

Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention

Why do thieves want your catalytic converter?

Catalytic converters contain platinum, rhodium and palladium. The metals are expensive; and thieves sell the converters to scrap yards for \$150 to \$200 per item; depending on the size of the converter and the current rate on the metals inside it. The repair costs can be significant.

How do you know your catalytic converter has been stolen?

You will know when you start your car. You will notice a loud roaring or rumbling sound when you turn on your car. It will get louder when you hit the gas, and the engine will run rougher than usual.

Who are likely targets and where?

Trucks and SUV's are more likely to be a target because they sit higher off the ground. Large parking lots like stores, malls, and transit parking lots are common locations; but it can happen anywhere.

What can I do to prevent catalytic converter theft?

- Parking in well lit areas when out
- Pay attention in parking lots for suspicious behavior
- Park in your garage
- Consider having the converter welded to the frame
- Consider a converter security device

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