Examples of found surveillance devices

In buildings

Some of the surveillance devices listed below have been documented with pictures. These pictures are in the archive that comes with this document, in the « Buildings » folder.

Bologna (Italy) – july 2007 (2 pictures in the archive)

Two **microphone receiver cases** are found in the entry corridor of the building that hosts the Fuori Luogo space. Both devices are hidden **above a fake ceiling in the entry corridor**. They are directly connected to the phone line with telephone wires. They consist in a main body, with a connector with external remote control, a digital receiver showing the strength of the received signal, and antennas. The presence of these two receivers probably means there are two emitting microphones in the space.

(italian) <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20080516233501/http://www.informa-azione.info/rinvenute_due_cimici_a_fuoriluogo</u> (french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=3117.html</u>

Viterbo (Italy) – march 2008 (1 picture in the archive)

A **microphone** is found in the home of a comrade of L'urto de Viterbo circle. The device is hidden **inside an air inlet** (ventilation system) of the house. It consists in 12 cylindrical batteries and a microphone.

(italian) <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20170926153653/http://www.informa-</u> azione.info/viterbo ritrovato lennesimo marchingegno per intercettazioni ambientali (french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3 id article=3117.html</u>

Genoa (Italy) – october 2009 (1 picture in the archive)

A **microphone** is found in the Doppiofondo documentation center **inside an electrical outlet**.

(french) https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=2659.html

Lecco (Italy) - october 2010 (4 pictures in the archive)

A **microphone** is found in an anarchist documentation center **inside an electrical outlet**. It is a transmitter-receiver.

(italian) <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20101011002129/http://www.informa-azione.info:80/lecco_%E2%80%93_ennesima_microspia</u> (french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=3525.html</u>

Milan (Italy) – november 2010 (1 picture in the archive)

A **microphone** is found in the Panetteria Occupata **inside a closed and sealed electricity meter**. It is a microphone with a 300 Mhz shortwave transmitter.

(french) https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3 id article=3711.html

Milan (Italy) - november 2010 (3 pictures in the archive)

Microphones and a micro-camera are found in multiple homes. The devices are found **in an amplifier, in the kitchen hood and in a cathode-ray television**. The devices have microphones and 300 Mhz transmitters with 200-300 meters range. In one case, the device can be activated by remote control (at a distance of hundreds of meters) and in another case it comes with a micro-camera linked to a UHF band transmitter of the same range.

(french) https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3 id article=3794.html

Florence (Italy) - january 2011 (2 pictures in the archive)

Microphones and cameras are found in the 400colpi space. A first device is placed **in an electrical case, strangely too hot**. It consists, along with a microphone, of a surveillance micro-camera. A second device is placed **in an industrial outlet**.

(french) https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=3845.html

Brussels (Belgium) – may 2011 (3 pictures in the archive)

A **camera** is found at two anarchists' houses. The device is placed **in the kitchen, behind a small air vent**. It consists in a camera, linked to a rather large battery made of 3 tubes of 4 batteries of 14.4 volts. The battery is behind the sink. Between the battery and the rest of the device is what seems to be a switch, that can be manipulated remotely. The camera is connected to a small black box that serves as an encoder. This encoder, type « Micro View Lock » (Ovations Systems), was in turn connected to what may be an antenna to transmit images on 1.4 Ghz. There is no SIM card. The camera is pointed towards the kitchen table. We don't know if it also contains a microphone. The camera is secured with magnetic elements. On almost all elements « CS » stickers are affixed. « CS » indeed matches the code store Logistics Department of the Federal Police.

(french) <u>https://secoursrouge.org/Bruxelles-Video-cachee-chez-deux</u> (english) <u>https://sysiphus-angrynewsfromaroundtheworld.blogspot.com/2011/05/brussels-belgium-hidden-camera.html</u>

Bordighera (Italy) – may 2012 (3 pictures in the archive)

Four microphones and a camera are found in a house. A microphone is placed **behind the fridge**, another **in the bedroom**, another **in a beam next to the ceiling light**, another **in the house entry**. A graceful little camera **films the entry stairs**. All are connected through a transformer to the house electrical network.

Naples (Italy) - october 2012 (5 pictures in the archive)

Two microphones are found in the anarchist space 76/A. The devices are placed **in the air vents** of the two rooms where gigs and initiatives are held. It consists in three 9-volt batteries set up in parallel and stuck to a transmitter microphone with tape.

