msgtpain wrote on Tue, 15 August 2006 03:02yea, cause the report that I read stated that these types of detectors were "box" detectors, meaning you could put shit in them, push a button, and 3 minutes later it would give you a report.

So, we're going to install a half a million dollar machine in every airport in America, and then have every airline passenger place their carry-on luggage in it and wait three minutes for the result...

We may well not be talking about the same machine.

The Article You Probably Should Have ReadA 2002 Homeland Security report recommended "immediate deployment" of the trace units to key European airports, highlighting their low cost, $40,000 per unit, and their detection capabilities. The report said one such unit was able, 25 days later, to detect explosives residue inside the airplane where convicted shoe bomber Richard Reid was foiled in December 2001.

That's not quite half a million dollars. And since we're not talking about the same machine, it's also reasonable to suspect your estimate of 3 minutes per bag is not quite right, either. But I would like to see this report you substituted for the one I posted, which I must say is an inventive maneuver.