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specifications for keyless ignition  
systems**

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## Introduction

The conventional method of operating motor ignition systems requires use of a mechanical key. Keyless ignition systems, that do not require the mechanical interface with the vehicle, improve driver's convenience and are becoming more widespread. This has created a need for immediate standardization of the Human Machine Interface (HMI), since some drivers may have difficulty understanding how to use these systems. This document complements SAE J2948, which covers the operation of keyless ignition systems with the goal of helping to minimize user-initiated errors. That includes:

- the inability to start and stop the vehicle propulsion system,
- exiting the vehicle with the automatic transmission in a non-parking gear,
- exiting the vehicle while the vehicle propulsion system is enabled, and
- exiting the vehicle while the vehicle propulsion system is disabled, but the accessory or electrical systems are active.

This document's scope differs from SAE J2948 as follows:

- actuation of keyless ignition control that is equipped with automatic start/stop systems,
- actuation to start or stop the vehicle propulsion system under emergency situations,
- actuation to start the propulsion system with low battery in the key,
- actuation of keyless ignition control without key code carrying device, and
- recommendations for detailed alerts and status indications identified with specific use-case examples.

Many of these HMI issues vary among manufacturers and even among models from the same manufacturer. To help clarify the use of keyless ignition systems, this document sets guidelines for these new HMI solutions.

As additional explanation and support for developing specific requirements, keyless ignition control use cases are provided as an [Annex A](#).

