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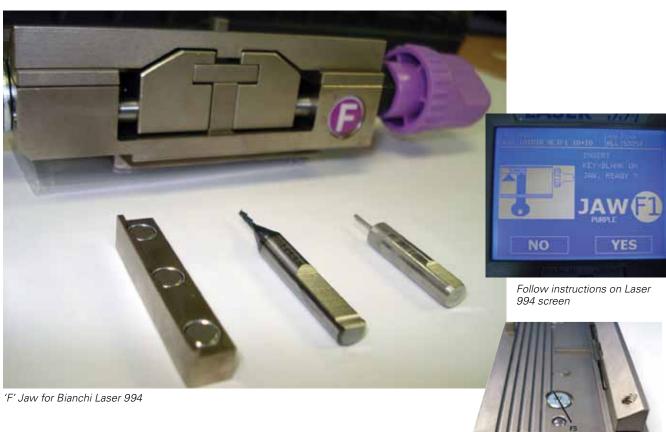
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Bianchi Laser 994 Product Update: **New Edge Cut 'F' Jaw**

How to cut a 2002 Toyota Camry by decode and by code



utting a standard automotive key by code just got easier with the recent introduction of the 'F' Jaw for the Laser 994. Since its introduction to the locksmith market in 2006, the Laser 994 has long been considered the most advanced high security key cutting machine on the market. With the new 'F' Jaw, double-sided automotive keys can now be added to the list of 994 capabilities, making the machine more popular than ever before.

For this article, we will show how to cut a 2002 Toyota Camry by decode and by code.

CUTTING BY DECODE

If a key code is not known for a vehicle, we can make a duplicate key blank cutting by decode. From the main menu, start with 'Key Search,' then 'Car Model Selection.' After entering the Make, Model and Year information for the vehicle, select 'Cut by Decode.'

To begin, insert the magnetic tip stop into the correct slot position (F0-F5) on the jaw, which is indicated on the console screen. (Note: The 'F' Jaw tip stop slots go from F0 through F5, with F0 starting from the back of the jaw. The F slot at the front of the jaw is for specific keys that

F Jaw tip stop positions

require a shoulder stopl.

Next, insert the original key into the 'F' jaw, which will automatically center the key when tightening the knob. Once the tip stop is removed (as a safety feature, the machine will also give an alert to remove the tip stop before proceeding with decoding),





Key inserted into the 'F' jaw

2002 Toyota Camry

select

'Enter'

and the

machine checks the key depths with electronic precision. Once the key has been successfully decoded, the screen will display a key with the depths of cuts and key code in the upper right hand corner as well as any

applicable manufacturer key blanks on the subsequent screen.

Following the machine prompts, insert the magnetic tip stop into the correct position on the jaw and insert and tighten down the new key blank in the jaw. Remove the tip stop and select 'Enter.' Key cutting takes approximately two minutes and upon completion, the key is ready for use.

CUTTING BY CODE

If a key code is already known for a vehicle, we can cut a key by code. From the main menu, start with 'Key

Search,' then 'Car Model Selection.' After entering Make, Model and Year information for the vehicle, select 'Cut by Code.' Once prompted, enter the code for the vehicle and select 'Enter.' An image of the key and the depths of cuts will appear confirming the cuts for that code as well as any manufacturer key blanks on the next screen. The screen will then display correct key placement, applicable jaw and tip stop placement (F1 for this particular vehicle key). Once the key has been correctly placed and the tip stop removed, select 'Enter' to begin key cutting. Once the machine has finished cutting the key, it is now ready for use.

'F' JAW KIT

The 'F' Jaw can be purchased as part of a new machine or as an add-on to an existing machine. It is sold as a kit (Part No: B3406) and includes a dedicated 1.5mm cutter, decode tracer, magnetic tip stop and software update via USB or Internet. Software update includes more than 12 new makes, 600 new models and 60 new code series for the North American and European market.

Some additional standard features of the Laser 994 include;

- Internal database built-in
- Integrated code conversion
- Cuts by ½ cuts
- Electronic calibration
- Converts to original manufacturer's specs
- Customer record storage, user history and password protection feature
- Updates via USB or the Internet
- 3 year warranty

To see the 994 in action, visit our website, www.bianchi1770usa.com, or YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/BianchiUSAInc.

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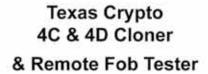


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Clonable Key Basics

BY JERRY LEVINE

here are two basic types of transponders. "Fixed" value transponders are designed for on-board programming or device programming when connected to the diagnostic port of the vehicle. The terminology "fixed" incorporates both Fixed and Encrypted Transponders. They cannot be cloned.

