

Did you know?: RFID implants becoming common place. Surely it's Double-plus ungood.



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To some, inserting an RFID tag underneath their skin sounds like a great idea for convenience and security.

To me, it sounds more like lunacy, but hey, who am I to judge?

I'm generally not easily put off by things such as body modification. The arduous tales of pierced lips, eyebrows and various appendages unsettle my stomach not in the least. I only make available this information as a preface to what I'm about to say. The idea of [inserting a trackable, constantly transmitting electronic device, which is non-upgradable, underneath my very epidermis](#), brings forth painful visages to which my mind's eye can only summon echoing shrieks of terror and **unfathomable dread** as a response.

It's not just that I don't understand it. If I were to be asked, I would readily offer that I don't truly even begin to understand some of the more advanced (see: [frightening](#)) piercing opportunities available to the modification community at large. That is not to say that I **dislike** them, though, as ideas in general. To each their own, I would say. This insertion of tags into the very body of semi-autonomous, mostly independent, somewhat free-thinking humanoids, however, is a matter unto itself.

Don't misunderstand. I am definitely a proponent of creating a culture in which ease of use, and where at all possible, security are oft found in the forefront of the minds of engineers worldwide. I will not, however, choose to [inject](#) some device into my person in hopes of **marginal** gains, at best, in these areas when related to a very small subset of daily activities.

Perhaps I'm old fashioned in my ripe old age. Perhaps I'm just not *hip*. It's true that I may be deemed paranoid because there is little doubt in my mind that were this technology to be imposed upon the masses, as some Companies/Governments would choose, the implications of this woeful event would be widespread and **disasterous**, even if at first hard to detect. Those facts withstanding, the likelihood of my participation in such a movement of my own free will is slightly less than the chances of George Washington rising from the grave to do a tap dance of his own volition while singing the star spangled banner and strumming a 12-string guitar.

Incidentally if you see that, I'd love to hear about it.

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