

Master Lock Master-Keyed Padlock Ordering

Overview

Master-keyed padlock systems provide centralized access control while maintaining individual security. Central master key opens all padlocks in system. Individual change keys open single padlocks. Ideal for large facilities, apartment complexes, and multi-tenant properties.

Pro Series vs Commercial Grade

Pro Series: Heavy-duty stainless steel, 1-3/8 inch width, for severe outdoor exposure. Commercial Grade: Standard steel with corrosion-resistant finish, 1-1/16 inch width, suitable for protected environments. Pro Series extended lifespan justifies higher cost in exposed applications.

Chart Keying Systems

Chart key systems organize multiple padlocks under master key structure. Example: Building Master opens all building locks. Floor Masters open specific floor. Individual Change Keys open single padlock. Three-level system: Master/Floor/Individual provides flexible access control.

Keyed-Alike Groups

Multiple padlocks keyed to same key under master structure. Example: 10 padlocks keyed alike (same change key), all operable by master key. Simplifies operations: security personnel hold master, building operators hold individual change keys.

Factory Keyed Systems

Ordering master-keyed padlocks: specify quantity, keying level, master key arrangement. Manufacturer generates unique key profile. Lead time: 4-6 weeks typical. Provide detailed keying diagram or master key specification to manufacturer.

Restricted Keyways

Some systems offer restricted keyways: blanks available only to authorized dealers. Increases security by preventing unauthorized key duplication. Requires partnership with licensed Master Lock distributor. Higher cost reflects increased control and security.