

# Unlocking the secrets behind the Jaguar Key Fob

This article is applicable to all the following Jaguar Cars and Years as they all share the same key fob. The key blank is a six cut. **[This write-up has been tried on Jaguar XJ's but should apply to S-Type and X-Type.]**

2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 Jaguar XJ8 – all models

2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 Jaguar S Type

2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 Jaguar X Type

4 button keyless remote entry fob for 2001-2008 JAGUAR X, XJ & S-Type and XJ8 & XJR models that use the switchblade type remotes that transmit on 315.0MHZ with the factory part number 1X43-15K601-?? (for the ?? see the below listing of AB through AJ). Regarding the like FCC ID NHVWB1U241 or FCC ID NHVWB1U243, the FCC ID is not important as it only means the Key Fob frequency adheres to FCC rules in the US.

**Note: Key Fobs transmit on 315.0MHZ for US market except BD series which are on 433.92MHZ for Europe market – Therefore, for the US imported Jaguar cars only 315.0MHZ remotes will work on your car:**

**AB - flip key button is green/black metal with no jaguar face and headlight button is red/white**

**AD - key button is green with no jaguar face and headlight button is red/black**

**AE - key button is green with jaguar face and headlight button is red/black**

**AF - flip key button is metal jaguar face and headlight button is red/black**

**AG - flip key button is green with no jaguar face and headlight button is red/black**

**AJ - flip key button is metal jaguar face and headlight button is red/black**

**BD - transmit on 433.92MHZ with the factory part number 1X43-15K601-BD which is for UK cars only NOT USA CARS.**

## Pictures of the Key Fob, inside and out:

Whole Key Fob



Upper portion of Key Fob with flip out key blade.  
Notice about 1/8 inch of the transponder showing  
At the right edge in the middle. It is wrapped in  
A silicone tube.



Lower portion of Key Fob



Upper portion of Key Fob with flip out key blade  
with case broken open



Open upper and lower portion of key Fob.  
See the Transponder chip in the upper right corner.  
The Transponder chip is incased in a silicone tube but  
that tube was removed for illustrative purposes.



Transponder chip: antenna is the copper looking side  
and this side is placed to point towards the top of the key Fob.  
The chip receives power by its proximity to the receiver  
ring (ignition) & then sends back the code to the car via  
the chips antenna.



Flip Key Fob Blades, two styles, one is brass, the other metal.  
Material type does not matter. Notice the base of the blade that  
goes into the upper portion of the Key Fob, there are two types of  
grooves on the market, both work. The base must be like a square  
with the notch in it. The other end, the key end is where the six cuts  
are made for your car.

Uncut blanks:





Cut blank:



Inside the lower portion of the Key Fob as well as battery replacement  
Battery type is a number CR2032



This Key Fob is part number 1X43-15K601-AJ



Most Jaguar and some Ford dealers can cut the Tibbe type keys from blanks. A Tibbe Key is a near round metal shaft with a flat end where the cuts are made. They are exceptionally high-security keys and need a special key cutting machine that costs about \$1,500.00 so not many places are willing to invest in this key cutter due to low demand. This is what the machine looks like. It is a Silca Delta FO 2000.



The whole Jaguar key Fob is three parts, the key metal shank, the upper part of the key fob that includes a transponder chip inside the plastic portion which interacts with the immobilizer chip inside the ignition of the car and the lower four button keyless entry remote part. There are 3 things that need to happen.

The first thing that has to happen is the key needs to be physically cut to match the car lock by either giving the dealer your original key or providing the dealer the T-Code. The T-Code is the sequence/depth of the six cuts (pre 2001 there are 8 cuts with key blank part being a little longer). The code was provided new with the car on a very small plastic or tin plate which typically gets lost or misplaced. Starting from the base of the key shaft and going towards the tip of the key, a key T code may be T124132. A 1 is no cut, a 2 is a slight cut, a 3 is a deeper cut and a 4 is the deepest cut. All keys will usually have at least one level 4 cut. If you open the flip key half way open you will see a very small metal dowel type metal pin, this pin can be pushed out with a small screwdriver or small punch with a little consistent firm pressure. The dowel when pushed through with the flip open half way will just miss the plastic casing of the key fob. Once the metal dowel is removed you can simply wiggle and pull on the metal shank to take it out.

