

LOCKS

Proper functioning of door knobs, levers, and ring handles depends on the right locks. The over 150 different locks, latches, and accessories normally carried in stock were carefully chosen and tested to satisfy a wide variety of functions, backsets and finishes required for a multitude of designed and existing conditions. We hope that the following clarifications will help architects, designers, and owners in making the appropriate selections.

No "skeleton" key will ever operate any of our locks. The term as used in America refers to keys that locked identical mortice latches inside older homes to provide temporary privacy. Because the bow (the part which is held in the fingers when operating the lock) of a "skeleton" key resembles the bow of other keys, the erroneous impression arose and persists that all locks activated by keys with long bows are inferior and easily opened.

Most locks listed in this catalog contain highly sophisticated mechanisms of interacting levers and springs that can only become activated by keys with bits specially shaped, notched, and grooved, set at different penetration distances and complying with stringent specification clauses of the British Standards Institute. In our opinion they offer more security than most cylinder locks. The keys are harder to duplicate than cylinder lock keys and blanks, where available, are difficult to obtain. We also feel that combining a visible modern cylinder lock with centuries-old hardware patterns would result in an anachronism too contrasting to accept in most cases.

While some of our locks and latches can be adapted to other custom hardware (see M 4 - 8 and M 5000 p.105,) few locks of other manufacturers will fit ours. In special circumstances we can sometimes adapt our hardware on inside of doors with that of others on the outside as, for instance, required in some condominiums. Please supply us with full details. We can also rough texture by hand and powdercoat in black any article of hardware.

Although the locks described in the following pages meet the vast majority of requirements we hope to add a few specialty articles in the future and will appreciate suggestions and inquiries.



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