell if they're serious or insane.

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [bickerdyke \(670000\)](#)

so what... thats what GPS is for.

I bet there's an app for that!

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**Mario kart (Score:5, Funny)**

by [goombah99 \(560566\)](#) on Friday May 21, @09:20AM ([#32292120](#))

Cool! now I can play mario kart while I drive to work.

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**In the event of an accident... (Score:4, Insightful)**

by Anonymous Coward on Friday May 21, @09:22AM ([#32292132](#))

In the event of an accident, the airbag will crush the iPad into your face.

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**Apple: Maker of shiney... (Score:3, Funny)**

by [Shirogitsune \(1810950\)](#) on Friday May 21, @09:22AM ([#32292140](#)) [Homepage](#)  
...air bag deployed projectiles of death and dismemberment.

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [idontgno \(624372\)](#)

*Think of it as natural selection in action.*

-- Larry Niven

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**Satire, yes, funny not so much. (Score:5, Informative)**

by [Rogerborg \(306625\)](#) on Friday May 21, @09:25AM ([#32292182](#)) [Homepage](#)  
Although I did (finally) laugh when I read their [cited patent](#) [[freepatentsonline.com](#)].

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [microcars \(708223\)](#)

\*snort\* that took me a moment to figure it out. where are my mod points?

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**Potentially illegal and dangerous (Score:1)**

by [xetovss \(17621\)](#)

Hmm potentially illegal in most jurisdictions falling under the same category as TV's that are viewable from the drivers seat while in motion. Plus it blocks part of the steering wheel which means you have to use an altered hand placement on the steering wheel(as opposed to 10 and 2 or 9 and 3). Also addressing the saving your life issue, is what happens if he does get into an accident which causes air bag deployment? I see either the iPad flying right into your face or if the mount is rigid enough blocking

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**Re: (Score:1)**

by [frunns \(1149355\)](#)

As said above: <http://www.freepatentsonline.com/5162150.pdf> [freepatentsonline.com] Not all that serious it seems. :)

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**install the HUD app (Score:2)**

by [Darth Sdlavrot \(1614139\)](#)

because you can't see the fscking speedo otherwise.

Cuz there's an app for everything.

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [bickerdyke \(670000\)](#)

I never had the slightest desire to know what you're looking at while driving!!

<http://www.google.com/images?q=speedo> [google.com]

But I guess if you're into seeing speedos, you probably want to get an android device. We know what those are for.

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**Seriously... (Score:1)**

by [rok3 \(1133003\)](#)

"It's almost like a Heads-Up Display on the vehicle!"

Until the airbag goes off and it becomes a Through-Head Display...

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**OH PLEASE LET THIS BE A JOKE!!! (Score:2)**

by [jkinney3 \(535278\)](#)

Besides it's useless when turning the wheel. They need a universal joint with automatic leveling so the ipad stay readable while cornering at high speeds. Yikes! Where did that baby carriage come from?

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**Airbag (Score:5, Funny)**

by [CmdrPorno \(115048\)](#) on Friday May 21, @09:34AM ([#32292302](#))

Just think, when you crash and your airbag deploys, you could have the world's first iPad implant!

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**Distraction (Score:3, Funny)**

by [necro81 \(917438\)](#) on Friday May 21, @09:34AM ([#32292306](#)) [Journal](#)

As he says at the end - it's much safer than other forms of driver distraction. Which is to say: it's a much safer way to kill yourself and others.

Joking aside, and driver distraction aside, this thing is illegal as all getout. I'm pretty sure that obscuring the dash (and things like, ya know, the speedometer) isn't permitted. Making the steering wheel harder to grip (and at the ol' 10 and 2 positions, no less) makes the vehicle harder to control. Putting a relatively heavy, knife-edged\*, solid object right in front of the airbag is pretty brilliant, too. Ordinarily I'd just shrug my shoulders and say "ah well, natural selection at work," except there's a pretty good chance you'll take a few people out with you. I'm hoping that he means this as a joke.

\* In an accident at highway speeds, the thin edge of the iPad is as good as a knife.

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**Another cool idea (Score:2)**

by [Errol backfiring \(1280012\)](#)

If you can get the iPad to run in vertically flipped landscape mode, you can put it on top of the

dashboard above the steering wheel and have it reflected in your front window. That way, you have a head-up display just like jet fighter pilots!

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**Stanley Milgram? (Score:2)**

by [Molt \(116343\)](#)

I thought I recognised the name of the chap who described this as the "must have iPad accessory".

[Stanley Milgram](#) [wikipedia.org] was the psychologist who ran the famous [experiments](#) [wikipedia.org] where obedience to authority was investigated by instructing participants to deliver electrical shocks to another person.

Nice reference!

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**Airbags (Score:1)**

by [inkhorn \(650877\)](#)

So what happens to your iPad if the airbag in the steering wheel deploys ?

I imagine after it's fired into your face, you'd probably be entitled to a well deserved Darwin Award?

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [Caraig \(186934\)](#) \*

Well, remember that /. article recently about the rat implants that generate power from glucose....?

Yeah. The good news is, you won't have to take your iPad in to replace it because the batteries are out....

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**Why didn't he use a GPS app? (Score:1)**

by [klashn \(1323433\)](#)

What gets me is that he's trying to plug reading USA today newspaper content. I can see this being much more useful for GPS, and by the way, I wedge my Garmin Edge 705 in the steering wheel gap and it does just as well! I'm sure you could do this similar with an iPhone.

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**Someone beat The Onion to the punch (Score:1)**

by [newsfornerds \(899401\)](#)

LULs

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**Great idea!!! (Score:2)**

by [therufus \(677843\)](#)

Especially when you hit the car in front of you, the airbag deploys and the last thing that goes through your head before you die is an iPad with bloodstained bejewelled on it.

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**Re: (Score:3, Insightful)**

by [ttyRazor \(20815\)](#)

er, air bag

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**Re: (Score:2)**

by [Culture20 \(968837\)](#)

er, air bag

What did you call my wife?

*Military secrets are the most fleeting of all. -- Spock, "The Enterprise Incident", stardate 5027.4*

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