Investigation of technical and communicational problems with the remote key for Volvo cars

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My grandmother’s greatest wish was to see me graduate from Chalmers; sadly she never got the chance since she died just a few months before. She longed for being present at my presentation even if she knew that she would not be able to understand anything I was talking about. But she was always so proud of me, her only grandson, and she told every person she met that I was a student at Chalmers.

I miss your phone calls, even if you always managed to call when the movie I was watching became the most exiting but now I am glad that you did.
I will always remember you and all the fun we had.

Your beloved grandson
Abstract

The objective of this thesis is to investigate possible problems that can occur within the Remote Key (RK) system in Volvo cars and develop new methods for detecting the problems. The system is divided into four areas, the RK, the wireless channel, the Radio Frequency Receiver (RFR) and the Central Electronic Module (CEM). Solutions are developed in order to determine in which of these areas the problem is located. For the RK, the RFR and the CEM, several robust systems are developed and for the wireless channel one system is developed that uses a small amount of memory for detecting interference. The common requirements for the developed solutions include low memory constraints and computational power and they need to be implemented in a software based manner. All these methods will result in an enhanced troubleshooting system which will help the mechanic locate the error. To establish in which order to use the developed methods troubleshooting trees are developed.

As an extra task a simulation is created with the purpose of investigating which modulation technique will work better for future implementations, and also how much the system could gain by implementing repetition code and interleaving. However, this simulation was too time-consuming thus it was not fully completed.
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<td>AES</td>
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<td>Gaussian Frequency Shift Keying</td>
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<td>Generic Global Diagnostic Diagnostic Host Application</td>
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<td>Pulse Amplitude Modulation</td>
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<td>Received Signal Strength Indication</td>
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<td>System Failure Mode and Effect Analysis</td>
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<td>Tyre Pressure Monitoring System</td>
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<td>Volvo Information and Diagnostics for Aftersales</td>
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1 Introduction

Today when mainly everything is wireless so are of course the keys to our cars. The Volvo customer can sometimes encounter problems with their remote keys (RK) when trying to unlock or lock the car. If this happens repeatedly, the customer has no other alternative than drive to a garage where a garage mechanic can have a look at the problem. However, today there are few ways to actually determine what the problem is and the mechanic has to some extent guess what the problem could be and therefore often starts by replacing the cheapest parts. This tends to give many unnecessary replacements of working equipment, which cost a lot of money. This thesis will focus on how this can be improved, simplifying the detection of problems for the mechanic and helping the developers finding possible problems at an early stage.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose is to investigate and develop new methods for troubleshooting and diagnosing the RK. In conjunction with the developed methods, guidelines will also be written to describe how to use the methods. If possible, the guidelines will be implemented in Volvo Information and Diagnostics for Aftersales (VIDA) as guidance for the mechanics when searching for errors. For more detailed information about the system, see Section 2.1.

This will enhance the garage mechanic’s possibilities to determine the customer’s problem and pinpoint the location within a certain area. Even if the customer delivers the car and only says "My car will not lock/unlock" these enhanced methods will help the mechanic to find the issue. The remote system shall be divided into at least four areas where the methods for finding the issue must be feasible and reliable. These new methods shall to the possible extent be implemented in both present and next generations of RKs. The proposed solutions shall not require any new hardware and impose high storage requirements in order to make them affordable in terms of cost when implementation takes place.

1.2 Scope

Since this thesis subject contains many different problems for different Volvo models, delimitations within scope have to be considered. Firstly, this thesis will not handle RKs with two-way communication. This is mainly because these systems differ from each other and this form of communication is not as important as the one-way communication with Radio Frequency (RF). Another kind of RK that will not be handled in this thesis are so-called Keyless Vehicle (KV) remotes. This is because the KV system does not use the Radio Frequency Receiver (RFR) as receiver instead; a keyless vehicle module is used, which is totally different from the RFR. Secondly, this thesis will not deal with cryptography, meaning how the information is encrypted and decrypted. Thirdly, it will not consider human errors such as the customer pointing the RK to another car, point it in the wrong direction etc. Moreover, it will not take into consideration any mechanical failure. Finally, the thesis will only cover the chain from "pressure at the
button" to "click-sound from the locks", it will not cover what happens after that i.e., the flash from lights.

1.3 Method

The methods mainly used throughout this thesis are theoretical and are applied to problems already on the market but also to potential problems, not yet occurred. The problems will be verified to some extent using programs provided by Volvo, such as Generic Global Diagnostic Diagnostic Host Application (GGD DHA) and VIDA. To rank the severity of the problems the principle of System Failure Mode and Effect Analysis (S-FMEA) will be used.

An investigation for finding possible problems was performed, where the focus was on brainstorming ideas of possible and impossible errors that could occur. The investigation showed that several possible problems exist (see entire list in Appendix A) within the RK system. Hence, the most reasonable were selected. The problems were selected using S-FMEA and ranking the problems according to their occurrence probability, their severity if they occur and if a solution already exists.

To develop solutions to the selected problems, both theoretical studies and practical tests in cars were used. Besides the literature studies including Volvo specifications, the wiring diagrams and schematics were investigated in order to conduct measurements and locate all components to find workable solutions. When all tests were performed and a greater knowledge of the system architecture was detained, the elaboration of the new methods could begin. The new methods required exhaustive discussions with the advisors at Volvo to find out if the solutions were too complex or not possible to implement. This was due to their huge need for memory or computational capacity. This led to much iterations before presenting the final results. Besides developing methods for the selected problems, other methods and protocols were developed to enable working and communication possibilities between the developed methods and the existing systems. The final solutions are presented in Section 4.

2 Software description

In this section a brief description of the programs that are used in this master thesis will be presented.

2.1 VIDA

VIDA is a software provided by Volvo for the garage mechanic, serving as guidance in order to find issues and problems claimed by the customer. VIDA helps the mechanics to repair, troubleshoot and service Volvo cars by providing information about service, spare parts, diagnostic troubleshooting and software downloads which are all integrated in one system. There are two main systems for VIDA: VIDA on WEB and VIDA (which is installed on the mechanics computer) 1, 2. The system is used as follows:
1. If available, add customer complaints.

2. Connect the Diagnostic Communication Equipment (DiCE), a communication tool between the computer and the car provided by Volvo.

3. Start the initial communication and check if there is any activated Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC). A DTC is set when a problem occurs in order to help the mechanic locate the problem and remain set until the mechanic has corrected the problem and reset the DTC.

4. If any DTCs are found, the mechanic just clicks on the DTC that shall be corrected and then follows the instructions given from the system.

2.2 VIDA draft

VIDA draft is a version of VIDA on WEB where the developers can test their troubleshooting methods to check that they work correctly, before releasing it to the mechanics. This system also provides more freedom when used in a test environment. One big advantage is that the system supports virtual vehicles allowing to perform a diagnosis in the car and save all the information to a file. This file can be used back at the office to test the new functions without being physically present at the car. However, since it is only a virtual car there is no way to obtain status changes, so the function can be tested but if a new error would occur in the car it will not be shown in the virtual car.

2.3 GGD DHA

GGD DHA is a system used when developing systems in cars. This program contains all variables that are transferred within the car. It can access all variables and commands allowing reading and/or writing to these variables. It is also possible to read DTCs, part numbers, upload new software to the different modules etc. This system is useful when testing new systems since in VIDA you do not have access to all variables, which you have in GGD DHA, but in GGD DHA you do not get access to the technical description of how you replace parts, troubleshooting etc. However, in GGD DHA it is possible to create automatic sequences that read or write to the variables making it unnecessary to be at the computer all the time. When writing to a variable, it is possible to set the sensor values to the required values making it possible to simulate different conditions in a car even if the conditions have not occurred.

3 Overview of the system architecture

In the system today there is a RK that transmits the information with RF to the RFR which in turn sends the information to the Central Electronic Module (CEM) over a Local Interconnect Network (LIN) bus. The CEM processes the received information which is then sent over a Controller Area Network (CAN) to the nodes, which are e.g., the lock in the doors and the
alarm module. An alternative method of transmitting information between the RK and the CEM is to insert the RK into the ignition slot, which then uses LF to retrieve the information. In Figure 1 an overview of the system is presented. The system can be divided into five parts; the RK, the wireless channel, the RFR, the CEM and the nodes. However, the nodes are not considered in this thesis [3], [4].

3.1 Remote Key

When you press a button on the RK a signal is transferred to the microprocessor that decides which message shall be sent. The message is then encrypted with the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). After the encryption the message is modulated using first Manchester code and then Gaussian Frequency Shift Keying (GFSK). The modulated message is transferred to the oscillator and finally to the antenna. To ensure that the sent command from the RK is a new command and not a recorded one, a System Increment (SI) counter is used. When a button is pressed the counter is increased and the value is inserted to the message. Hence, an alteration of the sent message is always performed. More about how the CEM determines if it is a recorded message or not, can be found in Section 3.3.

The RK uses two different frequencies to ensure that the message is received by the RFR, a so-called redundancy system. The RK used in this master thesis uses frequencies 433.6700 MHz and 434.2510 MHz. The RK starts with sending Wake Up Pattern-messages (WUP-messages) to ensure that the RFR is awake before sending the message. The WUP-messages consist of multiple WUP, each WUP is 8 bit long. The transmitting procedure is as follows: First WUP-messages along with the message are sent on channel (CH) 1 with frequency 433.6700 MHz. After that the same sequence is sent on CH 2 with frequency 434.2510 MHz as presented in Figure 2.