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(italian) https://web.archive.org/web/20130401215729/http://informa-
azione.info/napoli trovate microspie all039interno dello spazio anarchico 76a
(french) https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3 id article=5348.html
(english) https://actforfree.nostate.net/?p=11599
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Naples (Italy) - february 2013 (3 pictures in the archive)

Four microphones of the GSM type are found in two homes. In the first home, a microphone is placed **next to the office where there is a computer** (for some time, the loudspeakers connected to this computer were disrupted by an interference similar to the interference of a phone receiving a call), another **in the outlet next to the kitchen table**, the last one **in the bedroom, in the outlet closest to the bed** (the outlet cover had been pierced to direct the microphone towards the headboard). In the second home, a microphone is placed **in the bedroom, in the outlet closest to the door**, which gives onto the kitchen, so that it covers several places. The microphones of the first home are Vodafone mobile phones, with a transformer and antennas with a printed circuit board. The microphone of the second home is an older model, with two transformers and an antenna with a screw.

(italian) <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20150417000257/http://informa-azione.info/napoli_maggiori_dettagli_su_ritrovamento_microspie</u> (french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=5730.html</u>

Palermo (Italy) - june 2013 (4 pictures in the archive)

Microphones are found in comrades' house.

(italian) <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20160112162848/http://informa-azione.info/palermo_trovate_microspie_in_casa_di_compagn</u> (french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=6004.html</u> (english) <u>https://actforfree.nostate.net/?p=14624</u>

Barcelona (Spain) - october 2013

A police surveillance camera is found in a hospital, pointed towards the Kasa de la Muntanya squat.

(catalan) <u>https://ca.squat.net/2013/10/17/barcelona-comunicat-kasa-de-la-muntanya-despres-del-desmuntatge-</u> <u>dun-dispositiu-de-videovigilancia/</u> (english) <u>https://en-contrainfo.espiv.net/2013/10/21/barcelona-communique-of-the-kasa-de-la-muntanya-squat-about-dismantled-cctv-camera/</u>

Turin (Italy) - february 2014 (6 pictures in the archive)

Two cameras are found in front of the Asilo Occupato. The devices are concealed **in a fake Enel (Italian electricity supplier) electric box attached on the first floor of a building**.

(french) https://cettesemaine.info/breves/spip.php?article556

Turin (Italy) – may 2014 (1 picture in the archive)

Two microphones and portable scanners watching the Asilo Occupato are found. The microphones are **inside the Asilo Occupato**, connected to the electrical installation. The portable scanners are **in a telecoms booth** very close to the squat.

(french) https://cettesemaine.info/breves/spip.php?article556

Genoa (Italy) - june 2014 (3 pictures in the archive)

Three microphones coming with cameras are found **in the alleys around a squat**. The devices are pointing on the different entries of the house.

(french) https://cettesemaine.info/breves/spip.php?article519

Pescara (Italy) – april 2015 (2 pictures in the archive)

Two microphones are found at a comrades' home. The devices are **inside two outlets**. Each device consists in a microphone linked to a transformer and a thingy containing a micro-SIM card.

(italian) <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20150928013342/http://www.informa-azione.info/pescara_microspie_a_casa_di_compagni_anarchici</u> (french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/breves/spip.php?article925</u>

Paris (France) - september 2015 (5 pictures in the archive)

A **surveillance device** is found in the « Plaisir d'enfance » Montessori school **just in front of the anarchist library La Discordia**, in a storage room on the first floor **overlooking a window in front of the library**. The device takes the form of a « cardboard folder ». The device is in a rectangular casing about 40x25x25 cm in hard plastic, loud (because of fans), and plugged into the power supply (without batteries). The casing has a hole of about 4 cm in diameter for the camera, with three cables coming out at the end, two of which are tipped antennae (probably sound sensors) and a third a small square sensor.

Inside the box we find advanced technological equipment :

- A wireless router with two SIM cards (Bouygues), GPS, three cell inputs, one stereo input.
- A processor.
- A telephone device with an Orange SIM card (which means that the data was not stored but transmitted live).

- A camera with two zoom levels, remote controlled.
- And other types of materials that we are not able to identify.

The device was in place at least since the second week of july 2015.