To Illustrate here are two keys which we will determine their six digit T code for. The six cuts are always above the sharp flange and not past it. That is way at the tip of the key you see a flat spot and then the triangle type end. Both sides of the key are cut the same.

Tip of key 2 1 2 1 2 4 Base of Key



Going from the base of key to tip of key the T code for this key is T421212.

Tip of key 3 1 1 2 4 2 Base of Key



Going from the base of key to tip of key the T code for this key is T242113.

Notice that a 1 is a no cut and a 4 cut is a cut that is right down to the flange.

The Second thing that has to happen is the programming of the upper and lower portions of the key fob. There are potentially two programming options here. A do it yourself approach that requires that you have your two original keys (or two working keys) and thus allows you to only add an additional key or up to 3 more additional keys (max 5 keys) OR having the Jaguar Dealer use their IDS system to program all the keys (max 5 keys).

### **Do it yourself approach:**

Take both original keys (or two working keys) and sit in the car. Look at the PATS security system LED light (Passive Anti - Theft System (PATS) which is the small black dome at the center of the dash that is at the front of the window (this is the security light that blinks). Take the new unprogrammed key fob key that won't start the car and insert it in the ignition. Watch the PATS security dome and turn the ignition with the key two clicks to position II (not position III which starts the car). See what it does, light up solid or flash. When you use a good key, it will stay on solid for three seconds. If it flashes, the key is either not programmed to the ignition security system, or the key housing does not have or has lost the transponder pellet. The transponder looks like a little cylinder about 3/16" tall and about 1/8" in diameter. If you separate the top portion of the remote from the lower four button portion of the remote, there should be a small white silicone capsule in a recess. You can actually see about 3mm of the transponder pellet which is inside a silicone tube on the right hand side of the top remote part, the rest of it is under the plastic. No transponder pellet, no start. Be aware that some upper portion remote fobs sold on EBay do not have a transponder chip in them and they will typically tell you that there is no chip in their listing. Technically, if you have a broken remote (rubber pad ripped, etc.) that works on the car, you can brake open the upper portion, remove the transponder chip and place the transponder chip into the new replacement. Usually you can't get the transponder out without destroying the plastic casing as it is glued together. Since the transponder chip was working before you will not need to reprogram this, it will still work to start your car once placed in the new casing. Pay attention to the top and bottom of the transponder so you place it into the new key fob the same way (flipping it causes the transponder antenna to be slightly farther away from the ignition which could potentially affect communication with the cars ignition receiver). The workshop manual says if a key fails to be recognized by the ignition (starting the car) here is how you program the key:

## **Upper portion of Key Fob Programming of transponder to the cars ignition to be able to start the car.**

Must have the two original keys. If one is missing will have to reprogram all keys using Dealer WDS/SDD software.

- Insert the first valid key and turn to the run position (position II, not position III run engine) for a maximum of five seconds, then turn to off and remove the key.
- Within ten seconds of removing the first key, insert the second valid key and turn to the run position for a maximum of five seconds, then turn to off and remove the key.
- To program the third (additional/unrecognized) key, insert the new key and turn to the run position within twenty seconds of removing the second key, allow the in car PATS RED LED to prove out for three seconds to confirm storage of the additional key, the red security light will then go out, then turn the key to off and remove the key.
- This method can be used to store up to a maximum of 8 ignition keys.

## **Lower portion of Key Fob programming of the four button remote portion.**

NOTE: When carrying out steps 4 to 6 below, all current transmitters will be erased from memory. Ensure all transmitters to be programmed are available before proceeding.

NOTE: If at any stage two chirps are emitted, then an error has occurred, if this is the case, the process has to be repeated from step 1. When carrying out steps 1 to 7, ensure no other transmitters are operated within range of the system (which should not happen if you have all of the key fobs with you in the car and no one else is playing with them).

