

KE-1603 User Guide

The Worry-Free Dual Technology Keyless Entry® System

1. How do I use the Keyless Entry System?

How do I unlock my vehicle?

Your new system is so easy to use. **Simply** enter your personal three to eight digit code on the keypad, or press the keyfob's upper right Unlock Key.

How do I lock my vehicle?

To lock the vehicle door from the keypad *Simply* enter Lock Code 559, or press the keyfob's upper left Lock Key.

How can I remember my code?

Worried about remembering your code? **Simply** change the code to a number you already know by heart, such as your phone number.

How can I change my code?

Don't know how to change the code? **Simply** follow the few easy steps listed under changing the Master User Code, or call the installer that put the system in your vehicle for a service call.

How can I replace a lost keyfob?

Need to replace lost keyfobs? *Simply* follow the few easy steps listed under Programming Keyfobs, or call the installer that put the system in your vehicle for a service call.

We know you will enjoy the *worry-free convenience* of the Essex Keyless Entry System - no more lockouts if you lose or lock the keys or keyfob in the vehicle. For further peace of mind, your system also provides memory for 5 Optional User Codes that can be added, changed, or deleted to allow a family member, friend, valet, or mechanic temporary access to the vehicle without having to give out your Master User Code.If you have any questions or comments please contact us at 1-800-keyless or at www.keyless.com. We'd love to hear from you.

2. How does my dual technology system work?

The Essex Keyless Entry Keypad & Keyfob system is designed to provide two convenient methods to safely and securely enter your vehicle without using keys. You can also use the keypad or keyfob to unlock the trunk, open the windows or sunroof, or to actuate other accessories. If your vehicle is equipped with an alarm system, it will be disarmed when you enter a valid user code or press the keyfob Unlock Key. You can use the keypad or keyfob, whichever your prefer, or whichever is more convenient at the moment.

When you first touch the keypad the keys light up. When you enter your code the door unlocks and the vehicle's interior safety light goes on (if connected by your installer).

If you want to unlock a power actuated trunk simply press the 7/8 Key on the keypad within 5 seconds of entering a valid code or press the keyfob Trunk Key. If you wait

until the keypad double beep, or until the keypad lights go out, you will have to start

over by entering your personal user code plus the 7/8 Key (or 3/4 Key, or 9/0 Key, depending on how your installer has connected the three keypad Auxiliary Outputs)

to open the trunk or actuate another accessory. If 25 invalid digits are pressed on the keypad in sequence, the system locks out code entry and activates the code tamper alarm by sounding a steady tone and flashing the interior lights and keypad for approximately 30 seconds. Once the alarm stops, you can enter a valid user code to unlock the vehicle.

Using Codes

There are two types of Codes available in the KE-1601: The Master User Code (1) and Optional User Codes (5). The Master User Code operates all functions available in the system plus allows you to add, change, and delete Optional User Codes.

How to enter the Master User Code

A. To Unlock the vehicle simply enter your 3 to 8 digit Master User Code

Note: The Factory Default Master User Code is 1 3 5 7 9. You or your installer should change this immediately to a personal 3 to 8 digit code. Try using a 7 digit phone number for your new Master User Code

Note: The keypad on the KE-1603 has 5 keys. Each key represents two digits. The first key can be used as either or both the numeral 1 and the numeral 2 when you are entering a code. Example: The Factory default Master User Code can be described as 1 3 5 7 9 or as 2 4 6 8 0. To the system they are the same 5 digit code. If you want a 1 or a 2 in your Master User Code or in an Optional User Code use the first key to represent both numbers.

How to change the Master User Code

- A. Locate and press the System Programming Switch
 - 4 Rapid Beeps 🂢 will sound and you will have 2 minutes to start programming the system.
- **B.** Enter 1 1 1 9 on the keypad
 - 3 Rapid Beeps is will sound

Note: When using or programming your system you must make each keystroke within 5 seconds of the previous keystroke or the system will timeout and reset to normal operation. 2 Rapid Beeps signal system reset. If the system resets before you have completed changing the Master User Code, you must start over by pressing the System Programming Switch. 1 Long Beep signals an error has been made during the programming sequence. Don't worry. Start over by pressing the System Programming Switch.

