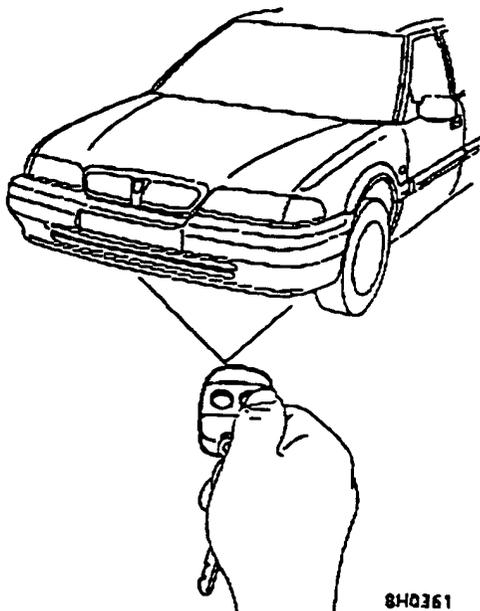


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Your car is fitted with a sophisticated electronic anti-theft alarm and engine immobilisation system. In order to ensure maximum vehicle security, you are advised to gain a full understanding of the system by thoroughly reading this section of the handbook.

LOCKING THE CAR AND ARMING THE ALARM
You have been supplied with two identical handsets and a pair of identical keys.

Note: Additional handsets are available from your Rover dealer.

FOR MAXIMUM SECURITY ALWAYS USE THE HANDSET TO LOCK THE CAR

(except when the car is to be locked with passengers or animals inside, or with a window or sun roof open - see 'Manual locking').

Remember, only by using the handset will the car's anti-theft protection be FULLY armed.

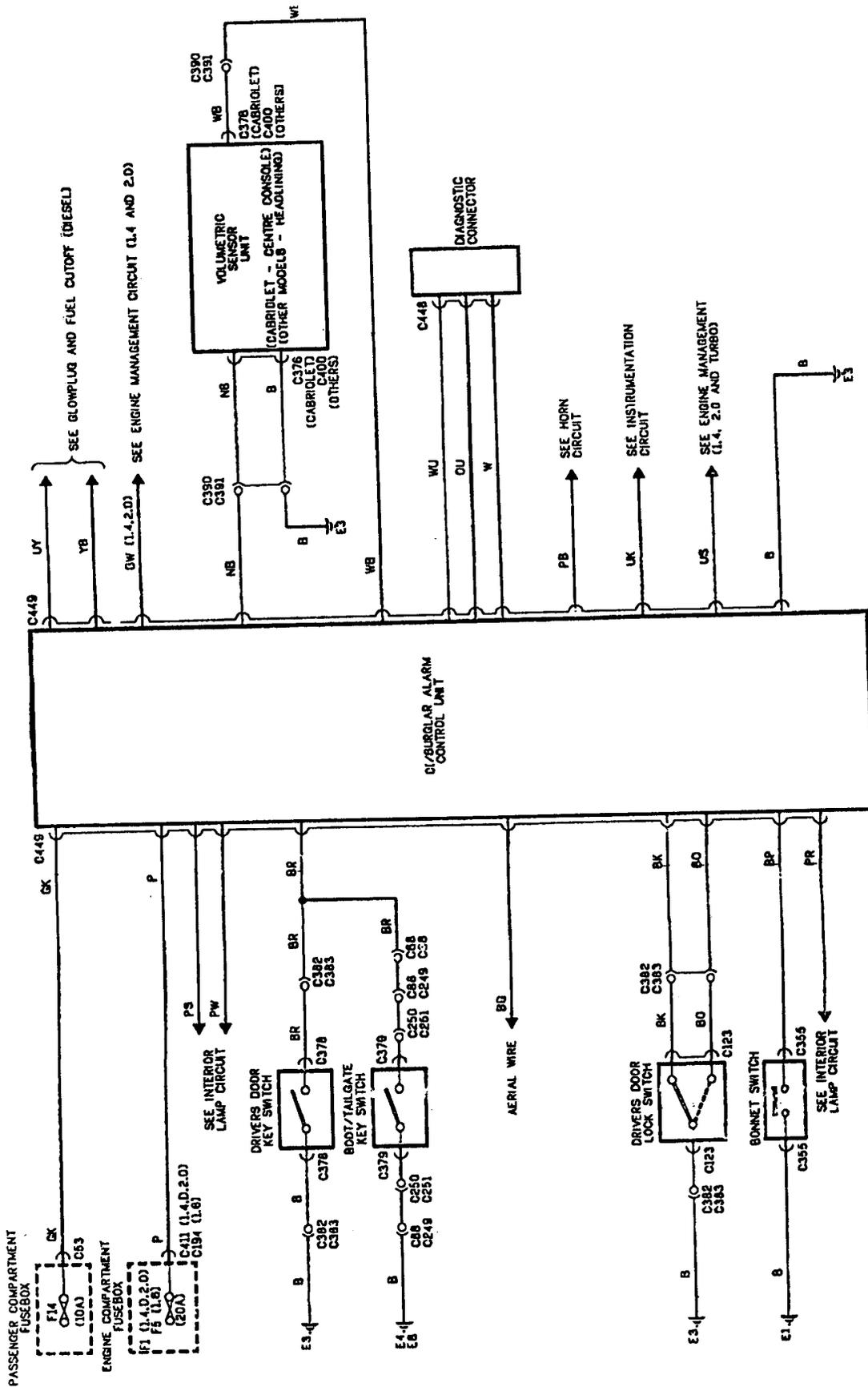
The handset has two buttons: a dimpled button for locking the car and a smooth button for unlocking the car. When a button is pressed, the handset transmits a coded radio signal to a receiver in the car which activates and deactivates the following:

