

HOW TO DISABLE DRLs

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This information is provided to help those who wish to disable the DRLs on their vehicle. The advice given here was contributed by several people. We give no guarantee whatsoever with respect to its accuracy. **USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!** We will not be held responsible for ill side effects to your vehicle or to you physically as a result of performing any of the methods described herein. **PLEASE TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS.**

First off, as of May 2008, there are no federal laws in the US that mandate DRLs on passenger vehicles. If your dealer refuses to disconnect your DRLs, saying "they're a mandatory safety item," then your dealer is lying.

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Those of you who have already contributed - **THANKS!**

GM General Information

It may help you to know that if you plan on ordering a new General Motors car or truck, but don't want DRLs, you don't have to have them. Simply insist that the car be ordered with RPO T62. RPO means "Regular Production Option" T62 "Lamp System Daytime Running - Delete." ([Unofficial list of 2002MY GM truck RPOs](#)) Remember, DRLs *are not mandatory* in the United States. You

don't have to have them if you don't want them. If buying from stock, INSIST that the dealer disable the DRLs as a condition of sale. Contrary to what the dealer might say, there is no law in the US preventing them from doing so.

Many GM have a "DRL fuse", associated with a DRL Module & and up to 3 relays. Usually HI beams in series. Some the LO beams are reduced by 2 volts with a double diode assembly. Some, the fuse also controls the Fog lights and "automatic lights on" at dusk feature. Other cars the fuse will not deactivate the fogs and auto "ON". 1999 and 2000 more likely to have the "auto on" feature, related to the GM liability for no tail lights at night.

On some newer GM models it may be possible to press the "Dome Override" button 3 or 4 times within 6 seconds. This will disable the DRLs while the vehicle is running. When it is restarted, the DRL function will reset to "always on." We've heard that this works on full-size and S-series trucks.

There are a some inexpensive DRL switch options available from www.EasyPerformance.com and www.ZZPerformance.com for some GM models.

I believe most recent GM models (99+), use a VCR tape sized DRL module that will be under the dash, behind radio, glovebox, over pedals, etc. There are two 8 pin connectors, the smaller blue connector C2; A is GND, B is NC, (jump A to B to disable) or pin C (pink) is ignition power, if fused separately, just remove fuse or disconnect power wire. [Here's a site](#) with excellent directions and pictures. Failing to find the module, there is a headlamp relay (5 pins) located in the engine compartment or near the steering column, and if you bend over one of the coil pins, #85 or #86, or the normally open contact #87, that will disable the DRL. (#30 and #87a are needed)

- 93-97 Blazer, Fuse located?? HI beams in series
- 94-97 S-10, Fuse panel, left end of dash
- 97 Chev Lumina, Monte Carlo #33, fuse in RH side of dash.
- 98 Cadillac, Fuse under hood
- 98 Sunfire, supposedly computer controlled "owner option" fuse?
- 99 Pont Grand Prix; has 16 pin DRL module, fuse removes DRLs and Auto-ON (there is also a fuse for air bags, SRS)
- 2000 Camaro, direction signal DRL module behind radio

GM cars that I have seen, the DRL has a switch at the parking brake. To defeat DRLs while driving, simply a jumper at switch. (*Note, this may illuminate the BRAKE light on your dashboard, making brake system failures*

unreportable!).

UPDATE: As of 2003, GM cars now sense when parking brake is set and the vehicle is moving more than 3 mph. If both are true, DRL's are turned on automatically.

GM Specific Models

1996-2002 Cadillac Eldorado

1996-1997 Cadillac Seville

1996-1999 Cadillac Deville

Info for all three at [Cadillac Forums](#) posted by user CadillacSTS2003.

Chevrolet 2000-2005 Impala and Monte Carlo Product available [here](#).

2005 Chevy Trailblazer and GMC Envoy. Instructions at forums.trailvoy.com

Saturn 97 SC2 Check [here](#). Remove center dash pad, 2 screws, look for circuit 592 from the black 18 pin connector on the instrument cluster, term "L", a thin light green/black wire (third connection from end), cut and tape.

Ford

FORD F-150 Trucks Replace the DRL relay (located top of pass side dash) with a loop back plug (or modify it). But first try unplugging the dropping resistor (located at Left front of truck, underneath). [Web site](#).

2004 Ford E-250 Van (also reported to work on 2006 E-250)

Loosen this shroud by removing the 4 clips shown.

[photo](#)

Pop the air inlet tube out of the shroud, rotate it up and out of the way.

[photo](#)

Lift the shroud up. Behind it you will see the Daytime Running Light module. Unplug the gray connector.

[photo](#)

Tape up the connectors to keep water out.

[photo](#)

Put everything back together. This completely disables the Daytime Running Lights. The headlights still work manually and I have no other problems after doing this.

Lotus

2006+ Lotus Elise and Exige

Remove green wire from switch pack D117M0008F. Details [here](#) (with photos). Note, you do **NOT** have to remove the instrument panel. Scroll down on that page to read the comments.

"If you take out the light/starter panel, you can see the switch pack. Follow the wiring harness, you will see the bullet connector. Unplug it and tape the bare end. I have the worlds largest hands, and I had no problem reaching in there."

