

A close-up photograph showing a person's hand reaching into the undercarriage of a vehicle. The hand is positioned near a catalytic converter, which is a rectangular metal component with a perforated surface. The background is dark and shows the underside of the car's chassis.

Let's clamp down on Catalytic Converter Theft.

Organised criminals can remove catalytic converters from under a vehicle in a matter of minutes.

If you have information on those behind catalytic converter theft, contact us 100% anonymously.

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Your car's catalytic converter turns the chemicals from your car's exhaust into less harmful gases. It is also a target for thieves because a catalytic converter contains precious metals which can be worth £500+ on the black market. In order to steal the parts, thieves need to slide under the vehicle and use cutting tools to detach the box from the pipes around it. This means how you park your car matters.

Top ten tips to deter thieves:

- 1** If you have access to a garage, use it.
- 2** If you can park on your driveway or outside your home, install security cameras (CCTV, Ring Doorbell etc.) and put up signs.
- 3** Park in CCTV areas and/or car parks.
- 4** Park close to walls or fences (remembering not to block pedestrian access).
- 5** Don't park up on a pavement, as this helps with access to under your car.
- 6** Park in an area that is well lit.
- 7** Purchase, mark and register your catalytic converter with a marker kit.
- 8** Ask a local garage to weld the catalytic converter bolts, making it difficult to remove.
- 9** Purchase a car tilt alarm.
- 10** Purchase a catalytic converter lock or a CatClamp which 'clamps' to the exhaust pipes (not the converter), allowing different sized and shaped converters to be protected.

If you are witnessing a catalytic converter theft, call 999/101.

If you wish to pass on information relating to the theft or criminals linked to catalytic converter thefts, call Crimestoppers anonymously.

Tell us about:

- Names and descriptions of individuals involved
- Car makes, model and registrations used to carry out theft
- Catalytic converter black market sales activity
- Locations or planned locations for theft activity

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