Figure 3 illustrates the transmitting procedure when a button is pressed for a longer time, which will be sent as a comfort burst. Some car models use this for different application while others just discard it. The main difference between the first message and the comfort message is that WUP-messages are only sent the first time but the preamble and the rest of the message, comfort frame, are transmitted again. The reason why WUP-messages are not
transmitted again is because the RFR has already awakened and therefore it continues to record
the comfort frames. This also saves a lot of battery since the sending time is shortened. The
different time intervals for the sending sequences are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Timing intervals for the RK’s sending sequences.

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<td>T2   Duration of the frame</td>
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<td>T3   Start of transmission on CH 2</td>
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<td>T_{Space}     Space between blocks in RK burst</td>
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<td>T_{Burst}     Space between RK burst and comfort burst</td>
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<td>T_{Comfort}   Space between comfort frames</td>
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3.2 Radio Frequency Receiver

The RFR is constantly polling to ensure the signals from the RK are received. To start recording the information, more than 11 WUP have to be received else the RFR will not record the rest of the information. When the recording criterion is fulfilled, the RFR records the signal to detect if it was a correct signal. The RFR searches for the preamble to synchronize the signal whereupon it decodes the message, first by decoding the GFSK and then by decoding the Manchester code. The RFR checks that the message checksum corresponds and that the Identification number (ID) is valid for this car. A non corresponding checksum will result in discarding the message. However, if a valid ID and corresponding checksum are received, the RFR sends a message to the CEM requesting that contact is initiated over LIN. When the CEM has established the connection over the LIN bus, the RFR sends the message to the CEM for further validation. If the first message (sent on CH 1) was accepted by the CEM, the message sent on CH 2 will be received by the RFR but not evaluated and therefore not forwarded to the CEM. This is because there is no reason for the CEM to get a duplicate of an already approved message. However, if the first message is discarded the second message will be sent. The message sent to the CEM also contains information about the channel used for transmission. However, a correct received message on CH 1 result in the message from CH 2 is not forwarded. Hence, the channel statistic counter, which is described in Section 5.2 will give an incorrect result.

The RFR scans the ether for 1.9 ms for CH 1 and 2 and depending on whether the vehicle has a Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) or not the polling time is slightly different. As seen in Figure 4 vehicles with a TPMS polls more often and uses a different channel CH 3, due to shorter WUP-messages from the TPMS sensors. The different times for these systems can be found in Table 2. Deciding on the polling time is a trade-off between battery life and the time needed for the command to be processed. Since, if the RFR is polling too seldom the WUP-messages would have to be longer reducing the battery life in the RK and also increasing the time for the command to be processed. But if polling more often, the car battery life will be reduced and the command time decreased. For regular use the battery life will not be any problem but if the car is left for a longer period the risk for having a battery with no power is increased.

![Figure 4: The RFR’s polling intervals for the two channels; with a TPMS, dashed lines; without a TPMS, solid lines.](image-url)
Table 2: Polling intervals for the RFR with and without a TPMS [11].

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3.3 Central Electronic Module

When the CEM (master) gets the message from the RFR (slave) to initiate contact it initiates the LIN bus and then waits until it receives the message transmitted from the RFR. The CEM checks that the encryption is correct, if it is correct the CEM decrypts the message, otherwise the message is discarded. The CEM then validates if the ID is correct and if the SI counter value corresponds to the correct rules and after that the CEM checks what command was sent from the RK. The CEM distributes this command over CAN to the nodes (the lock in the doors, the alarm module, door windows etc.) which perform their tasks. To ensure that the message was not eavesdropped and recorded the CEM checks if the SI value sent from the RK is higher than the value stored in the CEM. If it is not higher, then the message is considered to be a recorded message and the CEM will discard the message and not perform the intended action. The CEM has the capability of storing large amounts of data compared to the RK and the RFR. This is due to the fact that the CEM is larger in size and has larger storage capabilities, which can be used to store logs or other valuable information. Since the CEM does not have to be awake as often as the RFR, it is easier to increase memory in the CEM. Even if more memory drains the battery faster, the CEM is not powered on as often as the RFR. Hence, increasing memory capacity in the RFR drains more battery than increasing memory capacity in the CEM.

3.4 Description of the system communication protocol

This section explains how the different protocols, which are used in the system, work. The explanations are both general and specific for Volvo use.

3.4.1 Local Interconnect Network

LIN is a serial communication system that is intended for distributing information in a vehicle. The LIN system has won its success given its hardware and wire simplicity and low cost. The communication is based on the Serial Communication Interface (Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter) data format, a format that uses a single master and multiple slaves. For synchronization of nodes without their own clock, the master’s clock is used. Another advantage with the LIN system is that almost every microprocessor available on the market has the necessary hardware on the chip to handle this kind of communication. It is also possible to
determine the latency time for the system which gives the developer an easy way of knowing exactly how long time it will take for the information to arrive at the master/slave. The master is monitoring the bus and determines the order and priority of the messages; it also receives WUP-messages from the slave nodes. The slave receives or transmits data when the correct ID is sent from the master and received by the slave. All slaves can listen to the information on the bus; however it is only the slave with the correct ID that handles the information [12], [13].

3.4.2 Controller Area Network

CAN is a serial communication bus system that is designed to provide a robust, simple and efficient communication system for vehicles and was developed in the early 1980’s. The CAN system is an asynchronous multi master system that uses carrier sense multiple access/collision resolution to determine access. All messages have their own identifier which is unique within the network and serve as a priority for the messages. Hence, the message with the lowest identifier has the highest priority. The nodes have to wait until a bus idle period is detected and when this occurs they can start transmitting. If two or more nodes try to transmit at the same time, by monitoring each bit they can check if they had the highest priority or if they should stop transmitting and wait until the next bus idle period. When the node tries to send a message it sends its ID number and if it has not detected a 0 bit on the bus which it has not sent, then it has the highest priority and can continue with transmitting its message [14].

Today Volvo is using two types of CAN, one high speed CAN and one low speed CAN. This is because there are some functions that need a higher speed. The high speed is mainly used in the engine compartment in component such as the automatic transmission. The low speed CAN is used where time is not as critical such as when instructing a node to open the door. By giving different priority messages a defined sending frequency it became possible to calculate exactly how much time it would take to deliver a message. By doing this the bus idle interval could be shorter which would speed up the pace for which the bus could be used.

3.4.3 Radio Frequency

As written in Section 3.1 Volvo uses two different frequencies both located within the open frequency band which is free for anyone to use. According to the Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS) the open frequency band is between 433.050 MHz and 434.790 MHz and there are a lot of different devices using that frequency band. This is why Volvo has decided to use two frequencies close to the end of the free spectrum. According to PTS the most common used frequency within this spectrum is 433.92 MHz and by using two frequencies relatively far from that frequency the interference will be reduced [5], [15], [16].

Figure 5 presents the header of the RF protocol, used by Volvo for the selected car models. For the simulations performed as an extra task, the 64 bits used are located in the Data Link Payload; more about the simulation in Section 5.1.
3.4.4 Low Frequency

LF has a frequency range between 300 Hz - 30 kHz. LF can be used for transmitting information over short and long distances. For example, short range communication is used within the ignition slot between the RK and the LF transceiver. When the RK is inserted into the ignition slot the distance becomes small enough for the LF to read the information from the RK. When the RK is put into the ignition slot the LF creates an electromagnetic field which induces power to the RK. By doing this, the battery in the RK can be too low for unlocking the car but it will still be able to start the car since the LF will induce enough power to communicate with the RK.

The main advantage with the LF protocol is the two-way communication, which implies that it is possible to get an acknowledgment (ACK). Besides, it would also be possible to communicate with the remote and directly tell it what it shall do. Another big advantage is that since the RK is in the ignition slot during the whole trip, the LF protocol could be called whenever the CEM is not occupied, implying that the CEM can decide when to use the LF protocol. This means that it is possible to transfer more data since time is not an issue.

3.5 When to use the RF or the LF protocol

In the system there are two possible ways of transmitting the information from the RK to the CEM: with the LF protocol via the LF transceiver and with the RF protocol via the RFR. The RF protocol is used from the RK to the RFR while the LF protocol is used between the ignition slot and the RK. The ideal way would be to use the LF protocol due to possibilities of having two-way communications which implies the possibility of getting confirmation that the message has been received.

Only using the RF protocol would be considered as a backup plan if it would prove to be impossible to use the LF protocol for this purpose. The RF protocol handles the communication for inter alia unlocking and locking, and since especially the unlocking sequence has a tight time span it would not be possible to add much data. However, it could be possible to add a few more bits to the sending sequence which would not deteriorate the unlocking time noticeably. An additional byte in the sending sequence translates into approximately 2 more milliseconds.
to send a message which is an increase with approximately 6 %. It would be preferable to have information of at least 2 byte, due to the storage needed from the developed methods. This alone would require two separate transmissions from the remote, since only one byte is reasonable to add to each message. But with the RF protocol there is no way to ensure that the message has been received by the CEM. Therefore, a three times repetition of the byte would be preferred, since one message may be lost due to interference and one may be lost when a button is pressed outside the range from the car. This means that the actual transmission would have to be 6 before the message could be delivered. During this time new problems can occur, changing the status of the RK which will not be reported for yet another 6 transmissions. This makes it harder to pinpoint the exact time when the problem occurred. The RF protocol is also heavier to use, in the sense that it needs a lot more power than using LF which will reducing the battery life of the RK.