The second type is the clonable transponder, designed to have a new value duplicated onto the chip using an existing compatible transponder.

Cloning can only take place when using a clonable transponder.

Whether a transponder has a fixed



Two-piece clonable key

value or is clonable cannot be determined visually. If the transponder is molded into the plastic head of the key blank, the part number can be used to identify the type of transponder. Sometimes the shape of the head can be used to identify the type of transponder.

A limited number of transponderequipped keys can be programmed to a vehicle. This number determines how many transponder keys can be programmed. Since a cloned key is a duplicate of an already programmed key, there is no limit on the number of cloned keys that can be used to operate a vehicle. Cloning a clonable key does not affect any of the programmed keys.

Cloning saves time; there is no limit to the number of cloned keys and if the programmed key (master or valet) operates the vehicle, the cloned key should have no problems operating the vehicle. In addition, vehicle PIN codes are not needed to clone a key.

For most vehicles, there is no need

MFG	BIANCHI	ILCO/KABA	JET	JMA
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7.00.0.	HD1UTK100	EK3P-H003		TPX3HOND-31.P
	HD90UTK100		HD113-ETK-C3	TPX3HOND-21.P
BMW				
BIVIVV	BM100			
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	VX5UTK100	EK3P-HU100	B116-ETK-C3	TPX30P-11.P1
	B106UTK100	EK3P-B111	B112-ETK-C3	TPX3GM-37.P
	BB99PT5	B99PT5	B99-PHT	TP05GM-28.P
	BB97PT5	B97PT5	B97-PHT	TP05GM-27.P
CADILLAC	BHU46T2	HU46T2	T10HF54-N-PHT	TP050P-S.P
	B106UTK100	EK3P-B111	B112-ETK-C3	TPX3GM-37.P
	BB99PT5	B99PT5	B99-PHT	TP05GM-28.P
	VX5UTK100	EK3P-HU100		TPX30P-11.P1
CHEVROLET	VX5UTK100	EK3P-HU100	B116-ETK-C3	TPX30-P11.P1
	B106UTK100	EK3P-B111	B112-ETK-C3	TPX3GM-37.P
		DW05T5		TP05DAE-4.P1
		EK3P-B111		TPX3GM-28.P
	BB97PT5	B97PT5	B97-PHT	TP05GM-27.P
	BB99PT5	B99PT5	B99-PHT	TP05GM-28.P
	BPT04-PT5	B107PT5/PT04-PT5	B107-N-PHT	TP05GM-37.P
	DAE47UTK100			TPX3DAE-4.P1
CHRYSLER	Y160UTK100	EK3P-Y164	Y160-ETK-C3	TPX3CHR-15.PC
	Y170UTK100	EK3P-Y170	Y166-ETK-C3	TPX3CHR-15.P1
	Y160UTK100	EK3-Y160	Y160-N-PHT/Y160-ETK-C2	TPX3CHR-15.PG
	Y160UTK100	EK3-Y160	Y160-N-PHT/Y160-ETK-C2	TPX2CHR-15.PG
	MT11UTK100	EK3-MIT9	MIT13-N-PHT/MIT13-ETK-C2	TPX2CHR-19.P
DAEW00	BDW05RT5	DW05RT5	DW47R-N-PHT	TP05DAE-4D.P1
	BDW05T5	DW05T5	DW47-N-PHT	TP05DAE-4.P
	BDW04RT5	DW04RT5	DW48R-N-PHT	TP05DAE-3D.P1
DODGE	Y160UTK100	EK3P-Y164	Y160-ETK-C3	TPX3CHR-15.PC
	Y160UTK100	EK3-Y160	Y160-N-PHT/ Y160-ETK-C2	TPX2CHR-15.PG
	Y170UTK100	EK3P-Y170	Y166-ETK-C3	TPX3CHR-15.P1
	BYS15TK1	YM15T5		TP05ME-HM.P1
	MT11UTK100	EK3-MIT9	MIT13-N-PHT/MIT13-ETK-C2	TPX2CHR-19.P
FIAT	FT22UTK100	SIP22EHP	FT70-ETK-C3	TPX3FI-16.P
FORD	FD21UTK100	EK3-H72	H72-N-PHT/H72-ETK-C1	TPX1FO-15D.P
	FD20UTK100	EK3-H73		TPX1FO-16.P
	FD21UTK100	EK3-H84	H90-N-PHT/H72-ETK-C2	TPX2FO-30D.P
FORD	JA2UTK100	F021EH2	S30FD-N-PHT/S30FD-ETK-C2	TPX2FO-6.P
	FD40UTK100		H93-N-PHT/H93-ETK-C2	TPX2FO-24.P
GMC	B106UTK100	EK3P-B111	B112-ETK-C3	TPX3GM-37.P
	VX5UTK100	EK3P-HU100	B116-ETK-C3	TPX30P-11.P1
HONDA	BHD106-PT5	HD106PT5	HD106-N-PHT	TP05H0ND-21.P
2	HD1UTK100	EK3P-H003	HD112-ETK-C3	TPX3HOND-31.P
	BH001T5	H001T5	HD110-N-PHT	TP05H0ND-31.P
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HYUNDAI	HY12UTK100	HYN6EHP		TPX3HY-4.P1
MONDA	TR48UTK100	EK3P-HY20	TR48-ETK-C3	TPX3HY-18.P
	HY14SUTK100	HYN14REHP		TPX3HY-HD.P1
	HY021UTK100	HYN7REH2		TPX2HY-6D.P1
	TITUZTUTKTUU	1111W/IILIIZ		11 /\Z111-0D.1 1



