

Keyless Door Locks -The Convenient Way to Unlock Your Front Door

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My neighbour told me that he was researching keyless door locks. "Why?" I asked him.

"Because I'm tired of having to deal with keys every time I come home. Half the time I drop them when I'm trying to find the lock, and I can't see the lock to put the key in when I do have them in my hand!" he told me.

He went on to tell me that keyless door locks are inexpensive, reliable, and easy to install. "Best of all," he said, "they allow me to take one more key off my key ring and are much easier to deal with than keys!"

Keyless Door Locks Are Just Like Keyless Entry on Your Car

Have you gotten used to the keyless entry on your car? It's a blast to just punch in a few numbers and get in.

Imagine having that type of freedom on your front door! Yes, keyless door locks are available for your home, office, and any imaginable application in between.

You can get locks that are mechanical, electronic (this means there is a small motor operated by batteries that opens the lock for you) or biometric (this uses your actual fingerprint to open the lock. You can even get a combination of fingerprint and number pad for your entry lock.

Is It Tough to Install a New Keyless Lock?

Actually, reviews have indicated that installation is fairly simple, so if you have basic mechanical skills, you can install your new lock. A few simple tools are required, with many reviewers stating that they installed their new locks in less than an hour. The vast majority of keyless door lock manufacturers state that there are no wires to install, and that a basic entry door that is 1 3/8 to 1 3/4 inches thick can handle a lockset like these.

What Are the Advantages to Keyless Door Locks?

Would you like to get rid of one more key from your key ring? This is just the first advantage to a lock that opens without keys.

Have you given out keys to friends, neighbours, employees and more, so that you don't even know who has keys to your home or office? This is a way to rekey your home or office with a minimum of fuss. No more making new key copies.

If you want to give someone your code, go ahead. If you decide to change the code later, you'll have to tell those Do you have a bad habit of losing keys? This makes keys obsolete. You can walk out the door with confidence knowing that when your return, you can walk right in without having to carry around that heavy key ring.

Security is a strong feature of keyless door locks. You may have seen them in offices, stores and other high-traffic places that require strong security. People who you want to have access the new number.

One review stated that they use their keyless lock for their office bathroom, preventing unwanted visitors. Another reviewer stated that their keyless entry lock is used for apartment residents to access their community swimming pool. Still another review was from a day care facility who used the lock to prevent unauthorized entrance, providing additional security for their young charges.

What Do You Need to Be Aware of With Keyless Door Locks?

Some users have stated that it can be difficult to change the code on their door locks. Some locks require that you actually remove the lock from the door to make the code change. This could be inconvenient, so you may want to research available models before you choose a lock for your door.

Some locks require the use of batteries to operate the lock. You'll want to check to see if your lockset choice requires batteries. Most manufacturers indicate that the batteries can last for 2 to 3 years of operation.

Some locks automatically re-lock when you step through the door. If this is inconvenient for you, you may want to look for a lockset that will activate when you tell it to.

Keyless door locks can come in latch-style models, or in a deadbolt model. Your needs will depend on your current door. Many keyless door locks also come with a key operation override, so you can open the door with a key as well.

Key codes can be changed as often as you like, and if you choose a fingerprint or biometric lock, many fingerprints can be stored in the lock's memory to allow for multiple users to gain entrance. Some locks remember as many as 100 fingerprints.

Prices can range anywhere from \$89 for a simple electronic lock to as much as \$849 for a state-of-the-art biometric keyless door lock. Several very nice home security locksets are available in the \$200-\$300 range.

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