Rolls-Royce and Bentley Motor Cars

Key Blank Types and Cross-References
Keys and Key Blanks for Rolls-Royce and Bentley Cars

Rolls-Royce and Bentley keys for cars up to 1992 are generally readily available, although not too many locksmiths stock them. This is because demand is very low, and locksmiths only buy the minimum quantities of 50 of each type as a service to complete their repertoires. However, some do, and they may also be sourced from the key manufacturers and some RR/B club stores such as the RROC Inc. in the USA.

A local locksmith can readily cut blanks to pattern, and even to the original key serial number in many cases.

Pre-war and early post-war cars have only one key, a master key to fit all locks. Silver Clouds and later cars have a square-headed master key for all locks and a valet key for the doors and ignition only. Your golf clubs may be safely locked in the boot and your papers in the glovebox when you hand the valet key to a parking attendant.

There are a number of manufacturers of key blanks including Dominion Locks of Canada, Silca and Ilco. These brands all come from the Unican Company.

The lock serial number is usually stamped on they key, and may read something like RDA47 for an R-Type Bentley for example. The attached pictures show the manufacturers' blank codes for ordering purposes. The blank code is usually stamped on one side of the key and the lock serial number on the other side. Key cross-references are marked wherever possible.

Pre-War and Early Post-War Keys.

1. Pre-War key with lock serial number as stamped on the locks
2. Ilco key blank 62JB
3. Silca RR4
4. Yale series RDA and WDA
5. Taylor 62HO

Also cross-references to Dominion 62JB, Cole National F09, Curtis RR3, Orion RR13 and Rolls-Royce part number RH7592 apply.
The valet keys of Silver Clouds and later cars are round-headed. On cars with central locking for the boot, there is either a cutout for the boot locking or the boot locking switch located in the glovebox so that the boot may be secured as desired by locking the glovebox.

### Silver Cloud I, II, III & Bentley S1, S2, S3
- **Master Key**—square head key (fits ignition, doors, trunk, glovebox)
- 5 pin lock cylinder
- Yale lock series (master key): BSM and BHM 501–BHM 597
- Rolls-Royce part # RH7486
- Ilco key blank # 62HB
- Cross reference key numbers: Silca RR1, Taylor 62HB, Dominion 62HB, Cole National F08, Curtis RR-2, Keil 162 RO

### Silver Cloud I, II, III & Bentley S1, S2, S3 (replacement locks)
- **Master Key**—square head key (fits ignition, doors, trunk, glovebox)
- Yale lock series (master key): MRP
- Rolls-Royce part # UD17419
- Valet key—round (fits ignition, doors only)
- Yale lock series (valet key): RRL 1001–RRL 2000
- Rolls-Royce part # UD16919
- Ilco key blank # 62HD
- Cross reference key numbers: Silca RR6, Dominion 62HD
- A “short shank” valet key blank is also available—Ilco 62HC, Silca RR3, Dominion 62HC, Orion RR12

### Silver Shadow—up to 9000 Chassis Series (pre 1970)
- **Master Key**—square head key (fits ignition, doors, trunk, glovebox)
- 5 pin lock cylinder
- Yale lock series (master key): BSM and BHM 501–BHM 597
- Rolls-Royce part # RH7486
- Ilco key blank # 62HB
- Cross reference key numbers: Silca RR1, Taylor 62HB, Dominion 62HB, Cole National F08, Curtis RR-2, Keil 162 RO

- **Master Key**—square head key (fits ignition, doors, trunk, glovebox)
- Yale lock series (master key): RRM 1001–RRM 2000
- Rolls-Royce part # UD16920
- Ilco key blank # X28
- Cross reference key numbers: Ilco 62HE (Ilco EZ number), Silca RR5, Taylor X28, Dominion 62HE, Orion RR14

- **Valet Key**—round head key (fits ignition and doors only)
- Yale lock series (valet key): BSL and BHL 501–BHL 597
- Rolls-Royce part # RH7485
- Ilco key blank # 62HA
- Cross reference key numbers: Ilco BR4 (old stock number), Silca RR2, Taylor 62HA, Dominion 62HA, Cole National F07, Curtis RR-1, Independent B61B

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**DID YOU KNOW. . .**

That W.O. Bentley developed the aluminium piston? As the U.K. agent for DFP (Doriet, Flandrin & Parent) motorcars, he was constantly frustrated in his racing efforts by piston failure on laps above 80 mph. The DFP’s light steel pistons fractured their rings; the cast iron pistons cracked. W.O. commissioned the Corbin Foundry, a supplier to DFP, to cast a set of aluminum pistons and fitted them to a 12–15 HP DFP Speed Model. “In every respect they were a great advance...and they remained the standard in car and aero engines right through the war into the twenties” W.O. wrote in his autobiography. He never understood why his secret did not leak out.


• **Master Key**—square head key (fits ignition, doors, trunk, glovebox)
• 5 pin lock cylinder
• Yale lock series (master key): NRRM 1001–NRRM 2000
• Rolls-Royce part # UB70982
• Ilco key blank # 62HF
• Cross reference key numbers: Silca RR7R, Dominion 62HF

Lost Your Keys—Key Man Insurance

If you are lucky enough to own a Rolls-Royce or Bentley but not so lucky as to have a key, there is still hope. The RREC acquired all the pre-war master keys from Appleyard-Rippon (prior authorized source for pre-war R-R parts) and has entrusted Theo Hendrickson, former Parts Manager of Appleyard-Rippon, with the cutting and supply of replacement keys for pre-war chassis. He uses Yale key blanks. You will need the key code for your pre-war chassis in order for him to cut your key. Key codes are also stamped on the barrel of the switchbox (behind the dash). Mr. Hendrickson noted that the key code on the chassis card may not be correct for your car since the switchbox may have been changed and that information may not have been updated on the chassis cards. You should verify the key code with the number stamped on the switchbox. The pre-war code is a 1–3 digit number, then the letter "V" and followed by 1 to 3 numbers (example: 14V122). Contact Mr. Hendrickson with your key number (direct dial from the U.S. 011 44 1132 559908 (phone/fax), or email <theo.hendrickson@cwc.com.net>.

Post-war keys are available in the U.K. from Jack Barclay Ltd. (24 Ponton Road, Nine Elms, London, SW8 5BA; direct dial from the U.S. 011 44 171 738 8333, fax 011 44 171 738 8099). Jack Barclay will require your chassis number to match with a master cross-reference of key codes in order to cut a new key from the code. You can also obtain post-war keys from Rolls-Royce Motors through U.S.-based Rolls-Royce dealers. If you are in a hurry for a post-war key, remove the glove box lock cylinder and take it to a competent locksmith with a key blank for your car. He should be able to “make” a key from the glove box cylinder that will fit the ignition.

### Key Number Table

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