



The Growth of The Cheap and Easily Accessible Spy Gear Market: Physical and Cyber Spyware

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The surveillance devices market seems to follow an ascending trend:

A BrickHouse Security¹ executive said sales of tiny devices that can be **placed in a bag** or clothing have been "almost doubling" each of the past three years. Spy devices are getting more popular year on year. Newspapers and magazines on these topics are now making into Top 10s^{2 3 4}.

From **Flash Drive Cufflinks in Gold Casing**, that cost only **\$50** and can help you smuggle in malware or surveillance software to **spy coins** that can transport **micro SD cards** and covert key-chain or button video cameras. Sure they look like toys for children, but what if someone in a sensitive position actually used them?

A list of incognito surveillance and information recording devices that can probably find their way into your office undetected. Some examples are:

- **The Pen-Sized Document Scanner**⁵ – just pass it over a sheet of paper or a photograph and it will capture and store the documents, ready to be uploaded via USB or Bluetooth to any computer.
- **Pen Voice Recorder**⁶ has a secret activation switch and a very sensitive internal microphone to capture even the faintest of sounds
- **Tiny wireless camera**⁷ concealed in the head of a screw, operating on a single 9 volt battery

¹ Source: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10000872396390443995604578002751421246848>

² Source: <http://thetally.efinancialnews.com/2014/09/five-top-cyber-espionage-devices/>

³ Source: http://www.pcworld.com/article/201703/Spy_Gear_for_Your_Inner_Evelyn_Salt_and_James_Bond.html

⁴ Source: <http://weburbanist.com/2011/04/25/top-secret-11-stealthiest-spy-gadgets-tech/>

⁵ Source: <http://planon.com/products/docupen/xseries>

⁶ Source: <http://www.spygadgets.com/pen-voice-recorders/>

⁷ Source: <http://www.spygearco.com/WirelessScrewHiddenColorSpyCamera-DS.htm>

- **Wearable spy cameras**⁸ like eyeglasses or watches that can capture hours of video recording and store it.
- **Air freshener professional hidden camera**⁹, a motion activated, battery powered, self recording surveillance platform that blends into any environment with ease
- **Wireless mouse covert video camera**¹⁰

Software for privacy invasion

The same trends seem to be in place for the **software monitoring market**. Computer monitoring software¹¹ is very popular and comparative research is up-to-date and very thoroughly done, base on features, functionality, reliability, and customer feedback.

Mobile phone monitoring software¹² is an even more sensitive area, as mobile phone are virtually anywhere with us. Both computer and mobile phone software is marketed as 100% undetectable, with the application running in the background and not raising any suspicions.

One of the most popular features of computer or mobile phone surveillance is **stealth camera**¹³, a function that allows you to turn almost any smartphone, laptop or tablet into a **complete spy tool**¹⁴.

Websites selling equipment for privacy invasion

To see how easy it is for individuals to acquire surveillance devices online, here are some examples of **websites which sell equipment** for privacy invasion:

For Physical Security

1. <http://www.brickhousesecurity.com/category/hidden+cameras.do>
2. <http://www.safetybasement.com/Spy-Listening-Recording-Devices-s/389.htm>
3. <http://www.spygadgets.com/hidden-cameras/>
4. <http://www.pimall.com/nais/neweyeglasscam.html>
5. <http://www.spytecinc.com/>

⁸ Source: <http://www.spygadgets.com/wearable-spy-cameras/>

⁹ Source: <http://www.spygadgets.com/air-freshener-professional-hidden-camera/>

¹⁰ Source: <http://www.pimall.com/nais/pvmu10.html>

¹¹ Source: <http://monitoring-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>

¹² Source: <http://www.bestphonespy.com/>

¹³ Source: <https://spycellphone.mobi/flexispy/stealth-camera>

¹⁴ Source: <http://www.highsternmobile.com/>

For Cyber Security

1. <http://www.mspy.com/>
2. <http://www.mobile-spy.com/purchase.html>
3. <http://www.flexispy.com/>
4. <http://www.spytech-web.com>

