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## SECURITY INFORMATION WITHOUT ROCKET-SCIENCE

### CYLINDER LOCKS – THE PREFERRED CHOICE

Keys for 2, 3 and 4 lever locks are generally available over-the-counter, by simply quoting the key number, and these locks are therefore no deterrent to any dishonest person. These lever locks should **NEVER** be used on any external doors, or on any doors where lives are at risk, or where valuables, machinery, business information or saleable goods are stored. A burglary using keys (without forcible entry) will not be seen sympathetically by insurers!

The lightest lock to be considered for such doors should be a heavy 5-lever lock, (such as those made by Legge, Union or Yale) or a pin tumbler **CYLINDER MORTICE LOCK** (such as Abloy, ATZ, Cisa, Iseo, Legge, Union, Viro or Yale). The strength of the cylinder mortice lock lies in the fact that it is fitted “inside” the door and becomes part of the structure, offering better resistance to attack and to the weather.



Cylinder Mortice locks are usually the preferred choice because of the greater security and flexibility offered by the cylinder (the part that the key fits into). Cylinders can be easily removed and changed whenever a key is lost or stolen, without removing the lock from the door. If the lock is correctly fitted, the cylinder can be changed using only the correct key and a screwdriver!

The most secure cylinder is usually the **double cylinder**, (illustrated at right) which needs a key from either side to open it. Also available are half cylinders (operation from outside only) or cylinders with a thumbturn on the inside, (for easy exit) and key operation from outside. Lock cylinders can be easily master-keyed (different key for each lock and a master key to fit all) or keyed alike (same key fits all locks in the set) to suit the changing needs of a growing business.



Fitting a cylinder mortice lock in place of an existing lever lock will usually entail changing the door handles as well. In cases where this is not desirable, the same level of security can be achieved by fitting a **CYLINDER MORTICE DEADLOCK** above or below the existing lock. The deadlock requires no handles, and is used purely for locking and unlocking the door.

Accountants, attorneys, banks, jewellers, stores, warehouses and those with high value goods, or higher risk levels, will generally opt for high security lock cylinders, such as **TSP #736**. These high security keys are not simply copied from a sample, but are registered, and made only against authorised signatures.

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