**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 probably result in rejection of an insurance claim!

The lightest lock to be considered for such doors should be a heavy 5-lever lock, (such as those made by CISA, Legge, Union or Yale) or a pin tumbler CYLINDER MORTICE LOCK (such as CISA, Dorma, Iseo, Legge or Viro). The strength of the 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 of the lock 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 and cylinder are correctly fitted, the cylinder can be changed using only the correct key and a screwdriver (only while the door is in the open position).

The most secure cylinder is usually the double cylinder 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 and key operation from outside. Lock cylinders can be master-keyed (different key for each lock and a master-key to fit all), or keyed alike (same key fits the set of locks) 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 MORTICE CYLINDER DEADLOCK, above or below the existing lock. The deadlock requires no handles, and is usually used for additional security. It does **not** self-lock and is unlocked only by key. Cylinder locks can be ordered with a high security cylinder, or a master keyed or keyed alike cylinder, to suit the needs of the client.

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**Cylinder locks preferred 190801**

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