3.6 Problems with today’s troubleshooting

The troubleshooting routines that exist today in VIDA are almost nonexistent. The routine states that if the car does not lock/unlock, there is something not working with the RK. There are some methods in VIDA that are related to the system that this thesis handles. For example, if there is a starting problem, a short section about the RK appears, basically describing that if there is no connection with the RK, replace it. There is also a system called TPMS which uses the RFR when receiving the information. However, there are only troubleshooting methods for the TPMS sensor itself, where a special tool is used to troubleshoot the system. There are other systems like KV that have better troubleshooting methods; however they are not applicable on the system that this thesis is about. To improve VIDA a more enhanced and better explained guide needs to be created.

4 Developed methods

In this section the developed routines and methods will be presented and explained in more detail than in the specification written for Volvo, see Appendix B and Appendix C. There are three main sections:

Case 1: which is the ideal case when rewriting the software for the CEM, the RK and the RFR and new routines for VIDA.

Case 2: when rewriting the software for the CEM and new routines for VIDA.

Case 3: where only the VIDA routines are updated.

4.1 LF and RF usage

There are different uses for both LF and RF which for this thesis could be useful in different cases. Two-way communication through LF can be useful when having the car at service and
the mechanic needs to run a diagnostic. The usefulness with LF in this case is that when using LF at a short range the remote will not use its own battery. Therefore, it does not matter if the battery is empty since LF will induce power to it anyway. This gives it better possibility to find the actual error since low power will not be a problem. By only using RF the battery life will be lowered since the RF protocol uses more power. But a combination of both LF and RF is a compromise that can prove to be beneficial due to its versatility. It can be used both in models with and without KV entailing that only one system needs to be developed. This is of course a compromise of battery use, reliability due to noise and comfort.

4.2 Case 1

The solutions for the selected problems are software changes since hardware changes are costly and are hard to implement due to all additional tests needed to be performed. For example, if a new hardware were to be implemented there is a risk that it will affect and/or interfere with the already existing hardware which then could decrease (or increase) the performance. However, software changes in the RK and the RFR are also costly to implement and therefore this section is the ideal case. When starting a new project it could be possible to implement these changes from the beginning with almost no cost at all. Implementing these software changes in the RK and the RFR after they have started to be manufactured is too expensive and therefore not probable. In order to get a clear view of how to use these functions, in what order to use them and which component to change, a troubleshooting tree was developed and is presented in Appendix D.

4.2.1 Methods and solutions implemented in the RK

In this section the methods developed for the RK is presented.

**Battery Reset Counter:** this solution handles problems with poor battery connection in the RK. Detecting poor battery connection is difficult since there is no indication about its occurrence except for power loss. The only solution found is to let the RK remember when the power is lost and report it to the CEM when inserted into the ignition slot. Since the RK has limited memory the proposed solution is to use a 3 bit counter stored in a Non Volatile Memory (NVM) and at every battery reset increment this counter. If the counter has reached seven (maximum value in a 3 bit counter) it shall freeze to prevent an overflow, thus reporting seven to the CEM. Seven cases for the number of occurrences is a reasonable choice considering the size of the counter, storage restrictions and possibility of bad connections during the times the RK is away from the ignition slot.

The enumeration of the counter would preferably be performed in the initiation sequence, so if a power reset occurs the counter is enumerated when the RK is restarting. Using this solution no extra hardware is needed, it is just a software change which was the goal.
There is also an alternative to the solution where a Random Access Memory (RAM) is used instead of a NVM. Instead of storing the counter in a NVM an increasing sequence can be stored in RAM, this will however only indicate that a power reset has occurred but not how many. The counter starts at zero and is enumerated on every button press, when it reaches 20 below the top value it shall stop enumerating. Hence, if no power resets occur, the counter will stay on that value. But if a battery reset occurs, the counter will be reset, but during the microprocessors initiation sequence the counter is set to 19 below the top value and then enumerates as before with each button press. This roughly indicates when a battery reset occurred and that has occurred. When reported to the CEM, the CEM sends an ACK which then resets the counter to zero again.

**Stuck Button:** this solution detects if any of the buttons are or have been stuck since the last service. The solution is based on 5 bits stored in a NVM and 5 bits in RAM, where each bit represents a different button. The reason for having both a RAM and a NVM is that the RAM stores the current condition, while the NVM stores the condition since the last service. The system already has a timer that counts if the button has been stuck for more than 6 seconds, if so the button is disconnected. As an addition, it shall also set both the corresponding bits in the NVM and in the RAM if detecting a stuck button. When the RK later detects that the button is no longer stuck it resets the corresponding bit in RAM but does nothing with the bit in the NVM. This is reported to the CEM and stored in the log, when the RK is inserted into the ignition slot. When the mechanic then reads the log it is possible to see if a button has been stuck. The mechanic is also the only one able to reset the NVM bit. Hence, they know that if no bit is set then there has been no stuck button since the last service.

**RK history:** this function stores the last five commands generated from pressed buttons and since no important data needs to be saved, the preferred memory type storing the data is in a RAM. Even if a battery reset would occur and the RK history is lost it will not make the mechanics’ job harder. If the data is lost the mechanic can easily press five times on the RK himself to see what is registered. The information from this function is transmitted by LF when the RK is put into the ignition slot and VIDA is requesting this information. Using the RK history the mechanic can compare it against the remote request history stored in the CEM. If they correspond, the problem is located after the CEM, indicating that the problem is either in the CAN bus, the nodes, the mechanical locks or some other place.

**Key versions:** the main reason with this method is to inform the mechanic whether the RK corresponds to the car or not. If the car has a new RFR and an old RK that do not match, this function can help to detect the error. It also checks if the current frequency in the RK corresponds with the value originally assigned in factory. Every hundredth button press the chip shall compare the value stored in the RK with the given value from
the frequency crystal chip. The assigned frequency shall be stored in a NVM and be readable by LF. It can also be interesting to store the serial number, manufacturing date or something similar besides the frequency.

**Check internal error:** this is a kind of vague function since what it reveals is supposed to be decided by the RK developers, but its purpose is to display if there are any internal errors in the RK. The proposed solution includes one byte available for the developers. If there is limited space a flag could be used instead to report that internal errors have occurred. When this is read via LF by the CEM and errors have occurred, the CEM store the byte or flag in the log and set a DTC. When the mechanic later reads the log and get the DTC the mechanic only needs to see whether the developers have decided if the RK shall be replaced or not.

**LF Diagnose Protocol:** this is more of a protocol and a link between the LF-receiver/transmitter and the RK. With this protocol it shall be possible to retrieve the information from the RK when requested. Besides reading, it shall also be possible to write to certain variables in the RK for reset purposes among others.

### 4.2.2 Methods and solutions implemented in the RFR

In this section the methods developed for the RFR is presented.

**CEM not responding (flag):** this is just a bit that indicates if the RFR tried to send an initiation message to the CEM which for some reason did not receive it. This flag is also set if the CEM receives the message but fails to initiate the LIN-bus. One second after the RFR tried to initiate communication with the CEM and no response is detected, the flag shall be set. When the RFR later manage to initiate communication with the CEM, the RFR shall send the flag telling the CEM that connection was earlier tried to be established but failed. When the CEM has received the flag it send an ACK to the RFR which, when received the ACK, resets the flag.

**Histogram for Received Signal Strength Indication (RSSI) and time the RFR been awake:** to enable the detection of disturbances, noise and interference, some form of signal strength from the noise needs to be stored. Since many limitations exist such as what and how the function can be implemented many of the proposed suggestion was discarded. However, one solution was considered to be best suitable for this problem. The solution is based on six counters, five for the different RSSI values and one for the time the RFR has been awake.

One counter shall be able to count to at least 65535 (which is the largest number in a 2 byte counter) and shall be increased if the signal consists of common background noise. The four other counters will be increased if the RSSI value corresponds to the range the four counters represent, which is the average RSSI from 20m, 15m, 10m and 5m. These
four counters need a limit at, at least 255, this also applies for the counter keeping track of the time the RFR has been awake, further on referred to as time counter. Since timers are expensive, the time counter is preferably increased when the RFR enters a certain section in the software representing that the RFR has been awake for more than a certain time. This is performed when the RFR decides whether the recorded sequence was a valid WUP or not. A valid WUP yield that the received signal was not just noise; it was a RK or a similar device transmitting on the same frequency with the same WUP-messages. All the correct and accepted RK (corresponding to the car) requests will not increase any counter. By not increasing the counters, this leads to that the RSSI values presented, represents either other RKs or noise and interference.

For a better understanding see Table 3. The table shows a total of 334 scans (summation of the counters for 20 m, 15 m, 10 m and 5 m) where the received signal were stronger than the background noise and out of these, 94 were disturbances. For example, consider a customer that complains about the car not unlocking unless close enough (5 meters) and a histogram such as in Table 3 is retrieved. One can infer that some kind of interference or disturbances are cancelling the signal from the RK or being so much stronger that the RK signal does not manage to break through. Scanning the ether approximately every second will fill the buffers after approximately 18 hours, if increasing the scanning rate to 1.3 second it would last one day. To construct a simple solution an identical set of counters are added which starts increasing when the first buffer is full. When the second buffer also is full, the first is erased and restarted. Using two identical sets of buffers ensures that at least one completely full buffer will be available for the mechanic to read or to be stored in the log.

