

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT



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Top Tips

Park in well-lit areas

Be aware of local problems

Fit an anti-theft device

Get your catalytic converter marked

Report anything suspicious

PREVENT CRIME

PROTECT COMMUNITIES



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Catalytic converters contain several other metals, including copper, nickel, cerium, iron and manganese. Small amounts of rhodium are also found within a catalytic converter. Rhodium, like platinum and palladium, is very rare and valuable.

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.

First Principle: Related links

Check out all of our Crime Prevention information using the following links or by using the QR code to take you to the First Principle Pages Alternatively go to our website at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/> and look in the 1st Principle A-Z of Crime Prevention.

Allotment Security
Anti-Social Behaviour
ATM Security
Beach Hut Security
Boat Security
Building Site Security
Business Security
Caravan Security
Caravan Storage
Card Security
Catalytic Converters
Church Security
Cold Callers
Commercial CCTV
Counterfeit Banknotes
County Lines Advice
for Landlords
Cyber Crime
Cycle Security
Dangerous Dogs
Dog Fouling
Dog Theft
Domestic CCTV
Domestic Violence
Farm Security
Fraud Prevention
Grooming
Hate Crime

Heating Oil
Home Improvements
Home Security
Home Security for
Tenants
Horses and Stables
Keyless Vehicles
Key Safe Security
Lock Snapping
Mopeds and Scooters
Motorcycle Security
Neighbour Disputes
Occupiers Liability
Personal Security
Power Tool Security
Products Brochure
Rural Crime
Security Alarms
Sheds and Garages
Social Media
Social Media for
Parents
Suspicious Behaviour
Shoplifting
Taxi Driver Safety
Vehicle Security
Windows and Doors



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Victim Care
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