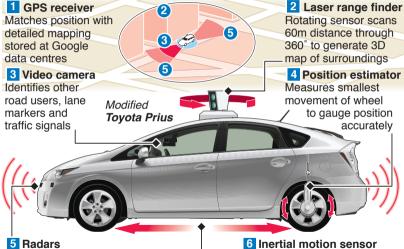
Google's self-driving robot car

Google researchers have road-tested a fleet of seven autonomous cars on the roads of California, covering 140,000 miles between them. The aim is to improve motoring efficiency - reducing emissions and doubling road capacity - and halve the world's 1.2 million road traffic deaths each year



Three at front, one at rear. detect proximity of obstacles

Accelerometers and gyroscopes determine velocity and direction

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