

Wheels: From Bruce in Florida, “For Christmas I bought my wife a 2007 Jeep Compass with only 1 key. Any idea how to program a new key? I have to buy 1 key and then they want to charge me a hour labor to program it.

Halderman: While this can be done by yourself, the most efficient way is to have the dealer or a locksmith handle this for you. Here are the steps that are typically needed to be performed:

- Step#1 Purchase a blank key and have it cut to fit mechanically in the lock cylinder.
 - Step #2 Insert the original key into the ignition and turn to “on.”
 - Step #3 Wait 5 seconds and turn the key to “off.”
 - Step #4 Immediately insert the replacement key into the ignition and turn to “on.”
 - Step #5 Wait 10 seconds for the security indicator in the dash to start to flash.
 - Step #6 Turn the ignition off, insert the new blank key and turn the ignition back on.
 - Step #7 Once the security light stops flashing and turns off, the new key is programmed.
- Again, I would recommend that you have this performed at a dealer or lock shop.