1. Open driver door (door must be open throughout the programming process).
2. Pull directional indicator stalk to headlight flash position and hold.
3. Insert ignition key and turn to auxiliary position (position I, first click), then release the directional indicator Stalk right away.
4. Within 4 seconds start to flash headlights five times by pulling/releasing the stalk repeatedly; at the fourth/fifth time you hear a chirp from the sounder and the PATS Red LED security dome will flash once). At this point all transmitters will be erased from the cars system.  
The next step will program all of your push button remotes to your car.
5. NOTE: Up to five transmitters can be programmed. Now simply push the transmitter button (any of the four buttons) on the remote that is in the ignition, and then within 5 seconds push any of the four buttons on the next transmitter, etc. For each transmitter you do, it will be acknowledge by a chirp from sounder, and the PATS LED will flash once (Do not repeat the complete sequence if you make a mistake mid way as the first transmitter will be erased if you do).
6. Turn 'OFF' the ignition and remove the key, (acknowledge chirp from sounder, and the PATS LED will flash once).
7. Close driver door. Now check each transmitter's functions on each of the four buttons on each of your Fobs. All should be working just fine. If not try again from step 1. It may take two try's to get it correct as the procedure is all about the speed, timing and doing it smoothly.

The PATS LED is the security dome in the middle of the dash, right up near the front window. If you make a mistake during the process, simply start all over from the beginning.

If your car has all audible alarms disabled (as mine does) you won't get the chirps, you just have to follow the LED flashing. You must flash quickly, then hit a button on one remote, then the other, then turn off the key. I would say it should take 5 seconds or less after releasing the stalk.

## **Jaguar Dealer IDS approach:**

With the Jaguar IDS system ALL keys that will start the car will need to have their transponders programmed to the car at the same time including the "valet" key (which is a regular metal key with a built-in transponder chip

that does not have remote buttons/functions) and along with the new key fob. I have found that Dealer prices are all different and also depend if you are having other service being done; they could charge up to \$150.00 for programming. Again, remember to bring all keys that you have because like I said if the key isn't physically present when the programming happens it will no longer work. Basically, what happens is that all keys are erased from the cars computer first and then all keys are programmed, both upper portion of the key with the transponder chip and the lower four button remote part to the car. There is a limit of 5 active keys at any given point in time.

**Other Facts:**

As far as I know, pretty much any flip key (XJ8, XJR, S-Type, X-Type are all equal) and will work on 2001-2009 cars as far as the remote. You can order the pieces separately, i.e. Key blades, upper flip part of remote and lower 4 button part of remote. It all just snaps together.

Interestingly enough, a tidbit you might not know, is that any of those Jag flip blade keys already cut will LOCK any Jaguar that uses that style key (six cut 2001 – 2009 model year) vs. eight cut (pre 2001 cars) when put into the drivers door lock and turned to lock the door, regardless if the key is for that car or not; but it will not open the door.

Some, but very few, locksmiths actually have all the equipment to cut AND program ability - remember you can get Jaguar IDS on the internet or EBay if you know where to look. Jaguar IDS will be needed if you only have one original remote.

The easiest way to get a remote is to basically buy a complete remote that has an uncut blade on EBay for about \$89.00 (versus Jaguar Dealer price of \$350.00) and then simply have the key cut by the dealer (typically \$5.00 to \$10.00 just for cutting the key) and program yourself (if you still have your two original key fobs, or two working key fobs) or by the dealer. The dealer may charge \$75 or up to \$150 to program your keys. A lower cost way would be to buy a used complete key fob on Ebay for about \$25.00-\$40.00 that has a cut key and buy a new key blank on Ebay for \$9.00 to \$13.00, have that key blank cut for your car for approx. \$5.00-\$10.00 by a Jaguar Dealer or Locksmith and then program the key fob yourself. From what I have found, the key blank can be bought on Ebay or from [www.rocketkeys.com](http://www.rocketkeys.com) for \$12.95; search for "jag-aka-blade1" or call 1-650-808-7445. Just make sure that the shaft end that goes into your key fob remote is the correct style. This same company also sells the key blank on Amazon but for \$26.00, so going direct is much cheaper.