

California: Traffic fine for Google Glass

- In San Diego in the U.S. state California a driver was stopped by the police because she was wearing a pair of Google Glasses. The police wrote her a ticket for operating a computer monitor while driving, wrote Cecilia Abadie on Google+
- On the ticket the policeman made reference to paragraph 27602 of the California Traffic Code. According to this paragraph, it is forbidden to operate a video, television, or other monitor that is in the field of view of the driver.
- Abadie participates in the program “Glass Explorer”—that is, she is one of the first who can try out the glasses out in her daily life. In September there were 10,000 data-glasses in use.
- In the German Traffic Code there is no place where the use of a monitor while driving is forbidden, as it is in California. In §23 it says only: “Whoever drives a vehicle is responsible for keeping his sight and hearing free from encroachment by passengers, animals, cargo, devices, or the condition of the car.”
- The British Traffic Ministry made the ruling last summer that car and motorcycle drivers are not allowed to wear Google Glasses, reported Heise on-line. In view of the fact that it is possible at any time to read a message or to take a photo or a video, it must be remembered that the road requires always one’s total concentration.