(french) https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2015/10/08/a-propos-dun-dispositif-de-surveillance-trouve-documente-etdetruit-a-paris/ (english) https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2015/10/12/about-a-monitoring-device-found-authenticated-anddestroyed-in-paris/ (italian) https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2015/10/12/parigi-a-proposito-di-un-dispositivo-di-sorveglianza-trovatodocumentato-e-distrutto/

Modena (Italy) - december 2015 (4 pictures in the archive)

A **microphone** is found at the Laboratorio Libertario Ligéra. The device is located **inside a neon light attached to the ceiling**. It consists in three 9-volts batteries, joined together with insulating tape, with a microphone and antenna at each end.

(italian) <u>https://anarchicipistoiesi.noblogs.org/post/2015/01/06/modena-sorveglianza-rinvenuta-microspia-al-laboratorio-libertario-ligera/</u> (french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/breves/spip.php?article627</u> (english) <u>https://actforfree.nostate.net/?p=18722</u>

Lecce (Italy) - september 2017 (2 pictures in the archive)

A **bug** is found in an anarchist place **inside an electric plug not connected to any network**. Its precise functioning isn't clear : either it contains a SIM card through which some busybody can get connected to hear someone's discussions, or a power supply battery. On one of the edges can be read the acronym ABG.

(french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/breves/spip.php?article2497</u> (english) <u>https://actforfree.nostate.net/?p=28449</u>

Trento (Italy) - end of 2017 (6 pictures in the archive)

A **micro-camera** is found inside a house. The device is placed **in the kitchen/dining room, inside a wall, covered up by mortar**, revealing only the hold for the camera's lens.

(italian) <u>https://anarhija.info/library/trentino-italia-a-proposito-di-ritrovamenti-di-microspie-e-videocamere-it</u> (french) <u>https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2018/01/10/italie-quand-les-flics-tentent-de-simmiscer-dans-nos-vies/</u>

Bologna (Italy) - january 2018 (4 pictures in the archive)

Two microphones are found in the documentation space Il Tribolo. They are hidden **inside a power outlet and in the junction box next to it**.

⁽italian) <u>https://www.autistici.org/cna/2018/01/11/bologna-ritrovata-microspia/</u> (french) <u>https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2018/01/10/italie-quand-les-flics-tentent-de-simmiscer-dans-nos-vies/</u>

Genoa (Italy) - june 2018

Two microphones are found at a comrades' house.

(italian) <u>https://roundrobin.info/2018/06/genova-trovate-due-microspie-nella-casa-di-un-compagno/</u> (french) <u>https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2018/07/01/genes-italie-deux-micros-trouves-chez-un-compagnon/</u> (english) <u>https://actforfree.nostate.net/?p=30990</u>

Grenoble (France) - august 2018

A **microphone** is found in the squat Awhanee. It is located **in a multi-socket adaptor**.

(french) https://nantes.indymedia.org/articles/42509

In vehicles

Some of the surveillance devices listed below have been documented with pictures. These pictures are in the archive that comes with this document, in the « Vehicles » folder.

Turin (Italy) – june 2007 (6 pictures in the archive)

Microphones are found in a car. The device is placed **in the car ceiling**. It is connected to the car interior light power supply. It consists in a modified mobile phone, an antenna and two microphones.

(italian) <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20100727213202/http://www.informa-azione.info/cimici_a_torino</u> (french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=3116.html</u>

Bologna (Italy) - june 2009 (4 pictures in the archive)

A **GPS tracker and microphones** are found in a car. The device is placed **in a plastic container (badly) sticked under the roof**. It contains two boxes : both contain a « base » mobile phone with a SIM card. From there wires go out, passing by a hole up to under the back seats. Here are two microphones passing by the seat belt canal : the first at the driver's height, the second at the height of the levers used to adjust the seat, next to the back seats. The antenna is behind the back seat. Finally, still coming from these two boxes, is a wire that goes through the car doors to reach the car fuse box.

(italian) <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20090706091118/http://www.informa-azione.info/bologna_microspia_in_auto_0</u> (french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=3116.html</u>

Lecco (Italy) - april 2010 (3 pictures in the archive)

A **GPS tracker and a microphone** are found in a car. The device is placed **between the car body and the interior coating, and attached with two magnets**. It is connected to the power supply by the car interior light wires. It consists in a modified mobile phone, an antenna, a GPS and a microphone.