- the central door locking system.
- the perimeter alarm (protecting the door, bonnet and luggage compartment apertures).
- ultrasonic space protection.
- electronic engine immobilisation.

IMPORTANT

Following immobilisation, the engine can ONLY be mobilised again by using the handset to unlock the car. Any other method of gaining entry (including using the key) will fail to mobilise the engine.

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ANTI-THEFT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

The theft of motor vehicles or their contents accounts for a very large proportion of all known crime. It pays to take precautions!

Always adopt this simple 'five point' drill whenever you leave your car - even for just a few minutes:

- Fully close all windows (and sun roof).
- Remove any valuables (or hide them in the luggage compartment).
- Remove the starter key.
- Engage the steering lock (by slightly turning the wheel until it locks).
- Lock all the doors (including the luggage compartment).

Even when you have done all these things, there is still much you can do to make your car a less inviting target for the thief.

BE SAFE NOT SORRY!

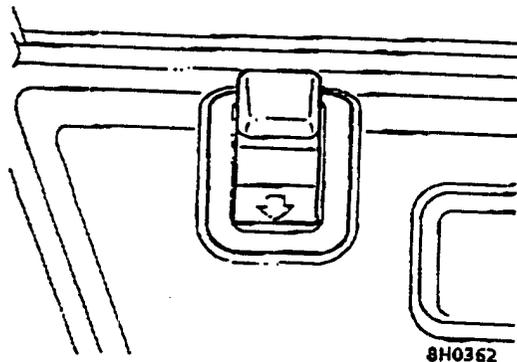
- Try to park where your vehicle can be seen by householders or passers-by.
- At night always park in well lit areas and try to avoid dimly lit side streets.
- Never leave vehicle documents or spare keys in the car - these are a real bonus for the thief.
- If you have a garage, use it - and don't risk leaving the keys in the ignition.
- Always retract the radio aerial - an extended aerial is an open invitation to vandals!

Central locking

The central locking system simultaneously locks (or unlocks) all doors when the button on the handset is pressed, or the drivers door lock is operated using the key. Additionally, from inside the car, the central locking system can be activated by operating the locking button on the driver's door.

Using the Handset

Each time one of the handset buttons is pressed the radio signal code is changed. If the handset battery has been replaced or the car battery disconnected, the sequence of signals will be lost. It is then necessary to restore synchronisation of the sequence between the handset and receiver. Unlock the car with the key and holding the handset close to the car, press the dimpled (lock) button four times in quick succession.



