SAAB Radio Codes

Coding the radio 1998 and prior years. ALL MODELS

The early Saab Audio System incorporates a four-digit code for all models produced up to 1998. The four-digit code is programmed during manufacture and cannot be changed. It is therefore important to keep the code in a safe place, never together with the audio system. Beginning with MY 1999 the code is an electronic handshake and cannot be looked up.

A "Radio Codes" look up tool can be found on the OSC.hedinautoparts.com website under the OSC Tools drop-down menu. The radio will need to be removed from the vehicle in order to capture the SERIAL and Model/PU numbers. Then that data entered into the radio code look up to retrieve the code. Once the code has been captured, follow the directions below to enter the code.

If the battery is disconnected for more than 3 minutes, if the audio system is removed or if its power supply is cut off for some other reason, the four-digit code must be entered using the station pre-set buttons as follows:

1.   Switch on the radio (the display shows "CODE IN").
2.   Enter the four-digit code on the station pre-set buttons. If the correct code is entered, the radio will begin to play.

If you enter a wrong digit by mistake, all four digits will have to be entered before you can try again. If the code is entered wrong, it will remain on the display. When all four digits have been entered, press the BAND button for more than three seconds to clear the display.

NOTE: If the wrong code is entered three times in succession you will have to wait one hour with the vehicle and the radio switched **ON** before you can try entering the code again. When you have waited for one hour the correct code must be entered the first time or you will have to wait another hour with the radio switched on before you can try again.

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When "Radio Code" or "Radio LOCKED "is shown on the SID display the radio will need to be (**Married**) by a Saab Service Center with a Tech2. No owner/user input will program the radio code. The code is now an internal electronic hand shake between modules. This is usually caused by the battery being disconnected or replaced.

The audio system checks the validity of the theft protection information (if they are "married") at regular intervals. This can sometimes occur when the battery has been temporarily disconnected. If the information is not correct a message will be displayed necessitating the radio be electronically re-Married to the vehicle with a Tech2.

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When "TheftLock, Radio Code, Radio LOCKED or No VIN" is shown on the SID display the radio will need to be (**Married**) by a Saab Service Center with a Tech2. No owner/user input will program the radio code. The code is now an internal electronic hand shake between modules. This is usually caused by the battery being disconnected or replaced.

Once the radio is **Married** to the vehicle it may be necessary to carry out spare parts programming of the radio and or SID using Tech 2.

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A technician may comment that they cannot get the radio to Marry/ADD. They may also state the radio displays "NO VIN" after adding. The "NO VIN" displayed indicates the radio is **DIVORCED** from the vehicle. They may comment SDAR (XM receiver) is not shown on the bus and or XM radio does not play.

SID and the SDAR (XM receiver) must be **Married** prior to attempting to **Marry** the Radio to the vehicle. Program SID, during this procedure the Tech2 prompts to enter the VIN. At this point, SDAR (XM receiver) will show **Married**. The Radio will now be **Married** to the vehicle.

NOTE: If SPS programming the radio you must select "Replace and Program" for TIS to allow set up of the Audio Configuration. If "Reprogram Only" is selected, the radio may come on but no sound will be heard.