

Technical Tip

The following should be used as an aid or suggestion to resolve the described condition. In most instances this suggestion may eventually be replaced by a formal Technical Bulletin. Please do not file this document after use since in the majority of instances the information provided will have a limited life and may be updated daily. Your feedback concerning the effectiveness of this information would be helpful.

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Model / Derivative:

Rover 25 / MG ZR / Streetwise (VIN RF 732814 onwards)

Rover 45 / MG ZS (VIN RT 637209 onwards)

MG TF (VIN RD 620459 onwards)

(The above VINs indicate introduction of SCU)

Title / Symptoms:

REMOTE HANDSET CORRUPTION – PREVENTATIVE ACTION

When a remote handset from a MG Rover vehicle (fitted with an SCU) is mixed with a Rover 75/MG ZT or any BMW remote (including Mini) on the same key ring, irreversible corruption can take place when the latter is operated.

This applies only to the vehicles and VIN ranges indicated above, i.e. from the start of SCU introduction.

Cause:

When the BMW or Rover 75/MG ZT remote is operated, the immobiliser can corrupt the data stored in the accompanying remotes. This prevents the remote from the other vehicles from working again. **THIS CORRUPTION IS IRREVERSIBLE!** however the BMW or Rover 75/MG ZT remote will be unaffected.

If the owners second remote is operated in an attempt to rectify the situation, the second remote may also become corrupted.

Corruption will in most instances also corrupt the SCU necessitating the need for replacement.

Suggested solution:

- Advise owner that only one remote should be placed on a key ring.
- Please ensure that your sales departments are aware of this concern.

The following chart indicates compatibility:

| Remote 1 Remote 2 | Rover 75/MG ZT | BMW (inc New Mini) | Rover 25 / MG ZR / Streetwise | Rover 45 / MG ZS | MG TF | City Rover |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------|------------|
| Rover 75/MG ZT | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |
| BMW (inc Mini) | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |
| Rover 25 / MG ZR / Streetwise | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rover 45 / MG ZS | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| MG TF | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| City Rover | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

✗ = Remotes **must not** be placed on same key ring!