

Catalytic Converter protection

Top targeted vehicles (source: NBC News 9-22-21)

#1 Toyota Prius

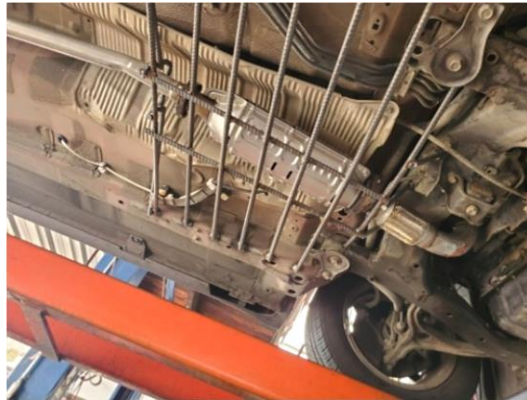
Also, Ford F-150 pickups,

Honda Accord and Honda Element

Some options:



-Shield



Rebar cage

- car movement-triggered alarm

& etch car license # onto catalytic converter

Some sources for garages near East Richmond - Ask a neighbor for a recommendation. You can also search online "Catalytic Converter Repair in Richmond"

Notes from RPA Crime Prevention staff, Michelle Milam

- Always park in well-lit areas when possible.
- If you have a personal garage, keep your car in the garage with the door closed when the vehicle is not in use.
- Park close to a building entrance or to the nearest access road when parking in a public lot.
- Use security devices are available that attach to the converter, making it harder to steal.
- Having the converter welded in place also makes it more difficult to remove.
- If you have a security system on your car, calibrate it so vibration sets it off. This ensures the alarm activates if a thief tries to saw off the converter. Video surveillance around your garage or driveway is also useful if you have the budget for it.
- Engrave your VIN number onto your catalytic converter to make it easier to identify in case it does get stolen.