

How to Increase the Range of the Remote Control

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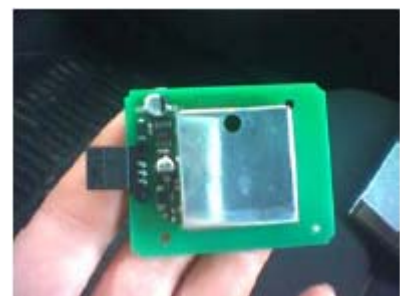
If you have the problem that the range of your remote control is poor, then you can improve it with the help of this instruction. On early models of the Rover 75 (1999 to about 2002) the receiver is located at a unfortunate place, so the range can be as low as less than 5 metres. The solution is the relocation or uncovering of the receiver. Go on as follows:



First remove the gaiter of the handbrake. Open the storage space and drag the gaiter on its upper part (use finger nails or small screwdriver). You don't need to remove it completely, just pull forward as far as possible. The arrow on picture 1 points to the receiver. It's a quite bad location. Now you have two choices. The easy one, which is described here, is to get the receiver out of its case. The second one is to extend the three cables and relocate the receiver

(into the dashboard for example), which is a bit more complicated. The latter one is the optimal solution. Simply go on reading for the easy solution.

The receiver is located in a plastic box, which you can't get out without dismantling the whole centre console. But you can open this box easily using your fingers. Top and box are connected like a folded edge. With a bit of power you can tear the lid off. After that take the plug off the receiver. (See picture 2)



Now cover the receiver with insulating tape, one layer is enough. Without solid casing the receiver needs to be protected against contact with other metal parts. (picture 3)

The receiver has been pretty concealed inside the centre console and its box. Now it's a little bit better.



Reconnect it and put it back into the centre console and you're done. You don't need to fix the receiver, it won't rattle or get damaged. Now the range should be at about 20 metres. Some certain blind spots will remain, but therefore you need to go for the second choice mentioned above and find a place which is more elevated.

The common tip to hold the key at your chin is working good indeed. But it's the vertical and elevated position of the key which is doing the job. So just hold the key high and vertical, if you don't want to look like a fool while opening your car.

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