

NICB Key Read Examination

Service Available to Law Enforcement

NICB Service of Extracting Confidential Information from GM and Other Manufacturers Keys

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) offers a FREE service for law enforcement to read/examine keys on General Motors (GM) side-milled keys starting with model year 2010 to most present day models and BMW keys for certain model years.



What the Key Read Examination Provides

GM (2010 and Up) Keys

- VIN of vehicle to which the key is programmed;
- Vehicle mileage when the key was programmed;
- Vehicle mileage the last time key was used to start the vehicle¹;
- Number of keys currently programmed to the vehicle;
- Number of keys erased from the vehicle; and,
- Programming sequence of the key being examined (key #1, 2, 3, etc.).

¹ Most GM push-to-start systems do not capture mileage of last ignition cycle

Early Model BMW Keys

- Full VIN number programmed to the key; and,
- Vehicle mileage the last time key was used to start the vehicle

Request a Key Examination

In order to request a key to be examined, you must first submit the key approval form on the next page. Do not send keys until your request is approved!

Email the completed form to keyreads@nicb.org to find out if your keys can be examined, and what information will be extracted as information can vary by manufacturer.

Please note that NICB considers the information derived from the key examination to be confidential, and the data must not be compromised. The data should be used solely to identify potential investigative leads.

IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE: Key Read Examination information should not be disclosed, even in response to a Freedom of Information Act request or subpoena, without first **notifying NICB's Law Department in writing**, by email, to RKeller@nicb.org.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT KEY READ EXAMINATION APPROVAL FORM

Send inquiries to: keyreads@nicb.org

Date of Request: _____

Contact Information

Name of Requestor: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Contact Company/Agency Information

Law Enforcement Agency Name: _____

Law Enforcement Agency ORI: _____ Law Enforcement Case No.: _____

Vehicle Information

VIN: _____

Vehicle Year/Make/Model: _____

Number of Keys Submitted: _____ Last Known Mileage: _____

Keyless (Push) Start: Yes No

PLEASE DO NOT SHIP KEYS UNTIL YOUR REQUEST IS APPROVED.

If approved, ship keys to:

National Insurance Crime Bureau
Attn: Keyreads
1111 E. Touhy Avenue, Suite 400
Des Plaines, IL 60018

Note: If you provide a pre-paid return label, we can send keys back via FedEx or UPS. Otherwise, keys will be mailed back to you via USPS mail with tracking.

