

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT PREVENTION INFORMATION



A catalytic converter is an essential part of a vehicle that converts the toxic exhaust emitted by an engine into more environmentally-friendly gases.

Since 2019, catalytic converter thefts have increased by more than 1000%.

How are they stolen?

Thieves usually slide underneath a car and cut the converter out of the exhaust line with a battery-powered reciprocating saw. It takes about two minutes and makes as much noise as any other power tool.

Why are they stolen?

In most cases, thieves steal converters for their valuable metals (palladium, rhodium, platinum) that turn a quick profit.



Prevention Tips

- Park in well-lit areas whenever possible, and park in your garage instead of in the driveway.
- Have a muffler shop etch your vehicle's VIN number on the converter and spray it with a highly visible, high-heat paint.
- Install a theft prevention device on your catalytic converter. A licensed auto shop can install a protective plate, shield, clamp, or other device to secure your converter.

10 cars most prone to catalytic converter theft (*Car and Driver magazine*)

1985-2021 Ford F-Series	1997-2020 Honda CR-V
2011-2017 Chrysler 200	1990-2022 Ford Econoline
1999-2021 Chevrolet Silverado	1989-202 Honda Accord
2001-2021 Toyota Prius	2007-2017 Jeep Patriot
1987-2019 Toyota Camry	2005-2021 Chevy Equinox



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