Where is the Programming Switch Installed? What is my Master User Code?

Code Padding

If you feel you are being observed when you enter your code on the keypad you can "pad" your code by entering several random digits before you enter your actual code and still have the door unlock. For instance, if your code is 1 3 9 1 you can enter 5 7 1 3 9 1 and the door will unlock. Each time you press a key successfully the keypad beeps and blinks. If you accidentally make an error during code entry, simply start over with the correct code.

What Keypad code combinations are restricted

Codes 559, 557, and 555 are pre-assigned as Lock Codes. There is no harm if everybody knows the Lock Code. However, you can't change a Lock Code so you can't use 559, 557, or 555 as the Master User Code or as an Optional User Code.

Furthermore, you may not program a new Master User Code or Optional User Code that starts with the digits 5 or 6 (Key 5/6). If you want a 5 or 6 at the beginning of your code start with 05 or 06. Example: 05 05 68 (a birth date).

Caution: Never use the same sequence of digits of your Master User Code as the first part of an Optional User Code. If you do, you will have to press the System Programming Switch and select a new Master User Code.

What Keypad code combinations are not recommended

- Using your ATM PIN number or computer passcodes
- Short codes using the same digit example: 111
- Simple codes example: 123 or 911
- The numbers on your car's license plate

How to add Optional Keypad User Codes and what they are for

You can add up to 5 Optional User Codes in your Keyless Entry Keypad System if you wish. What are they for? You might want to have an Optional User Code to give to a family member or a friend if you need to lend them your vehicle temporarily. You can change it or delete it later. You might want another Optional User Code to give to a valet parking attendant or to a smog checker or service mechanic at the dealership. There might be other reasons you need to give someone else access to your vehicle when you are away. Remember, don't give out your Personal Master User Code. **Refer to the KE-1603 User Code Guide Form Included with your system for User Code programming steps**.

How to enter a Keypad Lock Code

Enter 559, 557, or 555 Lock Codes. See the Convenience Code Mode section at the end of this Guide to understand why you might want to use Lock Code 555 instead of Lock Code 559 or 557.

4. Using Keyfobs

Press the upper left Key to Lock the vehicle. Press the upper right Key to unlock the vehicle. Press the large lower center Key to activate the Auxiliary Output to unlock the trunk or activate another accessory if connected by the installer.

The Keyfob has a small green LED in the upper right corner that illuminates when a Key is pressed to indicate a successful Key press and a good battery. To renew the keyfob battery, take the keyfob to a watch store or carefully open it by removing the screw on the back and replacing the battery.

How to Train the system to accept new Keyfobs

Each KE-1603 comes with two 3-Key keyfobs. When shipped from the Factory the system will not recognize new keyfobs. For system security the system must be trained to learn the identity codes of new keyfobs. In most cases the installer will already have trained your keyfobs. Try them first before performing the training process listed below. If you have lost a keyfob and are replacing it with a new one, you will have to train the system to recognize the new keyfobs, or contact the system installer for a service call.

- Unplug power to the keyfob receiver
- Plug power back in to the keyfob receiver
- Within 3 seconds of powering on the receiver press the Lock Key of the first keyfob and then the Lock Key of the second keyfob.
- NOTE: Do not hold the Lock Key down. Do not press more than one key at the same time.
- Test each keyfob for proper operation. If only one of the two keyfobs works, repeat the steps above.

5. Using Standard Outputs

- Unlocking and Locking

Your system has several standard outputs. One output relay is used to unlock the power door locks and another one is used to lock the door locks. Depending on your type of vehicle and how your installer has hooked up the system, you may be able to unlock only the driver's door or all of the doors.

- Interior Lights

A standard feature allows your installer to connect an output to activate the interior lights of your vehicle when any valid user code is entered on the keypad or the keyfob Unlock Key is pressed. The lights will stay on for about five seconds.

