

Protect Your Catalytic Converter From Thieves

SUV and truck owners are prime targets of thieves for their vehicle's catalytic converters.

The catalytic converter is located under a vehicle and is part of the exhaust system. Its purpose is to reduce the toxicity of emissions from an internal combustion engine. Thieves steal the catalytic converters because they contain small amounts of expensive precious metals like platinum, palladium and rhodium. The vehicles, specifically mid 90's **Toyota Trucks and SUV's** which have higher ground clearance, have been targeted and owners don't know their converters have been stolen until they start their car and hear a loud noise. Thieves steal the converters in as little as 90 seconds by either unbolting the device or by cutting the exhaust pipe. It can cost an owner from between \$300.00 to \$1,200.00 to replace a stolen catalytic converter.

ESPD has helped vehicle owners combat this problem by engraving the vehicle license plate number on the catalytic converter as part of the "Etch 'N Catch" program. Another way owners can deter theft is by installing a locking device under the car making it very difficult for a thief to remove the catalytic converter.

ESPD does not endorse nor recommend any retailers but click on the link below to find out more information regarding such a device known as the Cat Clamp.

<http://www.catclamp.com/>

