

# Volkswagen Cabriolet DIY Guide: Anti-theft Radios

## Radios In This Guide:



**Heidelberg V**  
1987-1989



**Heidelberg VI, VII, VIII**  
1990-1993



**Premium Audio**  
1993

## Electronic Anti-theft Lock

The anti-theft lock will prevent the radio from operating whenever:

- the coded radio is removed from the vehicle;
- the coded radio is disconnected from the vehicle's power supply;
- the battery cable is disconnected;
- the fuse for the radio burns out.

If any of the above occurs, the word "SAFE" will appear after the radio is switched on. The radio will work only if the correct security code is entered.

(Anti-theft radios came with a factory default security code of 1-1-1-1. It was up to owners to change the code; this personal security code was then written onto a provided radio card and kept in a safe place outside the vehicle.)

Whenever the vehicle is sold, the seller should decode the radio (see page 3).

## Wrong Code Number

If, after entering the security code, the word "SAFE" blinks, a wrong security code number was entered. After the third attempt with the wrong code, the radio will not accept even the correct number.

When a wrong code is used during decoding, "SAFE" first blinks and then remains on. After the third attempt with a wrong code, "SAFE" remains on and the radio can no longer be operated. In both cases, you must contact your dealer. (Note: It may be possible to simply disconnect the battery for a couple of hours enabling the radio to enter safe mode for another attempt.)

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## Entering the Security Code ~ Unlocking the Radio

### All:

Switch on radio.



### Heidelberg V, VI, VII, VIII:

Press and hold AM/FM + SCAN buttons until the display shows "1000" and then goes blank. Release both buttons.



### Premium Audio:

Press and hold MODE + SCAN buttons until the display shows "1000" and then goes blank. Release both buttons.

### All:

After the "1000" display goes blank, use the radio station preset buttons to enter the security code number. Press the 1 for the thousands digit, 2 for the hundreds digit, 3 for the tens digit, 4 for the ones digit -- press these numbers repeatedly to cycle through the numbers for that particular digit).

### Notes:

Default (factory set) security code is 1-1-1-1.  
First digit will always be 1 or blank.



### Heidelberg V, VI, VII, VIII:

Press and hold AM/FM + SCAN buttons until "Safe" is displayed.

### Premium Audio:

Press and hold MODE + SCAN buttons until "Safe" is displayed.

Upon releasing the buttons, the radio frequency should be displayed. If so, the radio is now unlocked. If the word "Safe" blinks, a wrong code was entered and you have two more attempts (see page 1).



## Decoding the Security Lock ~ Erasing/Resetting the Code

### All:

Switch on coded radio.



### Heidelberg V, VI, VII, VIII:

Press and hold AM/FM + SCAN buttons until the display shows "1000" and then goes blank. Release both buttons.

### Premium Audio:

Press and hold MODE + SCAN buttons until the display shows "1000" and then goes blank. Release both buttons.



### All:

After the "1000" display goes blank, use the radio station pre-set buttons to enter the current security code number. Press the 1 for the thousands digit, 2 for the hundreds digit, 3 for the tens digit, 4 for the ones digit -- press these numbers repeatedly to cycle through the numbers for that particular digit).

### Notes:

First digit will always be 1 or blank.



### Heidelberg V, VI, VII, VIII:

Press and hold AM/FM + SCAN buttons until the display shows "Code". Release both buttons.

### Premium Audio:

Press and hold MODE + SCAN buttons until the display shows "Code". Release both buttons.

Radio station frequency should be displayed upon button release. If so, the security code has been successfully erased (or reset to 1-1-1-1).



## Changing The Security Code ~ Entering a New Personal Code

### All:

Switch on decoded radio.



### Heidelberg V, VI, VII, VIII:

Press and hold AM/FM + SCAN buttons until the word "Code" is displayed. Release both buttons. After a pause, "1000" will be displayed.



### Premium Audio:

Press and hold MODE + SCAN buttons until the word "Code" is displayed. Release both buttons. After a pause, "1000" will be displayed.

### All:

After the "1000" display goes blank, use the radio station preset buttons to enter your personal code number. Press the 1 for the thousands digit, 2 for the hundreds digit, 3 for the tens digit, 4 for the ones digit -- press these numbers repeatedly to cycle through the numbers for that particular digit).

Position 1 is required to be number 1. Positions 2 through 4 can be any number from 0 to 9.



### Heidelberg V, VI, VII, VIII:

Press and hold AM/FM + SCAN buttons until the word "Safe" is displayed.

### Premium Audio:

Press and hold MODE + SCAN buttons until the word "Safe" is displayed.

The radio is now ready for operation and the Anti-theft coding is activated. Make note of this new code and keep in a familiar, but safe place.

