

What happens if I lose all the keys to my Saab _____?

Losing your keys can be frustrating but with a little help from Orio we can help you understand why keeping a spare key for you Saab can save you time and money!

Beginning in 1995 Saab vehicles came equipped with an immobilizer style alarm system. An immobilizer is an electronic security device fitted to an automobile that prevents the engine from running unless the correct key is present. This prevents the car from being "hot-wired" after entry has been achieved and thus reduces motor vehicle theft. Research shows that the uniform application of immobilizers reduced the rate of car theft by 40%. In 1998 immobilizers became mandatory in most European countries for all vehicles sold.

The most important lesson to remember about immobilizer keys and remotes are to “Always keep a spare”.

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1994 and Prior Model Years 900/9000

Saab models built in 1994 and prior do not utilize a key based Immobilizer style alarm system.

Some 900/9000 models used “Saab Guard” which was an early dealer installed system based on the interior light/door operation. The Saab Guard system did not use a remote. The system was armed and dis-armed using the driver’s door lock cylinder. This system only interrupted the starter and provided interior theft protection with a siren.

Some 1990-94 900s had an optional factory or dealer installed system that was Alpine based. This system used a one button remote to lock/unlock the doors as well as arming and disarming the system. This system only interrupted the starter and provided interior theft protection with a siren.

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1995-1998 900

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Beginning in 1995 Saab vehicles came equipped with an immobilizer style alarm system. These vehicles came with a separate keyless entry remote control that is learned to the car by a Tech2. The traditional key has no security features, the alarm (immobilizer) is only active when using the remote control to lock the doors.

A Tech2 is needed to add the remote control to the vehicle.

If the remote control is lost and the car is armed the theft module must be replaced.

If the remote control is lost and the car is **not** armed, new or used remotes can be programmed to the vehicle.

Keys do not have to be replaced unless they were lost, no programming is needed for new keys.

New keys can be cut to your car's key code by Orio when ordered through your OSC.

New or used remotes cannot be learned to the car if the alarm is on/active/armed. The system must be in the off/unarmed mode. If the alarm cannot be turned off/unarmed the theft module must be replaced.

Location: (900) The theft module is located on the floor beneath the driver's seat.

(9000) The theft module is located beneath the glove box.

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1999-2002 9-3 Sedan

1999-2003 9-3 Convertible



EARLY (No Longer Available)



LATE

NOTE: Early vehicles (1999-2002) may have a separate key and remote control, these have been superseded to the late style one piece remote/key.

Starting in 1999 all 9-3 models received an improved security system with increased protection of interior items (Content Theft) and the vehicle itself using microphones and sensors. This necessitated a change to a transponder key head that must be learned to the vehicle.

A Tech2 is needed to add keys to the vehicle.

Beginning with the 1999 model year you must have one good working key/remote to add or learn new keys to the vehicle.

If all keys/remote controls have been lost the TWICE theft module must be replaced along with 2 later style keys w/remote.

New keys can be cut to your car's key code by Orio when ordered through your OSC.

If one working key is on hand a new key can be purchased and learned to the vehicle.

A total of 4 keys may be programmed to a single vehicle.

To see the number of keys programmed to the vehicle, with the car stationary and the key ON press the TRUNK button on the remote control. The number of programmed keys will be displayed on SID.

Location: The (TWICE) Theft Warning Integrated Central Electronics module is screwed to the floor beneath the driver's seat.

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1999-2009 9-5



EARLY (No Longer Available)



LATE

NOTE: Early vehicles (1999-2002) may have a separate key and remote control. These have been superseded to the late style one piece remote/key.

All 9-5 models came with an improved security system with increased protection of interior items (Content Theft) and the vehicle itself using microphones and tilt sensors. This necessitated a change to a transponder key head that must be learned to the vehicle.

A Tech2 is needed to add keys to the vehicle.

You must have one good working key to be able to add or learn new keys to the vehicle.

If all keys/remote controls have been lost the TWICE theft module must be replaced and 2 new style keys w/remote should be purchased with the TWICE and learned to the vehicle.

New keys can be cut to your car's key code by Orio when ordered through your OSC.

If one working key is on hand a new key can be purchased and learned to the vehicle.

A total of 4 keys may be programmed to a single vehicle.

To see the number of keys programmed to the vehicle with the car stationary and the key ON press the TRUNK button on the remote control. The number of programmed keys will be displayed on SID.

Location: The (TWICE) Theft Warning Integrated Central Electronics module is screwed to the floor beneath the driver's seat.