Transponder insert

to go to the vehicle. However, for Philips Crypto (#46) transponders, vehicle access is required. The Philips Crypto transponder-based engine immobilizer systems are used in many of the later model vehicles.

There are different types of transponders designed for cloning keys. Original Equipment Manufacturer (O. E. M.) type chips are ceramic or a glass ampoule, and can come molded into the key blank head. The O.E.M. style transponder can be sold separate from the key blank. This type of transponder can only be used in a key blank that has accommodations for installing these types of transponders.

The circuit board type is larger and incorporates a generic style head. Depending upon the manufacturer and model, the head can be a separate component or attached to the blade. The circuit board style is further divided by those that have a battery and those that are battery-less.

O. E. M. style transponders or those with the battery-less circuit board receive power from the vehicle's antenna ring surrounding the ignition lock. Those with the battery equipped circuit boards receive power from their internal battery.

A number of aftermarket key blank manufacturers sell programmable and clonable key blanks. Some produce their own programming devices and cloning machines; others produce programming devices and cloning machines, but do not manufacture key blanks.



Circuit board

MFG	BIANCHI	ILCO/KABA	JET	JMA
INFINITI	NS34UTK100	EK3P-NI04	DA34-ETK-C3	TPX3DAT-15.P4
IINFIINITI				TPX2DAT-15.P4
	NS34UTK100	EK3-NI02	DA34-N-PHT/DA34-ETK-C2	-
LACHAD	BNSN11T2	NSN11T2	DA31-N-PHT	TP05DAT-6.P2
JAGUAR	JA2UTK100	FO21EH2	S30FD-N-PHT/S30FD-ETK-C2	TPX2JAU-2.P
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	TR48UTK100	EK3-T0Y48	TR60-N-PHT/TR48-ETK-C2	TPX2TOYO-30.P
LINCOLN	FD21UTK100	EK3-H72	H72-N-PHT/H72-ETK-C1	TPX1FO-15D.P
	FD21UTK100	EK3-H84	H90-N-PHT/H72-ETK-C2	TPX2FO-30D.P
	FD21UTK100	EK3-H84	H90-N-PHT/H72-ETK-C2	TPX2FO-15D.P
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	BMAZ24RT5	MAZ24RT5	MAZ24-N-PHT	TP05MAZ-11D.P
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MERCURY	FD210D1100	EK3-H73		TPX1F0-16.P
IVILITOUTT	FD21UTK100	EK3-H72	H72-N-PHT/H72-ETK-C1	TPX1FO-15D.P
	FD21UTK100	EK3-H84	H90-N-PHT/H72-ETK-C2	TPX2F0-30D.P
MINI			BMW5-ETK-C3	
MITSUBISHI	MT1UTK100	EK3-MIT8	MIT12-N-PHT/MIT12-ETK-C2	TPX2MIT-12.P2
MITOUDISTII	MT11UTK100	EK3-MIT9	MIT13-N-PHT/MIT13-ETK-C2	TPX2MIT-18.P
	MT11UTK100	EK3-MIT16	MIT13-ETK-C3	TPX3MIT-18.P
	MT8SUTK100	EK3-MIT14	MIT14-N-PHT/MIT14-ETK-C2	TPX2MIT-8D.P2
		EK3-MIT17	MIT14-ETK-C3	
	MT8SUTK100			TPX3MIT-8D.P2 TPX3CHR-15.PC
NISSAN	Y160UTK100	EK3P-Y164	Y160-ETK-C3	
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	HC1UTK100	EK3P-GM45	 D400 DUT	TPX30P-WY.P
	BB103PT5	B103PT5	B103-PHT	TP05GM-43.P
	BPT04-PT5	B107PT5/PT04- PT5	B107-N-PHT	TP05GM-37.P
	BB97PT5	B97PT5	B97-PHT	TP05GM-27.P
	TR47UTK100	EK3-TOY43	TR51-N-PHT/TR47-ETK-C2	TPX2TOYO-15.P
PORSCHE	BHU66T5	HU66T5	HU66VW-N-PHT	TP05HU-HAA.P1
RAM	Y160UTK100	EK3P-Y164	Y160-ETK-C3	TPX3CHR-15.PC
	Y170UTK100	EK3P-Y170	Y166-ETK-C3	TPX3CHR-15.P1
SAAB		YM30T5		TP05SAA-1.P
	BPT04-PT5	B107PT5/PT04-PT5	B107-N-PHT	TP05GM-37.P
SATURN	VX5UTK100	EK3P-HU100	B116-ETK-C3	TPX30P-11.P1

