

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT PREVENTION



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What is a catalytic converter?

Catalytic converters regulate your vehicle's emissions. Thieves steal them because they contain precious metals that are valuable to recycle.

What can I do?

Attach a security device to your catalytic converter to make it more difficult to remove. There are many options to choose from.



Ask your mechanic to engrave your license plate number or VIN on your catalytic converter. This will help law enforcement identify stolen property and owners.

Calibrate your car alarm system to detect vibration as thieves typically use a saw to remove the converter.



Park as close to the curb as possible, or in other ways, to prevent access underneath your vehicle.

Park inside your garage and always try to park in well-lit and well populated areas.

Ensure that your residential video system captures where your vehicle is parked.

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