



# CATALYTIC CONVERTER ETCH AND PROTECT PROGRAM

## What is a Catalytic Converter?

- ⇒ It is a critical component of your car's exhaust system and can cost up to \$4,000 to replace.
- ⇒ Thieves target catalytic converters because it contains expensive materials that have a street value of up to \$250, and removal can take less than 1 minute.
- ⇒ Etching a catalytic converter with your license plate or VIN number will assist police to help track the converter in the event it is stolen and recovered.



## Have your Information Etched for FREE!

- ⇒ **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED** for etching. When contacting the participating auto repair facility listed below, remember to mention the "Los Altos Police Department Etch and Protect Program".
- ⇒ Note: Standard etching is offered at no-cost. The anti-theft devices or bracket installations are not free and their installation are not part of this program.

### ALLIED AUTO WORKS

2073 Grant Road  
Los Altos, CA 94024  
(650) 968-7227

If you are an automotive business owner who wishes to partner with the Los Altos Police Department Etch and Protect Program, please contact Detective Jason Kozy by email at [jkozy@losaltosca.gov](mailto:jkozy@losaltosca.gov). More information, visit <https://www.losaltosca.gov/police/page/catalytic-converter-etch-and-protect-program>.

Disclaimer: Etching the catalytic converter does not guarantee it will not be stolen or a guarantee of recovery. Etching is a layer of protection so if it is stolen, it could be identified as belonging to your vehicle which could result in recovery and potential prosecution of the person(s) in possession of your stolen catalytic converter.