THINK NEW (994).



True innovators are people who see everyday things in a different, original light. And they do make a difference. This is why our key cutting machines make a difference to those who choose them and work with them every day. For Instance, the Bianchi 994 with the new F Jaw: cuts by code, decode and depths standard double-sided automotive keys (adds 12+ makes, 600+ new models and 60+ new code series). And more, Integrated console, complete key database built-in, software easily updated, one speed, single phase cutter motor, tolerances X-Y Axis between +/- .001". The difference is in the details and in the innovative thinking of our designers.



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True innovators are people who see everyday things in a different, original light. And they do make a difference. This is why our key cutting machines make a difference to those who choose them and work with them every day. For Instance, the new Falcon, the solution with three different Cuts by Code: 6-cut and 8-cut Tibbe style keys, Abus keys (granit, abu12p) and Abloy key (ab1p). And more, the single phase (180w, 230V 50-60Hz, 1350 rpm) Cutter motor, the HSS 80mm Cutter. The difference is in the details and in the innovative thinking of our designers.



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There are different types and styles of clonable transponders. Most generic "TP5" type transponders can be cloned over and over again. Some can be cloned only once. Others can be cloned a limited number of times.

Clonable keys can have a transponder with a pre-cloned value or no value.

One reason for pre-cloning a clonable transponder is to prevent damage to a vehicle's computer system when a no value clonable key is programmed to the vehicle instead of cloned.

A pre-cloned transponder is known as a re-writable transponder. The value will change when it is cloned using another compatible transponder-equipped key.

To identify a clonable key, use a transponder detector or a cloning machine with readout display. When the transponder is read, pre-cloned keys display their cloned value and transponder type.

Clonable transponders have limitations and costs. Approximately 85 percent of vehicle's keys can be cloned.

A clonable key cannot capture the unique programming features of a specialized transponder equipped key/ fob that personalizes the vehicle. For example, some vehicle keys will adjust the seat, mirrors and the radio stations. Since there are no buttons on a clonable key, it cannot unlock the doors or trunk.

A clonable key blank is more expensive than a "fixed" value transponder equipped key blank.

The final consideration is that many of the clonable key blank/cloner manufacturers' products are not totally compatible with other manufacturers' equipment.

Our chart includes an alphabetical list of clonable key blank numbers from Bianchi, Ilco, Jet and JMA USA. Thanks to these manufacturers for their help. This list is a work

Ampuole transponder in key blank

in progress; I apologize for any error or omissions to this chart.

Jet Hardware is in the process of introducing a new cloning machine and line of clonable key blanks using iCLONE Transponder Technology. The new cloning machine will clone both existing Jet clonable key blanks and new clonable key blanks. A future article will discuss iCLONE Transponder Technology.



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n times when the dollar comes harder and customers are reluctant to pay that extra couple of bucks, ask yourself this: Do I want to provide my customers with something that lasts or do I just want them to get by?

This same statement can be made these days for anything from an appliance, to a battery, or a television, and this same kind of thinking

> applies daily to locksmiths.