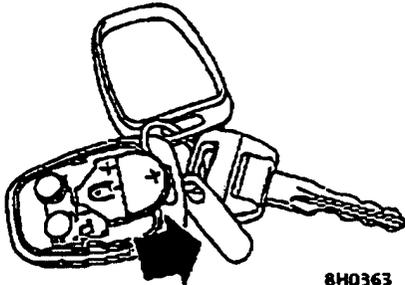
When locking, it is wise to observe the door locking buttons; these should all 'drop' to the locked position.

As the handset battery nears the end of its life you will notice that the operating range of the handset will decrease, the handset buttons will only work every other press and the alarm light will continue to flash for approximately 10 seconds when the vehicle is unlocked (see replacing the batteries).

Note: The handset contains delicate electronic circuits and must be protected from impact and water damage, high temperatures and humidity, direct sunlight and the effects of solvents, waxes and abrasive cleaners.



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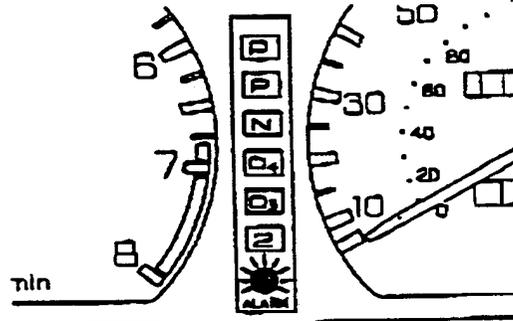
Replacing the Battery

Battery life will vary according to use. Always fit a 'Unipart YWK 10003' replacement battery (available from your Rover dealer). And adopt the following replacement procedure.

- 1) Prise the handset apart (from the rear of the unit) using a coin or small screwdriver.
- 2) Remove existing battery.
- 3) Press and hold one of the buttons on the handset for at least 5 seconds to discharge the handset.
- 4) Fit new battery and ensure that the polarity is correctly maintained (fit battery with the positive (+) side facing up).

Note: Finger marks will adversely affect battery life - if possible, avoid touching the flat surfaces and wipe them clean before fitting.

- 5) Unlock the car with the key and synchronise the handset and receiver codes by holding the handset close to the car and pressing the dimpled (lock) button four times in quick succession.



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ANTI-THEFT ALARM

The alarm is automatically armed whenever the car is locked using the key or handset.

After locking, the alarm warning light on the instrument panel (shown in illustration) will flash eight times per second while the alarm system is arming itself.

After approximately 10 seconds the warning light adjusts to a slower pulse to confirm that the alarm has been successfully armed, and then continues flashing as an anti-theft deterrent until the alarm is disarmed.

Once armed the alarm will sound if a door is forced open without using the key or handset. The alarm will also sound if either the bonnet is opened without the alarm first being disarmed, or the luggage compartment is forced open.

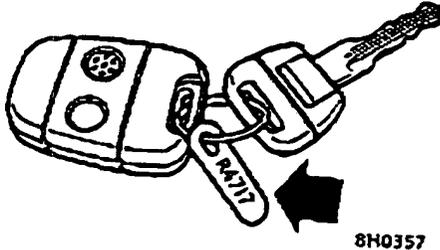
For your convenience, with the alarm system armed the luggage compartment can be opened with the key without activating the alarm. However any attempt to open the luggage compartment with the release lever will activate the alarm.

Once activated, the alarm will sound for approximately 30 seconds before switching itself off.

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USING THE KEY

You have been supplied with two identical keys, which operate all locks, including the luggage compartment and the glove box (cabriolet models only).



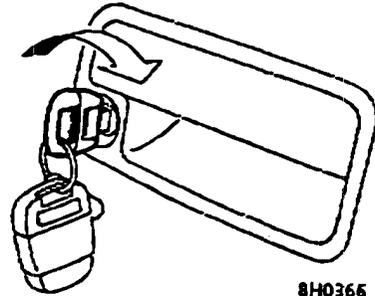
The key number is stamped on a tag (arrowed in illustration) attached to your key ring. The tag is the only record of the key number and is essential should you ever need to obtain a replacement.

IMPORTANT!

Ensure the key number is recorded on the Security Card supplied with your literature pack - **DO NOT** keep the card in the car.

