

## Catalytic Converter Advice

BE AWARE

We have recently seen an increase in motor vehicle offences. Specifically Catalytic Converters are being stolen from specific vehicles.

Makes & Models being targeted- **(All Hybrid vehicles)**

- Lexus Rx400
- Honda Accord & Jazz
- Toyota Prius & Auris.

How the theft works:

A catalytic converter is located in a box on the exhaust pipe under a car. In order to steal it, thieves slide under the car and use high-powered cutting tools to detach the box from the pipes around it.

The metals are expensive and includes metals such as palladium, rhodium, and platinum. The thieves sell the converters for a couple of hundred per piece, depending on the size of the converter and the current rate on the metals inside it. It could cost you up to £2000 to replace a catalytic converter, and it is illegal to drive your car without one.

What we advise:

- Parking your car in a garage overnight
- Ensuring your car is parked to make accessing the catalytic converter harder
- Trying to park in a location that is well-lit and overlooked
- Installing CCTV to cover where your car is parked
- Marking your catalytic converter with a forensic marker, which can make it harder to sell on by thieves

If you own one of the above makes, look to speak to your manufacturer about in a "Catloc", a device which makes it harder for thieves to detach the catalytic converter from the bottom of the car.

You should also register your converter and mark it with a forensic marker, which will make it harder for thieves to dispose of. Visit [securedbydesign.com](https://www.securedbydesign.com) for more details.