Table 3: An example of how the histogram can be presented for the mechanic.

<table>
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<th>RSSI counters</th>
<th>20m (255)</th>
<th>15m (255)</th>
<th>10m (255)</th>
<th>5m (255)</th>
<th>Time counter</th>
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<tr>
<td>Noise (65535)</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>198</td>
<td>240</td>
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<tr>
<td>65535</td>
<td>334 of which 94 were interference or disturbances</td>
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Since the RK sends the information on two different frequencies and the suggested solution only detects noise and interference on one of those frequencies, one frequency has to be discarded. The frequency used for CH 1 is always used since the RK always send on CH 1 first. Hence, CH 2 is preferably discarded since that frequency is not always used. To detect interference on both CH 1 and 2 a duplicate set of counters is needed to be used. Implying that for detecting interference etc., on both frequencies a total of four identical sets of counters would be needed which requires a lot of space. An alternative can be that both CH 1 and 2 are scanned and if only noise is detected the noise counter
is increased once, but if there is a RSSI value on either one or both channels that counter shall be increased. This however will not tell which channel that has interference only that there is interference on either one or both channels. Assumptions of which channel contains interference can be made by using the channel statistic counter. If there is a lot of interference detected and the channel statistic counter reveals that messages only is received on CH 2 one can assume that all interference is located at CH 1.

Table 4 shows typical values for when the interference is located at different distances. In the table some values are bolded, these can be suspected to contain the interference and disturbance.

Table 4: An example of typical values for the counters for different cases where the interference and disturbances are located at different distances.

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<th>Interference distance:</th>
<th>RSSI counters</th>
<th>Time counter</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Noise (65535)</td>
<td>20m (255)</td>
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<tr>
<td>No interference</td>
<td>65535</td>
<td>126</td>
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<td>5 m</td>
<td>65535</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>20</td>
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<td>20 m</td>
<td>65535</td>
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4.2.3 Methods and solutions implemented in the CEM

In this section the methods developed for the CEM is presented.

**Log space:** since the majority of the proposed solutions detect intermittent problems it is interesting to know when the problem occurred instead of just knowing that it did. By having this in mind DTCs are not an optimal solution and therefore a log is more appropriate. The log shall be structured like a rolling buffer, the first event logged shall be stored at the first position and so on. When log-buffer is filled the oldest event is erased and replaced by the new one. Another reason for storing the time is, since the events are stored in a non chronological order the time help arranging the events in chronological order when displayed. See Appendix B to find out which methods are included in the log.

**Rejected message:** this solution is to detect why a received message is rejected. If the message manages to travel all the way to the CEM and then gets rejected by the CEM, it is useful to know why the message was rejected. The possible reasons to why a message is discarded are that the RK ID was correct but the encryption did not match, SI counter value does not correspond, the checksum does not correspond or that the RK ID is incorrect.
**SI counter values**: Since the RK encrypts its SI value it is impossible to know the current SI value of the RK. To read the value a message will have to be sent from the RK to the CEM, when requested. The CEM decrypts the message, retrieves the SI value and displays both the SI value from the CEM and the message, for comparison by the mechanic. The SI values are displayed in VIDA and depending on if they correspond or not appropriate action will have to be taken.

**Display stuck button on Drivers Information Module (DIM)**: this solution is mainly for reducing the amount of unnecessary times the customer has to take the car to the mechanic. If the DIM shows that a specific button is stuck, the customer can try to loosen it before calling the mechanic saving time and money for both the customer and Volvo. Given that the most probable reason for the button to get stuck is dirt or particles of dust inside the RK, careful cleaning can solve the issue. By giving the customers the opportunity of cleaning the RK themselves, unnecessary garage visits can be avoided. Mechanical or electrical problems with the buttons rarely occur; hence it is more probable that the problem is caused by dirt or something similar.

**RFR lets through everything**: at some garages there are special boxes for detecting if the RK is transmitting or not but with this solution this box can be replaced with any other car that is compatible with that key. It simply disables the filter in the RFR that detects the valid keys. When the filter is turned on, which is the normal case, the RFR will discard all RKs which do not have the corresponding ID for that vehicle. On the other hand, when the filter is turned off, all RKs are let through which makes it possible to read via VIDA if the RK ID was received or not. If the ID was received the RK works, in the sense that it can send a message with correct WUP-messages etc., but it does not reveal if the encryption was correct or not. This is also a way to determine if the RFR is functional. If a car has problem somewhere with the RK system, by using this function the mechanic can take another RK from another car and try it. If the CEM receives the signal the RFR is working but if the CEM is not receiving the message something is wrong with either the RFR, the LIN or the CEM.

### 4.3 Case 2

This sections explains the possible solutions when having access to implementing changes in VIDA and the CEM software. This case, as expected, also incurs into expenses, however they are less costly compared to Case 1, Section 4.2. When only changing the software in the CEM it is not possible to get the same accuracy in pinpointing exactly where the problem is located as in Case 1. However, some of the functions from Case 1 can be used and for some of those who cannot be used, there are other solutions instead. Case 2 also presents an increase in the mechanics effort to pinpoint the problem due to that the alternative solution requires measuring at the components instead of run a program from VIDA. A troubleshooting tree was created in
order to establish how, when and in which order the methods should be used, see Appendix E.

**Current measurement on the RFR:** since the histogram is not available in the cars today, it is possible to instead measure the current used by the RFR. When the RFR only polls and there is no signal except background noise the RFR will typically use 10 mA. Meanwhile, if there is a message with the correct WUP-messages, preamble etc., it will use approximately 30 mA. But if the message is correct and the RFR woke the CEM and contact was initiated over the LIN, the RFR will typically use around 130 mA. So by measuring the current it is possible to say whether the message is received or not.

Some difficulties exist, when measuring over the fuse another car component uses the same fuse and since that component uses power as well there can be some pollution. However, the current used by the RFR will still increase with these intervals. Hence, this method will still be able to use even if it will be harder to detect when the other component is powered on. It is possible to reduce the pollution by simple procedures, for example: by removing the DiCE, wait for one minute and lower the background light in the DIM, these components will use less power and therefore reduce the pollution. This solution however only gives the current status whether there is disturbances or not, which means that the disturbances that may be at the customers house will not be detected.

**Communication detected on LIN:** this instructs the CEM to monitoring LIN constantly and if anything is sent over LIN, it will be indicated in VIDA. If something is transmitted over LIN the RFR works, implying that the problem is either in the RK, the CEM or after the CEM.

### 4.4 Case 3

In this third case, only the instructions in VIDA can be changed, implying that these restrictions make it difficult to pinpoint the exact component to replace. However, it will give a clearer view of in what area to start looking. Compared to today’s case when the mechanic has to guess, this will at least give the mechanic a way to determine whether it is the RK, the RFR or the CEM that shall be changed. In some cases there can be either one of them and then the mechanic will have to replace the cheapest one first. For getting a clearer view of how to use these functions, in what order to use them and which component to change, see the developed troubleshooting tree in Appendix E.

### 5 Other improvements

During this thesis work other improvements were found but not fully investigated. It could be concluded that the channel statistic could be improved, as well as including repetition code and interleaving to gain time diversity and also the self synchronization for the SI counter. These sections describe some thoughts that can be used to improve these subjects but were not fully investigated.
5.1 Repetition code and interleaving

As an extra task, an investigation about different modulation techniques, repetition code and interleaving were performed because the work was completed ahead of schedule. To model the system a Rician Channel is used as the communication link between the RK and the RFR. A Rician channel was chosen because the signal, when testing the RK at Volvo, has Line Of Sight (LOS) which would make it possible to compare the result from the test at Volvo with the simulations. However, the comparison is not performed in this thesis. Since this is a model of the reality it was decided to disregard the reflections and scattering experienced by the signal when travelling through the glass and chassis to the RFR, placed inside the car.

In a study performed by US roads it is claimed that the average walking speed for older people is approximately 1.25 meters per second and for younger people 1.51 meters per second [18]. To get a value between these two values, the speed of 1.4 meters per second was chosen, which is close to what the Swedish transport administration use in their calculations [19]. This value is needed to estimate an average Doppler shift that can be used in the simplified Matlab model. The intention with the simulation was to demonstrate the advantages with using repetition code and interleaving compared to not using it. The simulation was also suppose to confirm that switching to GFSK instead of Pulse Amplitude Modulation (PAM) which was used in an older system, was a good decision.

Instead of writing all equations and creating own functions it was decided to use Matlab’s communication toolbox which probably saved a lot of time and got rid of many human errors when creating the Rician channel. However, the knowledge of how the communication toolbox works were limited which became an issue. More about the problems can be read in Section 6.