Mitsubishi

2006+ Galant and Eclipse. Pin 2 on front ECU module. Discussion and pics at mitsubishi-forums.com

Subaru

SUBARU LEGACY (unspecified year)

legacygt.com forums.

Toyota/Lexus

Lexus RX300 and RX350 (recent, but unspecified years). Info at clublexus forums.

TOYOTA. From the Toyota technical service bulletin EL011-00 [Web site](#) for specific models determine where the module is; either the DRL relay or the body ECU, connector number, pin #. Oct 6,2000.

Avalon 1999	DRL relay	D4	pin 1
Avalon 2000	body ECU	B5	pin 6
Camry S/D 99*	DRL relay	D6	pin 23
Camry S/D 00*	DRL relay	D6	pin 10 *twilight
sentinel			

Camry Solara99/00*	DRL relay	D6	pin 23
Celica 2000*	body ECU	B6	pin 17
Corolla 99/00*	DRL relay	D3	pin 23
ECHO 2000	DRL relay	D2	pin 12
4Runner 2000	DRL relay	D8	pin 2
Land Cruiser 99/00	DRL relay	D8	pin 2
MR2 Spyder 2000	DRL relay	D2	pin 12
RAV4 99/00	DRL relay	D17	pin 2
Sierra 99/00	DRL relay	D4	pin 2
Tacoma 2000	DRL relay	D8	pin 2
Tundra 2000	DRL relay	D7	pin 2

-disconnect battery- Then remove the wire with pin attached and tape to the harness. (consider just cut and tape the wire) -check operation- [except the 2000 MY-Avalon, additionally you need to ground the wire at the module end of the cut wire] does anyone know if there is a DRL relay that can be "fixed" ?

Volkswagen

VW New Bug. Relay located just below the headlight switch, remove dash panel, torx20. 98 Bug, relay #8 (second position, second row) unplug it (may be #173) the park brake lite will not function, therefore open the relay and insulate the "normally open" contacts. Replace relay.

VW golf (possibly the A# Jetta as well) [Web site](#). An alternative to the expensive Euro switch thanks to Mike Potter of www.parts4vws.com Remove fuse box cover, bottom of dashboard. Unclip and swing the board out of the way and push the block up. Locate and remove relay #94 or #173 in location #15. Reassemble.

VW-GTI [Web site](#). push light switch in, turn CW, pull out. Remove and tape wire #3.

2002 VW Golf, Jetta IV, Passat B5, and New Beetle Remove relay #173 from under the dash. Cut off #5 spade on relay and re-install. No need to remove it permanently or to pull it apart and tape anything up.

96-99 VW Jetta Lower the fuse panel under the dash. You will see a relay marked with the number 173. Coming out of the back of this relay is a plain yellow wire. Trace this wire and you will find a small connector. Unplug the connector and your DRLs are disabled.

94-95 VW Jetta The above method only works some of the time (due to wiring changes) You may attempt this method, however, the the number on the relay would be 94 instead of 173. The other method is to pull the headlight switch from the dash. You will see a pin on the back of the switch marked "TFL" (German abbreviation for DRL) Put a piece of electrical tape over the TFL pin and reinstall connector. You may also cut the wire that leads to the TFL pin. You may want to crimp on a set of connectors so that the DRLs can be re-activated if you ever want to sell the car.

More info at [vwvortex forums](#)

2000-2002 VW Eurovan. Remove 4 screws holding panel in place just above cup holder console on dash. Behind that you will find several relays. Yank the one labeled with the big 94. This will essentially make your headlight switch an on/off switch only. Contact [parts4vws](#) for a euroswitch which will allow you to use parking lights alone, or headlights...hey, it works just like they did in the good old days!

Volvo

1994 Volvo 850

1. Take off the fusebox cover (4-no. T25 screws). It is located under the bonnet right by the RH side of the windscreen.
2. Pull out the headlamp relay. It's the largest one, coloured green, that fits into a double socket.
3. Prise off the relay cover. This can be awkward since it is a snap-fit with four tongues of plastic that must all be disengaged simultaneously.
4. Find the pin marked '56b'. It's a 1/4" tab, and is connected via two loops of thick wire to other pins marked '56bL' and '56bR'. (These other pins lead to the headlamp dipped filaments, and the loops of wire are part of the 'lamp fail' warning system - don't damage them in what you are about to do.)
5. Carefully lever up the connection to pin 56b and cut it.
6. Push the severed connection back towards the base of the relay and move it to one side so the connection to pin 56b remains broken. It could then be reinstated at a later date if required.
7. Refit the relay cover, plug in the relay (it will only go in one way round), and refit the fusebox cover.

2000 Volvo V40 Turn the ignition on. Turn the headlight switch to sidelights, pull and hold the Main Beam stalk. Turn the headlight switch to 0, release the Main Beam. If you do want to leave your car parked with the sidelights/parking lights on, and doors locked, reverse the process

Other Volvo This works on some models. Screwdriver hole adjacent to headlight switch. SAAB and Volvo are only ones that put info in owners manual.