

THE 30-SECOND KEY TEST

IS YOUR KEY TALKING TONIGHT?



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IS YOUR KEY TALKING RIGHT NOW? FIND OUT IN 30 SECONDS.

If you can walk up to your car and the door opens when you grab the handle, your key is a little radio. It's been answering your car all evening, from the bowl by the door.

Two people working together can carry that answer from your kitchen to your driveway. Your car hears its own key and opens. Nothing gets broken and nothing gets copied. This test tells you whether your key is doing that tonight.

THE TEST

- 1 Leave your key where it normally spends the night for five minutes. Don't touch it.
- 2 Pick it up **without pressing any button**, put it in your pocket and walk to the car.
- 3 Grab the driver's door handle. Wait three seconds.
- 4 **The door opens:** your key is talking, and it talks all night. **It stays locked:** it's asleep. Good.



Your own door handle is the only proof that counts.

IF IT'S TALKING, HERE'S HOW TO MAKE IT STOP

Toyota and Lexus

Press and **hold LOCK**. While holding it, **press UNLOCK twice**. The light on the key flashes four times: it's asleep. Press any button to wake it.

Manual: "electronic key battery-saving function".

Mercedes-Benz

Press **LOCK twice, quickly**. The key's indicator flashes twice briefly, then once long: KEYLESS-GO is off. Press any button to switch it back on.

Manual: "KEYLESS-GO, deactivating".

EVERY OTHER MAKE: THE TRICK THAT FINDS IT

Get your owner's manual (the paper one in the glovebox, or the free PDF on the maker's website) and go to the index. **Don't look up "theft" or "security". Look up "battery".**

Car makers don't call this an anti-theft feature. They file it under making the key's battery last, so it's one short paragraph nobody reads.

WHAT IF YOUR MAKE DOESN'T HAVE IT?

Many don't. Honda, Mazda and Volvo, for example, have no sleep gesture in their manuals. Some, like GM, Jeep and Ram, have a **switch in the dashboard menu** instead. Ford and newer Hyundai keys **go to sleep on their own**, but only some of them, so you have to test. And for the rest, there's a free answer in a cookie tin.

EVERY MAKE, ONE PAGE EACH

*This free test tells you whether your key is talking. **The Sleeping Key** tells you exactly how to stop it on your car, whatever you drive.*

One page per make

Toyota, Lexus, Honda, Acura, Hyundai, Kia, Genesis, Nissan, Infiniti, Ford, Lincoln, Chevrolet, GMC, Buick, Cadillac, Jeep, Ram, Dodge, Chrysler, Subaru, Mazda, VW, Audi, BMW, Mini, Mercedes, Volvo, Tesla, and how to find it on any other car.

And the rest of the night

The spare key in the drawer, two cheap layers for thefts that skip your key, six places to check for a tracker, the first hour if it's gone, and how to start the car with a dead fob.

GET IT HERE

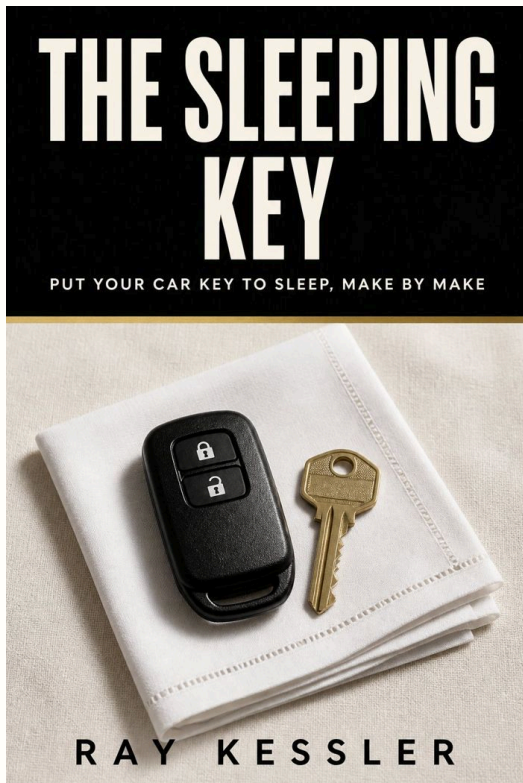
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YOUR NEXT STEP

Your key failed the test? Put it to sleep.



The Sleeping Key gives you your car's own page, make by make: what to do tonight so your key stops working for the thieves in your driveway.

- Your car's page, make by make
- Ten minutes tonight, 30 seconds a night after
- Usually nothing to buy
- Both keys handled

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