What can be said is that in theory interleaving and repetition would perform better than not using it. In this case the suggestion is to repeat the 64 encrypted bits which is located in the data link payload of the RF protocol header, see Figure 5, and send them with the rest of the message. By adding a repetition of 3 and interleaving the time for sending that sequence would be approximately 22 ms longer which is an increase of almost 70 %, calculated with the bit rate used today. By increasing the bit rate to from 5.76 kbit/s to 7.62 kbit/s, which is the highest bit rate that the existing hardware can manage, the total time with repetition would be 41.2 ms which is only 8.9 ms slower than what is used now (32.3 ms). So if the time is the only thing taken into account then there is no problem implementing repetition and interleaving. This increase of data that need to be transmitted results in the sending time being 27.5 % longer, resulting in that the battery will last shorter time. However, the decrease of battery time is not equal to 27.5 % since the WUP-message is sending for 166.7 ms and is the one that drains the most power. So if having a scenario where in normal case two comfort frames (one for each channel) will be sent, there will be 2 complete WUP-messages and 4 frames. Without repetition and interleaving it would take 462.6 ms of sending time, and with repetition and interleaving it would take 501.8 ms which is only 8 % more. This means that the battery life would decrease with at most 8 % but taking into account that the microprocessor drains battery
even in standby mode and that the battery itself loses capacity only by aging, the total battery
decrease is certainly less than 8\%. Only considering sending time and battery life, adding
repetition code and interleaving will not cause any problem.

By using repetition and interleaving, extra redundancy is added. By saving the demodulated
message from CH 1 and CH 2 a third message with a different interleaving distance and more
repetition can be constructed. If the first message contains errors and the second message also
contains errors, the probability of these errors occurring at the exact same bits is low. Hence,
when constructing a message with double repetition the decryption will be better and the errors
will be corrected. Since the third redundancy message would consist of 6 repetitions the majority
decision will not work if using hard decision decoding. However, if using soft decision decoding
the majority decision could still be used.

5.2 Channel statistic counter

The channel statistic counter uses two different counters each counting to 255. If the message is
received on CH 1 counter one will be increased and counter two decreased, which are from the
beginning 128 and 127. The problem today is that the RFR does not inform the CEM that the
message was received on CH 2 if it was correctly received on CH1, which makes the counters
quickly adopt the values 255 and 0. There are different solutions to this problem. Instead of
just sending the channel where the message was received first, a message can be sent when both
messages are or should have been received telling which channel the message was received at. If
the message was received at both channels none of the counters are increased. A second, slightly
different alternative could be to let the RFR check if the both message were received and skip
sending the information of which channel it was received and just sending the message to the
CEM. If it just received the message on one channel it sends that information to the CEM.
Or a third alternative could simply be, changing the position of the channel statistic counter
from the CEM to the RFR instead. By doing this the information sent on the LIN bus will be
decreased. The RFR can in fact easier keep track on which channel it received the message.
When the mechanic wants to know how the channels have been used, the mechanic only needs
to command the CEM to request the statistics from the RFR and display it in VIDA.

By doing a small scale investigation it was concluded that the majority of all the counters
seen in Figure 6 had become 255/0. In other words, it is only receiving on CH 1. For those
counters the channel statistic does not provide any more information. Since even if the message
once only would be received on CH 2 it would be overwritten next time the message is received
on CH 1 again. What is interesting from the investigation is that there are a few cars which only
receive the messages on CH 2. One conclusion drawn is that by using two channels, problems
for these cars have been decreased. However, they probably have more problems than other
customers with two working channels.

If a working channel statistic counter like the third alternative would be used and scanning
for both frequencies it could be possible to use it in combination with the RSSI histogram and
to determine on which channel the interference was detected.

![Diagram over the channel statistic counters from the cars in the investigation.](image)

**Figure 6:** Diagram over the channel statistic counters from the cars in the investigation.

5.3 Self synchronization for the SI counter

In Figure 7, the proposed procedure for synchronizing the RK SI value with the SI value stored in the CEM is presented, this solution builds on a simplified version of Microsoft Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol v.2 [20]. Due to lack of probability for the SI value becoming invalid and security reasons this implementation was not developed further. It was decided that the risk of lowering the security was worse than possibly having a RK changing its SI value too much. By using this kind of synchronization the RK SI value can be lower than the value in the CEM and after the synchronization the value would correspond. But if someone would have eavesdropped and recorded a message it would just be to replay it near the car resulting in that the car would unlock. The probability that this would happen can be considered low, but it is not worth the risk and that is the reason why developing this implementation was not continued. However, if someone with more knowledge about cryptography would have a look at it; it may be possible to develop something similar not lowering the security. Another reason for not developing this further is, in those cases SI values becomes invalid it is better to know that it has occurred than hiding the problem.
RK

Key ID
Secured Key

AES(Wrong SI value)

AES(Challenge 1 from the CEM)

AES(hash(Secured Key || challenge 1) || RK challenge)

AES(hash(Secured Key || RK challenge) || challenge 2 from the CEM)

AES(hash(challenge 2 || SI value))

CEM

Key ID
Secured Key

Figure 7: Suggested procedure for the self synchronization if the SI counter value has become invalid.

6 Encountered problems

During this thesis many small issues have occurred, but one major was in one of the specifications from Volvo. The specification stated that the system needed more than 11 bits of all WUP-messages (each WUP-message is 8 bit long). However, this was poorly described in a table and it was assumed that the system needed more than 11 WUP instead of bits. When performing simple calculations it makes more sense that it shall be 11 complete WUP instead of bits. With 11 bits the total wakeup time would be approximately 2 ms and with 11 WUP-messages the total wakeup time would be approximately 15 ms. Since the RFR poll every 148.1 ms and the RK sends with a length of 166.7 ms, see Figure 4 and Table 2, this implies that if the RFR needs more than 11 WUP it needs 15 ms of overlap to ensure that the RFR wakes up. This leaves around 3 ms to initiate the system etc. However, if the RFR only needs more than 11 bits it only needs an overlap of 2 ms to ensure that the RFR is awake, which means that the initiation sequence for the RFR would take almost 16.5 ms which does not seem reasonable.

Another encountered problem was the simulation of the system where repetition code, interleaving, GFSK, Manchester code, different frequencies and much more should be implemented. Since this simulation was supposed to be something Volvo could reuse later it was decided to only use built-in Matlab functions. The decision was based on that the person using it later would be able to better understand the code since there is help for Matlab's functions but with
own written functions commenting is extremely important. Using the built in communication toolbox turned out to be a big issue and since something is wrongly implemented, the verification the simulation was supposed to provide could not be presented. However, the theoretical knowledge and the suggestions still exist but verifying it would have contributed to determine exactly how much the system would have gained. A big issue was that the channel compensation could not be performed as in theory, by using the conjugate of the channel and multiply with the received signal. The biggest issue was probably when agreeing to add this extra task to the master thesis the extent of the simulation was estimated to low. To make a correct and fully working simulation much more time is needed. Another big issue was also the simulation time, one simulation when using 1000 iterations of each Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) takes between two and three days. If instead running the simulation until at least one error occurs for each SNR the simulation can take more than one week. A more powerful computer and Matlab that can use all cores and not only one would improve the usage and the troubleshooting of the simulation.

7 Conclusion

In this thesis an investigation of new methods for troubleshooting Volvo cars has been performed. The conclusions that can be drawn from this thesis are that it is possible to implement many troubleshooting functions by only changing the software. All these software changes can be of great help for both the mechanics and the developers. For the developers many of these functions can be used for finding possible errors before the system is released while for the mechanics to discover which component to change. By simple means the possibility of finding the faulty component has increased tremendously even for those cars where only the routines in VIDA will have been changed. It can also be concluded that finding simple means to detect intermittent problems is hard since it often require much storage or computational capacity which is not always possible to due to restrictions with battery time (power consumption), cost and size. As stated in Section 1.1 the remote system should be divided into at least four areas and the proposed troubleshooting methods cover all those four areas, even if some less than others. The hardest area to cover and make a good method was the wireless channel since detecting disturbances that occur over time when not having much storage or computational power is very hard.

For the RK the proposed solution will help the mechanic pinpointing the problem. Using these solutions many unnecessary parts earlier changed will not need to be changed. Since when using these solutions the faulty part can be located and changed, instead of guessing and change parts random. This will help Volvo save a lot of money since they pay for all spare parts and services the first years, affected by the warranty. It will also help saving the environment. By implementing these functions it is possible to locate when the problem is caused by the RK and replace it. The greatest contribution with the solutions for the RK is that they focus on finding intermittent problems earlier undetected.
To detect intermittent problems of interference when the customer leave their car for service, the histogram can be used. When reading the histogram indications of disturbances is displayed giving the mechanic possibility of decide whether it is a fault in the car or just interference at the customers location.

The proposed solutions for the CEM, has as main purpose to store the information from the other functions and to help the mechanic by displaying the stored information. To simplify for the costumer, one solution is to display simple errors in the DIM which will save time for both the customer and the mechanic and money for Volvo.

Beside all the developed methods, three troubleshooting trees were developed to establish in which order all methods should be used. Specification for how the methods and the functions in VIDA should be designed has also been developed.

By adding repetition and interleaving the BER can be lowered and an extra redundancy implemented. The cost for implementing this is an 8.9 ms longer response time and less than 8% battery losses.

8 Discussion

Even if some of these implementations may cost a lot to implement, that cost will probably be saved later since the number of faulty replaced spare parts will be lowered. Since Volvo pays for those parts the first years, a lot of money can be saved. Not only with the cost for the parts, but also for the work performed by the mechanics. Since if it takes less time finding the faulty part and change it, the less the cost per car for Volvo. With faster service more cars can be serviced during the same day, providing a good service for the customers. Since knowing that the repairs only takes a short while, the customer can leave the car during the morning and collect it e.g., after work, thus not needing to be without their car for a long time. If these solutions are implemented in the next generation of RK before everything is created, manufactured and placed in the factory, the cost for implementing these features will be small compared to implementing them later.

