



# How to Remove a Wheel Lock Without a Key

Remove a car wheel lock without a key using a 12-point socket

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## INTRODUCTION

If you have a wheel lock (wheel nut lock) on your car or truck wheel and do not have a wheel lock key, use this guide to remove the wheel lock.

A wheel lock is used to fasten the wheel on your vehicle, as a regular wheel nut would, but uses a part-specific key to unlock it. It is common to lose a wheel lock key. The wheel lock key can be removed manually.

Before beginning, make sure your vehicle is on a flat surface and all wheels are level. Make sure to have your emergency brake (parking brake) on as well.



### TOOLS:

- [Socket Set](#) (1)
  - [Flathead Screwdriver](#) (1)
  - [Hammer](#) (1)
  - [Spoon Tire Iron](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Wheel Lock



- Clean the wheel lock to make sure there is no debris on the surface of the lock.

## Step 2



- Find a 12-point socket that barely fits over the wheel lock.
- ⓘ The socket should not be loose enough to revolve around the wheel lock.



### Step 3



- Hold the socket in place.
- Use a hammer to hit the socket until it is tight around the lock.

⚠️ Gloves are recommended to prevent hand injury.

## Step 4



- Unscrew the socket using the socket wrench.
- ⓘ Turn left to loosen. If you cannot turn the wrench easily, get a longer wrench for more torque.

## Step 5



- ⓘ Now that the wheel lock is off, it will be stuck to the socket.
- Insert the screwdriver into the square-opening on top of the socket.
- Hit the top of the screwdriver with the hammer a few times until the lock falls out of the socket.



## Step 6



- Grab a regular wheel nut.
- Screw on the wheel nut by hand.
- Use the tire iron to tighten the wheel nut.