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Thread: [\[Android\] I can't get into recovery mode Galaxy S4](#)

cod5anr - November 22, 2014, 9:57 pm

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Anyone here know what to do?

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You dont have to take my suggestion but i would stay on NC5 and try out HyperDrive RLS19. Thats the rom im running and its really customizable. It has the most support than any other rom for the S4. Just a suggestion.

But if you do decide to stay on NC5 perform a reset cause the last flash of the wrong recovery might cause issues in the future. And your recovery is something you do NOT want fucking up in the

future.

Breeze26509 - *November 24, 2014, 4:28 pm*

Did you make a backup of the ROM when you flashed it? You might be able to flash it back via Odin.