In retrospect it can be concluded that using the built in functions in Matlab for the simulation, was a wrong decision. If in advance, knowledge of the long computational times and complexity would have been known, the decision would have been to write all equations as own functions to have a better control over them. The risk for human errors would have increased, however it would have been easier to troubleshoot since knowledge of the code structure would have been better.
9 Further Work

Since the simulation program did not become completely finished there are a few more things that could be implemented. First adding the correct frequencies and add so that the second message is sent on CH 2. When that is implemented the combination of the first and the second message could be implemented so that a Bit Error Rate (BER) curve can be plotted for the extra redundancy. To make the simulation work even better, different modulation techniques could be implemented so that it is easier to compare between the BER of e.g., PAM and GFSK. The main improvement is that the code needs to be optimized since for the moment a simulation can take up to three days which is not good.

As discussed in Section 8 the code is preferred to be rewritten using own functions which would improve the simulation time tremendously. Since this simulation were more time consuming then from the beginning thought, a recommendation would be to create a more reasonable time plan and if still considered valuable outsource the development to another company.
References


### Possible problems

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B Specification for the equipment

Battery Reset Counter

**Remote Key**

**Purpose:** Count how many battery resets that has occurred since an ACK was received.

**Requirements:** A counter that is triggered every time a battery reset has occurred, this value shall be stored in a Non Volatile Memory, NVM, to ensure that it is not erased when a battery reset occurs. The counter shall, preferably, count to at least 7 if maximum value is reached then it shall stay at that value until reset. Resetting the counter shall only happen when an ACK-message is received.

**Functions:** Would be implemented in RK diagnostic in VIDA.

**Alternatives:** If there are problems with saving in a NVM an alternative, however not as good as the first suggestion, is to save it in RAM instead. The implementation would then have to be changed, the alternative consists of a counter that counts up on every button press and when the counter reaches the highest value minus 20 it shall freeze on that value. If a battery reset occurs the counter shall be set to highest value minus 19 and continue to count up on every button press. Reset to 0 shall only happen when an ACK-message is received.

Stuck Button

**Remote Key**

**Purpose:** Indicate if any button is stuck or has been stuck.

**Requirements:** 5 bits (one for each button) which are stored in a NVM and 5 bits (one for each button) which are stored in RAM. The already existing counter that checks if a button is pressed more than 6 seconds will be used to set the bits. If a button is pressed for more than 6 seconds the counter tells the RK to ignore the press and at the same time it also sets both the corresponding bits to indicate that that button has been stuck. Reset for the RAM-bits occurs when RK detects that the button no longer is stuck. Resetting the NVM-bits is done manually by the mechanic when the car is in for service. This shows the mechanic that a button has been stuck since the last service.

Since there is no timer in RK, a counter counting the number of button presses since the button was stuck can be of use to get some indication when it occurred. The counter can also be stored in RAM and be reset when the button is released.

**Functions:** Would be implemented in RK diagnostic in VIDA.

**Alternatives:** If there is limited space then this can work with only 2*3 bits, 3 bits for NVM and 3 for RAM. 001-101 represent the different buttons. 110 indicates that two buttons are stuck and 111 if more than two buttons are stuck, this is however less robust.

RK History

**Remote Key**

**Purpose:** Stores the last 5 commands that were generated from a pressed button.

**Requirements:** Save latest 5 commands (5 bits per command) sent or should have been sent, preferably saved in RAM.

**Functions:** Would be implemented in Read last RK command in VIDA.

**Alternatives:** If there is limited space the number of stored values could be decreased. If further reduction is needed 3 bits instead of 5 can be used, where 001-101 represent the different buttons.

Key Variants

**Remote Key**

**Purpose:** Check that the RK frequency corresponds to that car.

**Requirements:** Store the type of key in a NVM and on every 100 button press, the key shall compare the stored value with the value in the frequency/crystal chip. If the value does not correspond then set the internal error flag. The value stored in the NVM shall also be able to read from via LF so that the mechanic can check that it is the correct key to that type of car. It could also be interesting to store the serial number or manufacturing date or something similar so it can be checked whether the RFR and RK are compatible or not.

**Functions:** Would be implemented in RK diagnostic in VIDA.
**LF Diagnose Protocol**

**Remote Key**

**Purpose:** Act as a link between the RK functions and LF receiver

**Requirements:**
- Shall be able to read Battery Reset Counter, Stuck Button, Key Variants and any other internal errors, that the manufacturer recommends, and possibly Initiate RK Command via LF. This is to be done when the message "RK Diagnose" is received via LF and then the information will be transfer via LF. It shall also be able to reset the Battery Reset Counter when an ACK is received.
- When "Last RK Command" is received via LF shall it read the RK History and send it back via LF

**Functions:**
- RK Diagnose and Last RK Command

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**CEM not responding (flag)**

**Radio Frequency Receiver**

**Purpose:** Indicate that RFR tried to send a message to CEM which for some reason did not wake up

**Requirements:**
- When RFR tries to communicate with CEM, which for some reason does not reply, a flag is set.
- This flag is set if CEM has not answered within 1 second. When CEM awakes and wants to communicate with the RFR then the RFR shall first reply and say that it tried to send a message but CEM never answered and after that send the information that CEM asked for. However if a request for open/lock the door is received then RFR shall first send that information to CEM and after that send the message that RFR tried to communicate with CEM.

**Functions:**
- Log

**Alternatives:**
- A bit can be added to the sequence that is transferred from the RFR to CEM so that CEM always know if something has happened. If the bit is 0 then everything is ok and if it is 1 then RFR has tried to communicate with CEM.

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**Histogram for RSSI and time RFR been awake**

**Radio Frequency Receiver**

**Purpose:** Detect if there has been any intermittent disturbances

**Requirements:**
- 6 counters (5 for RSSI and 1 for time) 1 that shall be able to count from 0 up to at least 65535 (Counter 1, C1) and 5 that shall be able to count from 0 up to at least 255. Counter 1-5 belongs to the RSSI values and C6 belong to the time RFR is awake. These counters shall have a doublet so one set of counters is written/enumerated first and then the others. The RFR scans the ether every seventh (To Be Determined, TBD) $T_{Duty1}$ ms and scans for $T_{PC1}$/$T_{PC2}$ ms. The received data is then processed and the RSSI is calculated and compared to the different intervals to decide which counter to incremented. C1 will be enumerated if the RSSI < W, C2 will be enumerated if W < RSSI < X, C3 if X < RSSI < Y, C4 if Y < RSSI < Z and C5 if RSSI > Z. C6 is incremented when the RFR has entered the code section that determines whether is a correct WUP-message or not. If it was correct then C6 is enumerated else it's not.
- If the received signal is an authorized signal, then no one of the counters shall be incremented. But if there is a correct WUP and preamble but incorrect key ID then the counters shall be enumerated.
- When one of the counters reaches its top value, all counters shall freeze and the old data from the doublet register shall be reset to 0 and restart incrementing the counters.
- When a request comes for reporting the histograms both the histograms, the one that is complete and frozen and the other that is recently started, shall be reported.
- The histogram can be saved in RAM.

**Functions:**
- Log and Read Histogram
Log space

**Purpose:** Detect problems that has happened before

**Requirements:** Shall be able to store a sequence of data in a buffer and when the buffer is full, the oldest sequence is overwritten. The sequence that shall be able to store is. Global time (4 Bytes), Battery Reset Counter (3 bits), Stuck Button (5 bits), CEM not responding flag (1 bit), Histogram for RSSI and time (14 (or 7) Bytes), Rejected Messages (3 bits) and if there is anything else that the manufacturers suggest. This is preferably stored in a NVM to ensure that the information is safe even if a reset would occur. Total: 20 Byte (19 Byte and 4 bits)

**Functions:** Would be read by a VIDA function

**Alternatives:** Entries that is a minimum to store for detecting intermittent problems: Global time (4 Byte), Battery Reset Counter (3 bits), Stuck Button (5 bits), Histogram for RSSI and time (7 Byte), Rejected Messages (3 bits).

Rejected messages

**Purpose:** To see why a message is being rejected

**Requirements:** When requested; store the reason why a RK message was not accepted, multiple reasons shall be able to store. The reasons are that the message was rejected because: Correct ID but encryption did not match, SI counter values do not correspond, Checksum do not correspond, Wrong ID

SI counter values

**Purpose:** Check if the SI counters value corresponds.

**Requirements:** When requested decrypt RK message and return RK SI value and CEM SI value

Show stuck button on DIM

**Purpose:** Enlighten the costumer that a button on their key is stuck.

**Requirements:** 3 seconds after the costumer has started the engine, use LF to read if any of the buttons are stuck. If there is any then display a message in the DIM saying that "Button XXX is stuck, please release it after the engine is turned off".

Check internal error

**Purpose:** Indicate if there are any internal errors in the RK

**Requirements:** Allocate 1 byte that the RK developer can use for detecting internal errors. 10 seconds after the costumer has started the engine, use LF to read if there are any internal errors from the "internal error byte". If there is any then set an error code saying "internal error RK".