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2003-2011 9-3 Sport Sedan

2006-2011 9-3 Sport Combi

2004-2011 9-3 Convertible



With the introduction of the 2003 9-3 Sport Sedan many new features were incorporated into the alarm system. The most noticeable difference was the new key/remote control that no longer utilizes a traditional key except for a door key that snaps into the key head. Depending upon the model and equipment levels it also became possible to open your windows or Convertible top remotely, activate halo lighting and activate a panic alarm.

A Tech2 is needed to add remotes to the vehicle.

You must have one good working key to be able to add or learn new keys to the vehicle.

If all remote controls have been lost or they are not able to be read by the car when inserted into the ignition switch the CIM module must be replaced along with 2 new Genuine* Saab keys.

New keys can be cut to your car's key code by Orio when ordered through your OSC.

If one working key is still on hand a new Saab key can be purchased and learned to the vehicle.

All keys must be programmed within 5 minutes.

A total of 5 keys may be programmed to a single vehicle.

To see the number of keys programmed to the vehicle with the car stationary and the key ON press the TRUNK button on the remote control. The number of programmed keys will be displayed on SID.

Location: The (CIM) Column Integration Module is located behind the steering wheel.

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*Genuine Saab parts can be purchased from your local OSC (Official Service Center)

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2005-2006 9-2X



New keys can be added to the 9-2X without theft module replacement.

The 2005 9-2X does NOT have immobilizer keys.

The 2006 9-2X Linear (Non-Turbo) does NOT have immobilizer keys.

The 2006 9-2X Aero (Turbo) have immobilizer keys.

A key number plate was provided with each vehicle when new. It is a small stamped metal plate.

An additional Security ID plate was provided with each 2006 9-2X Aero Turbo when new.

The key number plate is needed to make a key if you lose or lock your keys inside your vehicle. **Your OSC can also provide the key code/number with proof of ownership.**

Specific information on key replacement is in the owner's manual; see "Keys and Doors".

New keys can be cut to your car's key code by your local locksmith.

The key code is available through Orio or from your local licensed Locksmith.

Keyless entry is optional. All vehicles did not come with a remote control.

Keyless entry only locks/unlocks the doors. It does not arm/disarm vehicle theft.

A Master key should be used when cutting new keys.

A valet key will only start the car and open the doors.

Up to four transmitters-remote controls/immobilizer keys can be learned to a vehicle (If equipped).

Location: The theft module (IF EQUIPPED) is located just below the passenger side airbag.

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2005-2009 9-7X



The 9-7X uses a PASS-Key III (PK3) alarm system, it uses transponder style key.

New keys can be added to the vehicle without theft module replacement if all the keys are lost.

Old keys will become inoperative when new keys are learned using the 30-minute procedure.

Master keys should be used when learning all new keys.

Master Keys: Master keys have a black plastic end for full access/operation of the vehicle.

Master keys may perform the following functions:

- Start the vehicle.
- Lock/unlock all the door locks.
- Lock/unlock all the storage compartments.

Valet Keys: Valet keys have a gray plastic end for restricted operation of the vehicle. **Valet keys should NOT be used when learning all new keys.**

Valet keys may perform the following functions:

- Start the vehicle.
- Lock/unlock all the door locks.

If a new Valet key is used to learn new keys to the vehicle first instead of the Master key it will inhibit any more keys from being learned.

The key code is available through Orio or from your local licensed Locksmith.

New keys can be cut to your cars key code by a local locksmith.

The keys to be learned must duplicate the mechanical cut of the current key.

A total of 10 master keys or valet keys may be programmed to a single vehicle.

New keys should be learned using the 30-minute service procedure from WIS.

Location: The (TDM) Theft Deterrent Module is in the center console area.

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2010-2011 9-5

2011 9-4X



With the introduction of the 2010-11 9-5 and 2011 9-4X many new features were incorporated into the alarm system. The most noticeable is the Passive Entry Passive Start (PEPS) option.

The Passive Entry system allows the vehicle to lock and unlock itself as you approach or walk away with the remote in your possession.

The Passive Start system (2011-only) allows remote vehicle starting using the 5-button remote control.

Remote start (Passive Start) cannot be added if the vehicle was not equipped from the factory.

New remotes can be added to the vehicle without module replacement if all the remotes are lost.

New keys can be cut to your car's key code by Orio when ordered through your OSC.

A total of 8 new transponder/keys may be programmed to a single vehicle.

Used keys will not program to another vehicle.

Keys can be learned using the 30-minute procedure or SPS.

Old keys will become inoperative when new keys are learned using the 30-minute procedure.

Location: The (BCM) Body Control Module is located above the driver's feet.

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