Locking the car with the key instead of the handset restricts security protection to the perimeter alarm (doors, bonnet and luggage compartment), and immobilisation of the engine. Ultrasonic space protection is not activated!

The purpose of the key, as far as locking is concerned, is to enable the vehicle to be left in a secure state with either animals or passengers inside, or even with a window or sunroof open (not recommended!). Note that if the handset were used to arm the alarm, then ultrasonic space protection would also be active and any movement inside the car would cause the alarm to sound.

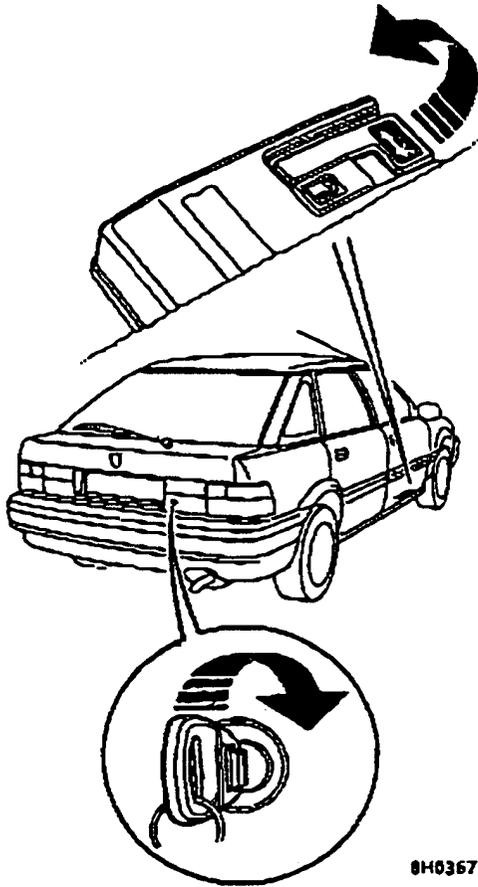


Turn the key in the drivers door lock to operate the central locking system and arm the alarm. The anti-theft alarm indicator light commences flashing to confirm that the alarm has been armed.

If the anti-theft alarm indicator lights fail to flash after locking, this indicates that either the luggage compartment, bonnet or one of the doors is not properly closed.



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Luggage compartment

To open, use the key in the lock or, from inside the car, lift the release lever adjacent to the driver's seat.

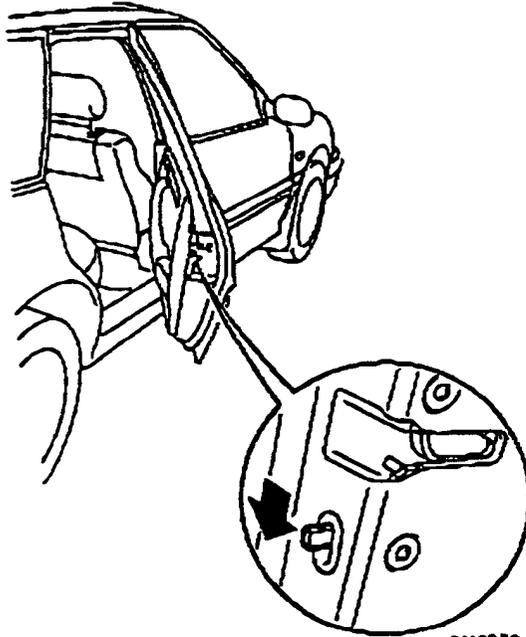
To close, press down on the boot lid. The luggage compartment is automatically locked when the boot lid is closed.

For your convenience, with the alarm system armed the luggage compartment can be opened with the key without activating the alarm. The alarm will be rearmed 10 seconds after it is reclosed.

Note: The luggage compartment light switches on automatically when the boot lid is opened.

WARNING!

Do not drive with the luggage compartment open as poisonous exhaust gases will enter the car.



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Child-proof Door Locks

Child-proof locks are fitted to prevent the rear doors from being opened accidentally from inside the car.

Whenever children are to be carried, move the locking lever **DOWN** (arrowed in illustration) to engage the locks; with the lever in this position the rear doors can only be opened from outside the car.