Prices have increased and in many instances, dramatically. Locks and keys

more expensive. In many instances, customers just want something to "get them by."Increasingly, locksmiths are increasingly having to adjust their prices, find other sources of locks

have become

and keys, or are faced with the consumer who has purchased

their key online from an unreliable

Recently, while presenting a demonstration of servicing automotive locks at a Dallas distributor, a locksmith showed me a key on a special key ring he carries with him. It was a circle plus key with a Chevrolet logo on it. The blade looked good, the molding looked good and by all indications, it looked like a STRATTEC original General Motors key. The problem was the key bow was empty - no transponder. This was a problem since the circle plus key contains a Philip Crypto transponder chip. The customer was not very happy when the locksmith explained that the customer's key could not be used with the intended vehicle. The customer would have to pay for a second correct key plus programming.

I share this story because it is an all too frequent occurrence in my communications with lock-



smiths and distributors. Remember the old adage, "If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is."

Jeep OEM

transponder

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exacting specifications ensuring proper fit, function and durability.

STRATTEC has a majority relationship with GM (90+ percent), Ford (65+ percent) and Chrysler (95+ percent). The majority relationship includes manufacturing not only locks and keys that are installed into the new vehicles being sold; these same products that are sold through the dealerships are sold by locksmiths.

Products include the General Motors prox keys and flip keys, the



GM lock



distributors that support original equipment, support the notion that they want to get it right the first time by providing their customer with the RIGHT product. Are Original Equipment Products a little more pricey? Sometimes (licensing is certainly not free!). Are Original Equipment products backed



In addition to quality products, STRATTEC has been developing new programs. STRATTEC provides locksmith distributor education in the form of demos and hands-on exercises in pinning. So far, in 2012, the demos include hands-on pinning of four of the latest high security locks from GM and Ford.

STRATTEC Security Corp. will continue to strive to bring live product demos through distributor shows and network, enhance our



For more information, contact your local locksmith distributor or STRATTEC Security Corporation at 3333 West Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, WI 53209 Web Site: http://aftermarket.strattec.com.

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From Ford to Fiat, Chrysler to Chevrolet, the Lishi range of tools cover more vehicles than any other product on the market. They are designed to gently move each wafer in the lock one at a time, meaning they are completely non-destructive to locks, doors and frames. And they are precision engineered, using only the most durable materials on the market.

So who better to speak to ahead of JustCars 2012 (Orlando, FL, May 4-5, www.justcars.us) than world-renowned locksmith engineer Martin Pink, who works for UK specialists Tradelocks, the master distributor for 'Genuine Lishi' 2-in-1 picks/decoders worldwide.

Tradelocks is a sponsor at JustCars 2012. What can we expect to see from Lishi at this year's event?

We plan to have a large selection of locks and Lishi '2in1' picks for demonstration. It's a great chance for people to get some hands-on 'play' time with the products. The Tradelocks team and I will be available to provide hands-on tuition for all products

the range. I enjoy locksmithing so picking locks really excites me! We are there to give people as much help and advice as they need in regard to the tool range, and of course we'd love to hear what products they'd like us to develop going forwards.

What new products will you display?

We plan on releasing a number of new Lishi tools at the show. The main one is the universal GM37 2in1 pick, which will pick and decode all versions of the GM37 lock, except for the new sidebar version (a new direct decoder is already under development for that). U.S. automotive locksmith and JustCars member Chris Law will be on hand to demonstrate as he helped to develop it. We will also have old favorites like the FO38 (Ford Killer) and some new toys like the Subaru DAT17, a new tool for the Toyota hybrid emergency locks, and a universal tool for the Renault card courtesy lock key.

We will also be releasing the strongest caterpillar-style Ford Tibbe Pick and Decoder ever made. Another I'm very happy to be launching is the new HU66 VAG 2in1 for 2012 models onwards, which will also still pick and decode all earlier versions of this lock.

How does the American market differ from the UK?

The U.S. market and trade is far better regulated than our own. Tool sales are better protected and this, along with the time-served knowledge most of the people I've met seem to have, makes the

U.S. auto locksmith market the most professional I've experienced. In many states this is a licensed trade and I wish our own market was so well regulated.

As for the cars, the technology is not dissimilar but what is totally different is the lock terminology. At the end of the day, an auto locksmith is an auto locksmith the world over. We may use different terminology but when it comes to doing what we do, by sight and hand we understand each other. The laser or sidewinder locks we have had in the UK since 1995 are far newer to the US market, in particular the Ford high-security lock, and the new Camaro lock. We've had those locks in the UK since 2003 and, via Lishi, we hope to help our American colleagues get used to these quickly and pain free. I envy the sheer range of different vehicles and models the US locksmiths get to work with. I would love to take a sabbatical and spend a couple of years working in this environment.

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