

CATALYTIC CONVERTERS



Catalytic converters (CATs) have been fitted in the exhaust of the majority of petrol cars manufactured since 1992 and, by chemical reaction, substantially reduce harmful pollutants from the exhaust.

The start of the credit crunch in 2008 and rising high prices for precious metals resulted in a noticeable increase in thefts of catalytic converters.

Thieves simply cut the catalytic converter from the exhaust pipe of a parked car and sell them on to scrap metal dealers.

Taller vehicles such as 4x4s are vulnerable as the converters are more accessible and because they tend to have larger engines, they contain more of the precious metals too.

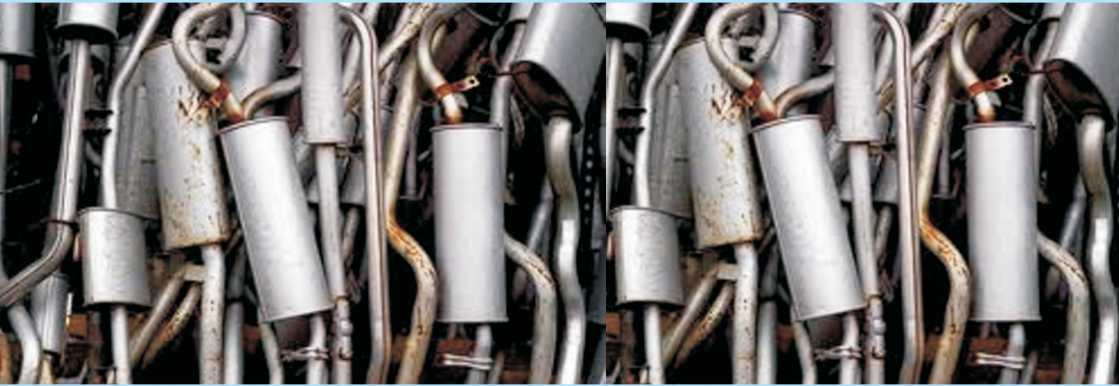
The rise in this crime is continuing!



REDUCE THE RISK

To reduce the risk of theft of your car's catalytic converter:

- Garage your car whenever possible
- Park in well-lit busy areas
- Be aware of people looking under cars
- If the car is high risk consider marking the metal shell of the converter with a unique mark, so that if it is removed by thieves it will be easier to trace back to your vehicle
- Fit a catalytic converter clamp or security cage



To report a crime or incident, or provide information,
dial the non-emergency number



Press option 2 if you know the name of the person or department you wish to speak to and state collar number or full name to ensure your call is directed correctly.

Alternatively, **CRIMESTOPPERS** can be contacted anonymously on
0800 555 111

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