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The **Cobra iRadar 230** is a community-based detection system providing 360° 14 Band Radar/Laser Detector/Camera Detector with a free companion App for Advanced Driver Awareness. It mates to iPod Touch 5th Gen, iPhone 4s, 5, 5c, and 5s and Android phones via Bluetooth wireless technology. The community concept is strength in numbers who actively report enforcement areas. This gives you a verified database of over 10,000 red light and speed cameras, live police and caution area locations all available through the downloadable free app for iOS and Android smart phones.



The iRadar 230 App displays live radar and LASER alerts from all iRadar 230 users, to include speed and Aura verifiable speed/red light camera locations, and known speed traps and dangerous intersections. This version is the updated iRadar App 4.0. It includes Music control, basic navigation, and live traffic displays. The app shares each user's finds with a central data base for your area, and draws a route line with the Get Direction Tool. It also has a Car Finder Tool to help you find where you parked.

The iRadar 230 mounts to your windshield with the included suction cup mount or dash with the hook and loop fasteners. It can be moved to multiple vehicles. The suction cup mount should position the unit parallel to the road. Some minor bending of the mount may be needed. Installation was easy in my vehicle. You power the iRadar 230 using the included cigarette lighter adapter. A nice touch is the USB port on the unit to charge your cell phone or tablet using the manufacturer's cable. For a discrete installation log onto **www.Cobra.com** to order part number RA-PSC B. This hardware kit wires into your fuse box and turns on when the car is in operation. Turning on the iRadar 230 is straight forward and a red power light will illuminate. Set the iOS (white circle)/Android (green circle) switch to match your phone. Then set the volume wheel control for the **audible** alerts that provide a verbal identification of the detected hand. It has an auto-mute function.

To pair up your phone with the iRadar 230, go to Bluetooth settings, scan for device, and when the device is recognized, confirm it. A blue light will illuminate to confirm pairing. Next go to either the iTunes Store or Google Play and download/install the Cobra iRadar App. The iRAD 230 Bluetooth system will not interfere with other Bluetooth devices.

The tutorial will display the first time it opens, or from the menu or the "i" button on the display. When a radar or LASER is displayed it is sent to the Cobra's cloud server, then displayed on you're the map on your phone with an accompanying beep. High threat areas means multiple reports have come in. Medium or low

threat areas means signals have been detected but not confirmed by other users. So you now have radar threat data even though you are out of range with your unit. Thus the power of the iRadar 230 Community.

The unit is easy to use and provides superior protection. It is not waterproof, but there are aftermarket covers which fit this unit. I was able to access all touch controls through those covers. Even though this is primarily a vehicle based unit, standard mounts will fit this smart phone size radar detector. Newer generation tank bags could be mounts for the iRAD 230 and your smart phone.

Cobra's use of hi-tech cloud technology has expanded their coverage of threat areas for the customer. Using your cell phone vastly expands the utility of this unit, while keeping down costs vs. prior generation units. It comes with a one year limited warranty. This is a very well-engineered piece of technology and a definite bucket list item.

In summary: by connecting with the iRadar 230 Community, you are joining millions of other iRadar 230 users who are actively reporting law enforcement areas and have access to a verified database of over 10,000 speed and red-light camera locations. To learn more about the Cobra iRadar 230, visit <http://cobairadar.com/>. On this link you

can also see four action videos of the Cobra iRadar 230: App, Community, Detection System, and AURA Database.

*Ride Safe my friend...
Clear skies, clear roads...*