- Trunk Unlock

Some vehicles come with a power lock on the trunk. Your installer can connect any one of three Keypad or one Keyfob Auxiliary Outputs to the trunk to allow you to unlock the trunk. From the Keypad you first unlock the vehicle door and then the trunk. From the Keyfob you can unlock the trunk directly. However, if the vehicle has an alarm system, make sure unlocking and opening the trunk directly from the Keyfob will not trigger an alarm. Most installers use the Auxiliary Keypad output which is triggered by pressing the 7/8 Key on the Keypad within 5 seconds of entering a valid unlock code. The 3/4 Key or the 9/0 Key could be used instead of the 7/8 Key for the trunk, or to control other devices on your vehicle. If you are using the trunk unlock feature, you will first enter your personal entry code followed by pressing the 7/8 Key to open the trunk.

6. Using Auxiliary Outputs

- Keypad Auxiliary Output 3/4 Press the 3/4 Key within 5 seconds of the last key press of a valid user code. **Note:** This output may be setup to toggle ON/OFF through a programming command for special control applications.
- Keypad Auxiliary Output 7/8 Press the 7/8 Key within 5 seconds of the last key press of a valid user code. Normally connected to the trunk release, if available.
- Keypad Auxiliary Output 9/0 Press the 9/0 Key within 5 seconds of the last key press of a valid user code.
- Keyfob Auxiliary Output Key (3rd large Key lower center) Press the 3rd Key momentarily to activate the controlled function.

	KE-1603 Code Types		
Code Type	User Type	Function	
Master User Code	Vehicle Owner,	- Vehicle Entry &	
1 Changeable Code,	Operator, or Manager	Auxiliary Output Control	
3 – 8 Digits Long		- Add, Change, Delete	
Factory Default: 1 3 5 7		Optional User Codes	
Optional User Codes 5 Changeable Codes, 3 – 8 Digits Long	Family Member, Friend, Mechanic, Valet, Authorized Vehicle	- Vehicle Entry & Auxiliary Output Control	
3 - 0 Digits Long	Operator		
Lock Code 3 Non Changeable Codes - Lock Code 559 - Lock Code 557 - Lock Code 555	Everyone	- 559 -Locks Door, Arms Alarm, Arms Keypad, Cancels 3-Digit Convenience Code Mode - 557 - Locks Door, Arms Alarm, Cancels 3-Digit Convenience Code Mode - 555 - Locks Door, Activates 3-Digit Convenience Code (if enabled)	

KE-1603 Code Programming Commands		
Code Type	Commands	
Master User Code	To Change The Master User Code	
	 Locate and press the Programming Switch 	
Where is the	2. 4 Rapid Beeps 🂢 will sound	
Programming Switch	3. Enter 1119 on the keypad	
Installed?	4. 3 Rapid Beeps ∰ will sound	
	5. Enter the new 3–8 Digit Master User Code within	
	5 seconds	
	6. Wait 5 seconds for 3 Rapid Beeps 近	
	7. Test the new Master User Code	
What is my Master User	8. If the new code does not work, repeat Steps 1–7	
Code?		

! Caution! Make sure you have door keys or leave a window open before testing your new Master User Code!

Code Type & Memory Location	Commands	
	To Add or Change on Ontional Hear Code	
Optional User Code 111	To Add or Change an Optional User Code	
Optional User Code 113	1 Fator the Moster Hear Code on the keymod	
Optional User Code 115	Enter the Master User Code on the keypad	
Optional User Code 117	2. Enter the Optional User Code Memory Location	
Optional User Code 119	Number	
	3. 3 Rapid Beeps will sound (command accept)	
	4. Enter the new 3 – 8 Digit Optional Use Code	
	5. Wait 5 seconds for 3 Rapid Beeps 🂢 (system	
	reset)	
	6. Test the new Optional User Code	
	7. If the new code does not work, repeat Steps 1–8	
	8. Repeat Steps 1– 8 to add additional Optional	
	Users	
Optional User Code 111	To Delete an Optional User Code	
Optional User Code 113		
Optional User Code 115	Enter the Master User Code on the keypad	
Optional User Code 117	Enter the Optional User Code Memory Location	
Optional User Code 119	Number	
	3. Wait 5 seconds for 3 Rapid Beeps 🎊 (system	
	reset)	
	Test the deleted Optional User Code	
	5. If the deleted code still works, repeat Steps 1–5	
	Note: One Long Beep indicates an error – allow the	
	system to reset - 2 Rapid Beeps 🂢 - then proceed to	
	re-enter the required commands	