(italian) <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20100826024739/http://www.informa-azione.info:80/lecco_trovata_quotcimicequot_nell039auto_di_un_compagno</u> (french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=3115.html</u> (english) <u>https://actforfree.nostate.net/?p=1514</u>

Italie - may 2010 (1 picture in the archive)

A **GPS tracker** is found under the truck of a member of the Nunatak magazine (italian magazine about mountains stories, cultures and struggles). The device is attached **with a magnet under the back of the vehicle**. It consists in Vodaphone SIM cards connected to 4 « torch » batteries in a series.

(french) https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=3216.html

France - march 2011

A **geolocation device** is found in the car of members of a support committee to the defendants in the Tarnac affair (in trial for the sabotage of a high-speed train catenary which took place in 2008). The device is placed **behind the car battery ventilation grids**. It consists in a small black case of 9 by 5 centimeters, connected with wires to the car electrical system. Inside, two printed circuit boards including a passive antenna, a geolocation device branded Navman and an Orange SIM card to transmit the data.

(french) <u>https://www.lesinrocks.com/2011/05/04/actualite/affaire-de-tarnac-la-surveillance-policiere-prise-en-flag-1115752/</u>

Milan – september 2012

Technical specifications of the device found in this example, provided by the company that sells it, can be found in the archive that comes with this document, at :

« Documentation/Telit GM862-GPS Product Description.pdf »

A **listening and geolocation device** is found **on a scooter**. The different device components are located **in the spare wheel bracket, next to the tank and behind the horn grid**. The device is based on a device sold by Telit (an italian supplier of wireless technologies). The device model is Telit GM862-GPS. It is capable of listening with a microphone, geolocating with a GPS antenna, and transmitting collected informations on the telephone network with a GSM antenna.

The device is placed in the spot where the tank is along with a transformer and an accumulator. Both antennas (GPS and GSM) are connected to the device and end up in the spare wheel bracket. The microphone, also connected to the device, ends up behind the horn grid. Wires connect the device to the scooter starting system. All these components are stuck to the scooter frame by strong magnets secured by tape.

This scooter model doesn't have a battery (it dates back to the 1980s) and its engine generates alternating current, hence the presence of a transformer and an accumulator to guarantee the good

functioning of this equipment even when the scooter is not going.

(english) https://actforfree.nostate.net/?p=11326

Naples (Italy) - february 2013 (2 pictures in the archive)

Two GSM-type microphones with GPS tracker are found in a car. The devices are placed **inside the car ceiling, that hosts the small interior light**. It consists in Vodafone mobile phones, with a transformer and antennas with a printed circuit board. Microphones are pointed towards the front seats.

(italian) <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20150417000257/http://informa-azione.info/napoli_maggiori_dettagli_su_ritrovamento_microspie</u> (french) <u>https://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=5730.html</u>

Valencia (Spain) – march 2015 (7 pictures in the archive)

A **geolocation device** is found on the car of an attendee to the Circumvention Tech Festival, a festival against Internet surveillance and censorship. The device is **magnetically mounted inside of the left wheel well of the car**. It consists in a battery, a GPS antenna, a GSM antenna and a Movistar SIM card. The various components are wrapped in black tape and magnetically mounted to the car mudguard and frame. Several clues leads to believe that the device may have been placed by cops from the « Cuerpo Nacional de Policía » (Spain national civilian police force).

(english) https://web.archive.org/web/20160408043848/https://people.torproject.org/~ioerror/skunkworks/forensics/valencia -tracking-device/ (catalan) https://web.archive.org/web/20171219165714/https://directa.cat/una-activista-de-barcelona-localitza-undispositiu-de-rastreig-gps-amagat-al-parafang-del-seu-cotxe

Cagliari (Italy) – november 2017

Microphones and GPS trackers are found in a car. The microphones are placed **under the upholstery of the car roof, where the windscreen and the sunshields are** (so take a look there, you can't feel them from outside, so you have to slip your hand between the roof and the cardboard to which the upholstery is attached). In one case the power cables reached beneath the wheel, in the other they were attached to the car lights.

