

## Dummy car alarm

A flashing light on your car dashboard could be an effective deterrent to thieves, leading them to believe that an alarm system lurks behind it.

This circuit, from **Gregory Smith of Meadowbank NSW**, uses a 555 timer (what would we do without them?) to

flash a small lamp. When the key is in the ignition and the accessories circuit is completed, the BC107 conducts and the 555 is inactivated. As soon as the accessories circuit is opened (by removing the ignition key), the transistor is cut off and the 555 activated. So the dummy alarm is set every time you leave the car.