RFR lets through everything

**Purpose:** Remove the filter in RFR so that it won't reject any message

**Requirements:** When instructed CEM sends an updated version of the RFR config where the filter bit is set to 0 so everything is let through after 20 (TBD) seconds send the original config file so that the filter is set to active again. If this routine is called again before the 20 seconds is over then what is left of the first 20 seconds shall be discarded and a new time period of 20 seconds shall be started.
### When to log

**Purpose:** Describe when to save different information to CEM's Log Space.

**Requirements:**
- When the driver's door is opened with a key then CEM shall send a request for Histogram from RFR and CEM not responding flag. When received the information store it to Log. Wait 10 (TBD) seconds after the engine has started and requests the RK information and store it to the same log place as the other information.
- If CEM receives the "CEM not responding"-flag save the event.
- If a RK message is rejected then save the reason.

### When to read from RFR

**Purpose:** Describe when to read the information from RFR

**Requirements:**
- Read the information from RFR:
  - when the driver door is opened with the key.
  - 10 seconds after the engine has started

### When to read via LF

**Purpose:** Describe when to read the information from RK via LF

**Requirements:**
- Read the information from RK:
  - 10 (TBD) seconds after the engine has started
  - 1 (TBD) second after the driver door is opened with the key and key position is set to "key in slot".

### What to read from RFR

**Purpose:** Describe what parameters that shall be read from RFR.

**Requirements:**
The different parameters that shall be read from RFR are:
- CEM not responding flag
- Received Signal Strength Indication histogram

### What to read from RK

**Purpose:** Describe what parameters that shall be read from RK.

**Requirements:**
The different parameters that shall be read from RFR are:
- Battery Reset Counter
- Stuck Button
- Button history
- Key Variants
C Specification for VIDA

Read Log
VIDA - CEM
Purpose: Being able in an easy way to read and understand the values stored in the log in CEM.
Requirements:

1) Read the result from the log in CEM
2) Display the result as follows
   a. For global time; read the current value for CEM and read the value from the log, recalculate the value and display it as YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss
   b. For the Battery Reset Counter read the value and display it, if it is larger than 0 highlight the number.
   c. For the Stuck Button value, read and display it and if a button is stuck then highlight and display it. Translate the binary number to the name of the button e.g. Unlock button.
   d. For CEM not responding flag just show: CEM responds to RFR: Yes/No.
   e. If any message has been rejected, display why. Correct ID but wrong encryption, SI counter value to high/low, Checksum not corresponding or wrong ID
3) Ask the mechanic to search for any error in the log, such as Battery Reset Counter larger than 0 etc.
4) Give the mechanic 6 choices
   a. Battery Reset Counter > 0: Change RK or alternative try to bend the spring.
   b. Stuck button: Change RK or alternative try to loosen it.
   c. CEM responds to RFR – No: Contact Help Desk
   d. Rejected message: Contact Help Desk
   e. No errors logged: Give the mechanic a choice: is the problem a permanent or an intermittent problem. Continue with the troubleshoot tree.

RK diagnose
VIDA – Remote Key
Purpose: Run a self diagnose on the RK to determine if anything is wrong with the key.
Requirements:

1) Ask the mechanic to place the RK in the backup reading slot and close all door.
2) Verify that doors are closed.
3) Activate the LF transponder check routine in CEM.
4) Wait one (TBD) seconds or until routine is finished
5) Read LF transponder, check status from CEM.
6) Activate the RF self diagnostic routine in CEM.
7) Wait two (TBD) seconds or until routine is finished
8) Read out results from RF self diagnostics in CEM.
9) Display status of the listed parameters.
   a. Looseness with the battery: Yes/No
   b. Wrong key model: Yes/No
   c. Buttons stuck: display the name for which buttons or what button that is stuck if none is stuck display "None".
   d. SI values corresponds: Yes/No
   e. Low Battery: Yes/No
   f. RK Detected: Yes/No
   g. Valid key in slot: Yes/No
   h. RK ID is: Show RK ID
   i. RK model is: Show model type and model/manufacture nr?
   j. No errors (Only displayed if no errors exist)
10) Give the mechanic a maximum of nine choices:
   a. Change remote (If wrong key model = yes, else display nothing)
   b. Try to bend the spring else change the remote (If Looseness with the battery = yes, else display nothing)
   c. Try to loosen them else change the remote (If Button stuck != none else display nothing)
   d. Contact Help Desk (If SI value corresponds = No, else display nothing)
   e. Change battery (If Low Battery = yes, else display nothing)
   f. Use troubleshooting methods for "car does not start" (If RK detected = no, else display nothing)
   g. Run Rejected message diagnose routine (If valid key in slot = yes, else display Use troubleshooting methods for "car does not start")
   h. Run RK history (If no errors occurred)
   i. Read out once more (start from 3))

Rejected Message

Purpose: Display why the message were rejected

Requirements:
1) Ask the mechanic to make sure all doors are closed
2) Verify that all doors are closed
3) Call the routine "RFR lets through everything" from CEM.
4) Wait 10 (TBD) seconds.
5) During these 10 seconds ask the mechanic to press one of the buttons on the RK
6) When the times up read the result
7) Display the result of the listed parameters
   a. Display: The message was rejected because: display the reasons why the message was rejected and if the message was not rejected, then display nothing.
8) Give the mechanic 5 choices. Depending on where in the troubleshooting tree this function is called, different answers/choices will have to be displayed.
   f. If correct ID and rejected reason is "Correct ID but encryption did not match" display: Contact Help Desk else display nothing
   g. If correct ID and rejected reason is "SI counter values do not correspond" display: Contact Help Desk else display nothing
   h. If correct ID and rejected reason is "Checksum do not correspond" display: Contact Help Desk else display nothing
   i. If wrong ID display: Check that the key belongs to the car otherwise contact Help Desk
   j. If nothing is received display:
      If there is a valid key in the ignition slot then the antenna is probably broken, replace the RK.
      If nothing is received from either the main key or the spare key read the Received Signal Strength Indication.
      If the message is received but the key used is another working key valid for that model, then run a RK diagnose on the incorrect keys.
      If the message is not received even when using a key that is valid for that car model, then check if CEM awakes.
**RK (History)**
*VIDA – Remote Key*

**Purpose:** Display the last command generated by a button press.

**Requirements:**

1. Ask the mechanic to press a sequence at the RK that he will be able to remember
2. Ask the mechanic to place the RK in the backup reading slot.
3. Activate the LF check routine
4. Wait one (TBD) second or until routine is finished
5. Read the LF transponder check status
6. Activate the read RK history diagnose routine in CEM
7. Wait one (TBD) second or until routine is finished
8. Read the result from the RK history diagnose routine
9. Display the information in chronological order.
   a. Last button pressed: name of the button, e.g. lock or unlock
   b. 2:nd last button pressed: name of the button, e.g. lock or unlock
   c. 3:rd last button pressed: name of the button, e.g. lock or unlock
   d. 4:th last button pressed: name of the button, e.g. lock or unlock
   e. 5:th last button pressed: name of the button, e.g. lock or unlock
10. Give the mechanic two choices: Did the history correspond to the sequence pressed? Yes/No
    a. Yes: Continue in the tree (Read the Received Signal Strength Indication)
    b. No: Change the RK

**Read the Received Signal Strength Indication**
*VIDA - CEM*

**Purpose:** Display the histograms that are generated in RFR.

**Requirements:**

1. Activate the histogram diagnose routine in CEM
2. Wait one (TBD) second or until routine is finished
3. Read the result from the histogram diagnose routine in CEM
4. Sum counter C2, C3, C4 and C5 to X
5. Divide X with C7 convert to percent
6. Divide C2/C7, C3/C7 C4/C7 and C5/C7 and convert to percent
7. Read the Channel statistics from CEM
8. Check the status of the Channel Statistic. If Channel 1 has received more than 90 % (TBD) of the messages than its okay. Else if Channel 2 has received more than 90 % (TBD) of the messaged then it's bad since then channel 1 almost never works. Else if in between then neither good nor bad.
9. Display as follows
   Interference within 20 m: percentage from C2/C7
   Interference within 15 m: percentage from C3/C7
   Interference within 10 m: percentage from C4/C7
   Interference within  5 m: percentage from C5/C7
   Out of these were "percentage from X/C7" % other RK and "100- percentage from X/C7" where interference
   If CH1 > 90 % then display: nothing
   else if CH2>90 % then display: Due to some reason this system is extra sensitive for interference or RFR does not awakes in time. Try to find if the costumer has added anything that can interfere with the equipment else call Help Desk.
   else display: Due to some reason this system is sensitive for interference.
D Troubleshooting tree for the ideal case