(italian) <u>https://roundrobin.info/2018/01/microspie-a-cagliari/</u> (french) <u>https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2018/01/18/italie-la-moisson-de-mouchards-continue/</u> (english) <u>https://actforfree.nostate.net/?p=29559</u>

Lecce (Italy) – december 2017 (1 picture in the archive)

Microphones and a GPS tracker are found in a car. The device is placed **in the fuse box**. The car had electrical problems (the battery had discharged twice in a month, sign of an abnormal electricity consumption).

(italian) <u>https://finimondo.org/node/2114</u> (french) <u>https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2018/01/10/italie-quand-les-flics-tentent-de-simmiscer-dans-nos-vies/</u>

Trento (Italy) – end of 2017 (3 pictures in the archive)

Microphones and GPS trackers are found in two cars.

(italian) https://anarhija.info/library/trentino-italia-a-proposito-di-ritrovamenti-di-microspie-e-videocamere-it (italian) https://roundrobin.info/2018/01/trentino-proposito-ritrovamenti-microspie-telecamere/ (french) https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2018/01/10/italie-quand-les-flics-tentent-de-simmiscer-dans-nos-vies/ (english) https://actforfree.nostate.net/?p=29468

Cremona (Italy) - january 2018 (6 pictures in the archive)

A **GPS tracker** is found in a car. The device is placed **in the rear bumper, sticked to the car body with magnets**. It consists in removable batteries and a Vodafone SIM card.

(italian) <u>https://roundrobin.info/2018/01/trovato-un-localizzatore-gps-nella-macchina-compagna-un-compagno-cremona/</u> (french) https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2018/01/18/italie-la-moisson-de-mouchards-continue/

Bologna (Italy) – january 2018 (9 pictures in the archive)

Two microphones and a GPS tracker are found in a car. There is also a device equipped with an antenna, a SIM card from the TIM provider and a 16 Go memory card. The power cable is connected to the fuse box and to other wires located under the dashboard. Both microphones are located under the upholstery of the car roof and the wires arrive to the power supply through the car door. The magnetized GPS and the cards thingy with the antenna are hidden behind the speedometer. From what we could check, everything has been placed in the car more than a year ago and the microphones were recording even when the car engine was turned off, in a radius of several meters.

(italian) <u>https://roundrobin.info/2018/01/bologna-microfoni-gps-nellauto-compagna/</u> (french) <u>https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2018/01/18/italie-la-moisson-de-mouchards-continue/</u>

Rome (Italy) – april 2018

Two microphones, a GPS tracker and a transmitter are found in a car. Everything is positioned on the car body with magnets over the driver's door and linked to an electric cable carrying power to one of the lights inside the car. There is also an additional battery. The microphones are stuck with gum over the driver's and passenger's head seats. The power cable, battery, microphones and GPS are all linked to the transmitter. There is a TIM SIM card inside the transmitter.

⁽italian) https://roundrobin.info/2018/04/roma-trovate-microspie/

⁽french) https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2018/04/19/rome-italie-des-micros-trouves-dans-un-vehicule/

⁽english) https://actforfree.nostate.net/?p=30577

Cagliari (Italy) - september 2018

Two microphones and a GPS tracker are found inside a car. The microphones are placed **inside the upholstery of the car roof**, just above the driver's head. The GPS tracker, as usual, is **stuck to the car body with a magnet**. The bugs are connected to the car power supply at the level of the pedals, just below the lever that opens the front trunk.

(italian) <u>https://roundrobin.info/2018/09/cagliari-ancora-microspie-e-gps-sulla-macchina-di-un-compagno/</u> (french) <u>https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2018/09/16/cagliari-italie-encore-des-micros-dans-la-voiture-dun-compagnon/</u>

Cagliari (Italy) - october 2018

Two microphones and a GPS tracker are found in the car of one of the persons under investigation for the 15 september repressive operation (see the sources). Microphones are located above the driver's head, next to the junction of the car roof upholstery and the windscreen. The GPS tracker is located in the fuse box. Everything is powered by a connection to the headlights cable (headlights that were dysfunctionning).

(italian) https://nobordersard.wordpress.com/2018/10/10/comunicato-di-uno-degli-indagati-delloperazione-270bis-aggiornamento/ (french) https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2018/10/14/cagliari-italie-operation-contre-les-internationalistes-du-ypgdes-micros-et-un-gps-dans-la-voiture-dun-compagnon/