

# 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

2011-2017 Chrysler 200

1999-2021 Chevrolet Silverado

2001-2021 Toyota Prius

1987-2019 Toyota Camry

1997-2020 Honda CR-V

1990-2022 Ford Econoline

1989-202 Honda Accord

2007-2017 Jeep Patriot

2005-2021 Chevy Equinox



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