Are there any DTC? Store all information that can be lost before starting to troubleshoot.
Y: Go to the section that tell what to do for the specific DTC.
DTC: RFR do not respond
DTC: LIN bus connection broken
DTC: CAN bus connection broken
N: Open the diagnostic service, are there any intermittent problems logged?
  Looseness in the battery
    Change RK or try to bend the springs
  Button stuck
    Try to loose it else change RK
  CEM did not awaken and initiated LIN when RFR tried to send a message.
    Contact Help Desk
  Correct ID but wrong encryption
    Contact Help Desk
No problems logged
Does it always happen that the car won't open with the RK?
Y: Does the spare RK work?
  Y: Run RK diagnostic (on the incorrect RK)
    Looseness in the battery
      Change RK or try to bend the springs
    Incorrect frequency
      Change RK and contact Help Desk
    Button stuck
      Try to loose it else change RK
    SI value to high/lows
      Synchronize if possible else change RK and contact Help Desk
    Low battery power
      Change battery
    No RK detected
      Troubleshoot as starting problem
N: Troubleshoot as starting problem
Valid key in slot?
Y: Run RFR lets through everything and check if and why the message is discarded
  Message discarded since wrong encryption
    Contact Help Desk
  Wrong checksum
    Contact Help Desk
  Message discarded since wrong ID
    Contact Help Desk, check so it is a correct key and not the neighbours key
  Message discarded since wrong SI value
    Contact Help Desk
  Message never received
    Antenna (probably) broken, change RK
  Troubleshoot as starting problem
N: Troubleshoot as starting problem
No problem found
See if the buttons work, is there any broken?
Y: Change RK
N: Are there any noise? Read the histogram.
  Y: Try to locate where it comes from
  N: Call Help Desk
N: Run RFR lets through everything and check if and why the message is discarded
  Message discarded since wrong encryption
    Contact Help Desk
  Wrong checksum
    Contact Help Desk
  Message discarded since wrong ID
    Contact Help Desk, check so it is a correct key and not the neighbours key
  Message discarded since wrong SI value
    Contact Help Desk
  Message never received
    N: Are there any noise? Read the histogram.
      Y: Try to locate where it comes from
      N: Try another RK valid for that car model.
        Message discarded since wrong encryption
          Correct since another RK
        Wrong checksum
          Contact Help Desk
  Message discarded since wrong ID
    Correct since another RK
  Message discarded since wrong SI value
    Correct since another RK
Message never received
  Y: Run RK diagnostic (on the incorrect RK)
  Looseness in the battery
    Change RK or try to bend the springs
  Incorrect frequency
    Change RK and contact Help Desk
  Button stuck
    Try to loose it else change RK
  SI value to high/low
    Synchronize if possible else change RK and contact Help Desk
  Low battery power
    Change battery
  No RK detected
    Troubleshoot as starting problem
Valid key in slot?
  Y: Run RFR lets through everything and check if and why the message is discarded
    Message discarded since wrong encryption
      Contact Help Desk
    Wrong checksum
      Contact Help Desk
    Message discarded since wrong ID
      Contact Help Desk, check so it is a correct key and not the neighbours key
    Message discarded since wrong SI value
      Contact Help Desk
  Message never received
    Antenna (probably) broken, change RK
    Troubleshoot as starting problem
  No problem found
    See if the buttons work, is there any broken?
      Y: Change RK
    N: Are there any noise? Read the histogram.
      Y: Try to locate where it comes from
      N: Call Help Desk
  N: Is the RFR flag set? Read the log.
    Y: Contact Help Desk
    N: Read the histogram and check if RFR been awake more than XX seconds.
      ≤XX ms: RFR not awaken, change RFR
      ≥XX ms: RFR receives message but discards it.
      Reset RFR and load the configuration routine. Does it work?
      Y: Good
      N: Change RFR
    N: Read the histogram, were there any interference?
      Y: Try to locate where it comes from
      N: How is the channel statistic counter? Does only channel 2 work?
        Y: The risk for interference is big, change RK or contact Help Desk
        N: Contact Help Desk
  X
E Troubleshooting tree for the second case

Are there any DTC? Store all information that can be lost before starting to troubleshoot.
Y: Go to the section that tell what to do for the specific DTC.
DTC: RFR do not respond
DTC: LIN bus connection broken
DTC: CAN bus connection broken
N: Open the diagnostic service, are there any intermittent problems logged?
   Correct ID but wrong encryption
   Contact Help Desk
   No problems logged
   Has the battery enough power?
   Y: Does it always happen that the car won’t open with the RK?
   Y: Run RK diagnostic (on the incorrect RK)
       SI value to high/low
       Synchronize if possible else change RK and contact Help Desk
   No RK detected
   Troubleshoot as starting problem
   Valid key in slot?
   Y: Run RFR lets through everything and check if and why the message is discarded
      Message discarded since wrong encryption
      Contact Help Desk
      Wrong checksum
      Contact Help Desk
      Message discarded since wrong ID
      Contact Help Desk, check so it is a correct key and not the neighbours key
      Message discarded since wrong SI value
      Contact Help Desk
   Message never received
   Antenna (probably) broken, change RK
   N: Troubleshoot as starting problem
   No problem found
   Run diagnose anything detected on LIN?
   Y: RFR works, problem is probably in RK or CEM
   N: Change RK
   N: Run RFR lets through everything and check if and why the message is discarded
   Message discarded since wrong encryption
   Contact Help Desk
   Wrong checksum
   Contact Help Desk
   Message discarded since wrong ID
   Contact Help Desk, check so it is a correct key and not the neighbours key
   Message discarded since wrong SI value
   Contact Help Desk
   Message never received
   N: Try another RK valid for that car model.
      Message discarded since wrong encryption
      Correct since another RK
      Wrong checksum
      Contact Help Desk
      Message discarded since wrong ID
      Correct since another RK
      Message discarded since wrong SI value
      Correct since another RK
   Message never received
   Y: Run RK diagnostic (on the incorrect RK)
      SI value to high/low
      Synchronize if possible else change RK and contact Help Desk
   No RK detected
   Troubleshoot as starting problem
   Valid key in slot?
   Y: Run RFR lets through everything and check if and why the message is discarded
      Message discarded since wrong encryption
      Contact Help Desk
      Wrong checksum
      Contact Help Desk
      Message discarded since wrong ID
      Contact Help Desk, check so it is a correct key and not the neighbours key
      Message discarded since wrong SI value
      Contact Help Desk
   Message never received
Antenna (probably) broken, change RK
N: Troubleshoot as starting problem
No problem found
Run diagnose anything detected on LIN?
Y: RFR works, problem is probably in RK or CEM
N: Change RK
N: Measure current over RFR, is the current:
  Below 30 mA: RFR does not awake, change RFR
  Between 30 mA and 130 mA: RFR receives the message but discards it
    Reset RFR and load the configuration routine. Does it work?
    Y: Good
    N: Change RFR or RK
  Above 130 mA: RFR receives the message and sends it to CEM
    Run diagnose anything detected on LIN?
    Y: Problem with CEM or after lying component, measure CAN. Any signal detected?
      Y: Troubleshoot the components after CEM
      N: Change CEM
    N: Troubleshoot for short circuit at LIN else contact Help Desk
N: How is the channel statistic counter? Does only channel 2 work?
  Y: The risk for interference is big, change RK or contact Help Desk
  N: Contact Help Desk
N: Change battery
Are there any DTC? Store all information that can be lost before starting to troubleshoot.

Y: Go to the section that tell what to do for the specific DTC.

DTC: RFR do not respond
DTC: LIN bus connection broken
DTC: CAN bus connection broken

N: Does it always happen that the car won’t open with the RK?

Y: Does the spare RK work?
   Y: Has the incorrect RK low battery power?
      Y: Change battery
      N: Insert the RK into the ignition slot, does the car recognize the RK?
         Y: Which buttons give any response, e.g. press the approach light does the lights turn on?
            All: Why is the car in for service? Contact Help Desk
            Some: Try to clean RK, use compressed air to get rid of dirt. Does it work?
            Y: Good
            N: Change RK
         N: Measure current over RFR, is the current:
            Below 30 mA: RFR does not awaken, change RFR
            Between 30 mA and 130 mA: RFR receives the message but discards it
            Reset RFR and load the configuration routine. Does it work?
            Y: Good
            N: Change RFR or RK
            Above 130 mA: RFR receives the message and sends it to CEM
            Measure the voltage on LIN. Is there any voltage?
            Y: Problem with CEM or after lying component, measure CAN. Any signal detected?
            Y: Troubleshoot the components after CEM
            N: Change CEM
            N: Troubleshoot for short circuit at LIN else contact Help Desk
            N: Troubleshoot as starting problem, see if it is the correct RK
            N: Troubleshoot as starting problem

Y: Insert the RK into the ignition slot, does the car recognize the RK?

Y: Is it a valid key?

Y: Which buttons give any response, e.g. press the approach light does the lights turn on?
   All: Why is the car in for service? Contact Help Desk
   Some: Try to clean RK, use compressed air to get rid of dirt. Does it work?
   Y: Good
   N: Change RK

None: Check the battery power is it ok?

Y: Measure current over RFR, is the current:
   Below 30 mA: RFR does not awaken, change RFR
   Between 30 mA and 130 mA: RFR receives the message but discards it
   Reset RFR and load the configuration routine. Does it work?
   Y: Good
   N: Change RFR or RK
   Above 130 mA: RFR receives the message and sends it to CEM
   Measure the voltage on LIN. Is there any voltage?
   Y: Problem with CEM or after lying component, measure CAN. Any signal detected?
   Y: Troubleshoot the components after CEM
   N: Change CEM
   N: Troubleshoot for short circuit at LIN else contact Help Desk
   N: Change battery and start the troubleshoot from the beginning
   N: Troubleshoot as starting problem, see if it is the correct RK
   N: Troubleshoot as starting problem

Y: Good

N: Reprogram RK, does it work?

N: Back two steps and redo them, any change? Else contact Help Desk

N: How is the channel statistic counter? Does only channel 2 work?

Y: The risk for interference is big, change RK or contact Help Desk

N: Contact Help Desk