

This tech tip sounds like something your dad would do outside a Costco while pretending it's science. Except it is.

P Imagine you're in a massive parking lot, blazing July sun, and you can't for the life of you remember where you parked. You **hold the fob up**, mash the unlock button, and nothing. You wave it around like you're conducting an invisible orchestra. Still nothing.

Here's a fix that looks completely ridiculous but totally works: Press the key fob against your head or under your chin, then hit the button again. Voila, car found.

 **Why does holding your key fob to your head make the signal reach farther?** A) Your head helps extend the signal, B) Body heat boosts the battery, C) Your eyes help aim it, D) The car feels bad for you. Keep reading, the answer's waiting at the end.

Key Fob

The answer: A) Your head helps extend the signal. Well, technically your head is packed with fluid, and water turns out to be a surprisingly good conductor of radio waves.

 Press the fob to your chin or temple, and your head effectively becomes part of the antenna, coupling with the fob and stretching its weak little signal farther than the fob manages on its own. Don't expect magic. This is like a few extra car lengths, roughly double in some tests, enough to find your car across a packed lot, not unlock it from the next county.