

Catalytic Converter Theft



Key Points to Consider

- Park in well lit areas
- Be aware of local problems
- Fit an anti theft device
- Get your catalytic converter marked
- Report anything suspicious

How are the catalytic converters (CATs) removed ?

A pipe cutter, or similar, tool is used to cut the CAT from the pipe. Offences are most commonly occurring in residential locations. Vans and cars with higher ground clearance are being targeted.

Often the quarterlight window is removed or smashed to gain access to the bonnet release. The exhaust system is then accessed, unbolted and then is either taken, in its entirety, or discarded after the CAT has been cut free.

There are a number of prevention tactics you can consider to try and reduce the risk of becoming the next victim of CAT theft.

- Park your vehicle in a locked and secure garage/compound at all times.

- The use of alarms, lighting and CCTV can deter thieves. If this isn't possible park in a well-lit, public area.
- Park in such a way as to make access to the catalytic converter difficult, or parallel with another vehicle if you own one.
- Report suspicious activity by looking out for people 'working' under vehicles as they may not be the owners or lease holders, even if they have fluorescent jackets on.
- Mark your catalytic converter by etching your vehicle registration onto the metal shell, or by using a Secured By Design (SBD) approved forensic marking solution which is heat-resistant. This makes it easier for police to trace the converter back to your vehicle should it ever be stolen, and links offenders to a crime.
- Consider fitting additional security on your vehicle(s) by installing an SBD approved converter security product, such as a clamp.



Sir Robert Peel created the Metropolitan Police in 1829. He set out nine principles for policing. The First Principle was:

“To prevent crime and disorder, as an alternative to their repression by military force and severity of legal punishment.”

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