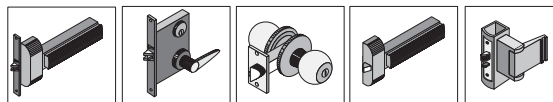


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SMART CARD TECHNOLOGY – THE SECURE CHOICE

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As technology evolves so must our response to security and access control. In the world of access control the basic principles of limiting access and carrying a single secure credential continue to be the focus, but with increasing awareness of smart cards, more integrators and end-users are recognizing the benefits and true security of the technology.

Concerns about card duplication and counterfeiting of 125 kHz proximity cards

are increasing and the price differential of smart cards versus traditional 125 kHz proximity has dropped dramatically, making the choice to go with smart cards a lot more appealing.

The 13.56 MHz smart card provides a higher level of security over traditional 125 kHz proximity. A traditional 125 kHz proximity card reveals its card serial number anytime it is energized by a reader for verification by the physical access control system, making

the card susceptible to “card sniffing”. As with any aging technology, countervailing technology has emerged making card counterfeiting a legitimate concern wherever 125 kHz proximity technology is used. With smart card technology, there are multiple layers of authentication. First the reader checks the card for validity with a series of encrypted challenge and response codes before the card will transmit its secured access control identification.



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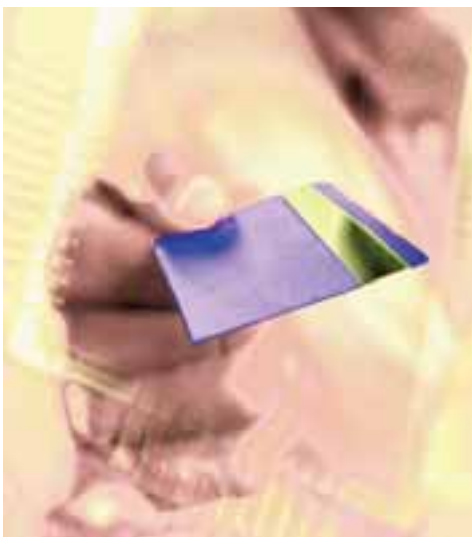
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This card encryption routine provides a higher level of security that simply is not available with the 125 kHz proximity technology.

Beyond the card encryption and inherent higher level of security, smart cards have built-in memory capability which provides a host of solutions for various integration applications, including logical access, e-cash and time and attendance systems with a single credential. When used with a biometric reader, the biometric template (usually a fingerprint) is stored directly onto the smart card. By keeping the owner in control of their own biometric template the security of biometric authentication is available without the privacy concerns of lost or stolen database information. A single database may contain thousands of fingerprints or other biometric templates, leaving users open to identity theft.

While traditional 125 kHz proximity is still favoured by some installers, savvy and forward-thinking integrators are beginning to transition to smart cards and are able to provide their customers with a higher level of security. In many new installations, for instance any facility requiring FIPS201 or TWIC standards, smart card technology is demanded because of its versatility.

When it comes to security there should be no compromises. Smart card technology is the most secure choice and is a natural fit for access control.

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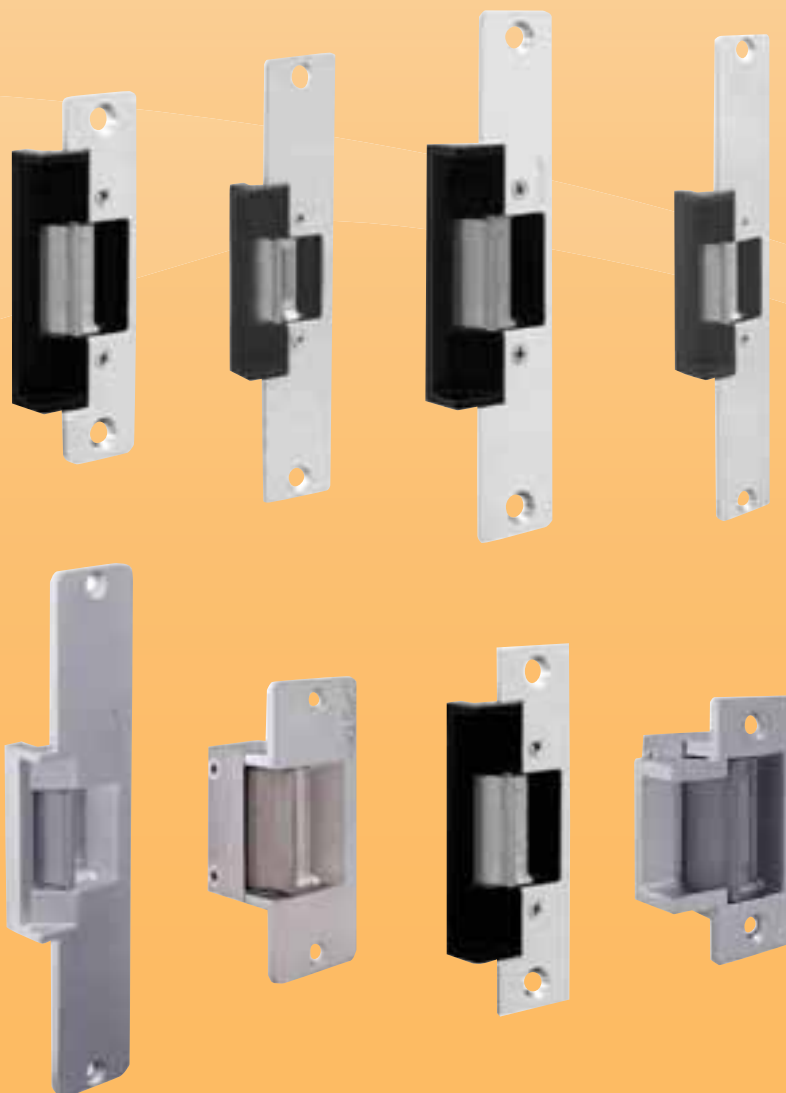
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Not matching the strike current to the supply current can cause problems. A DC strike being powered by an AC power supply will result in a strike that buzzes but does not unlock.

Alternatively, using an AC strike with a DC power supply will seem to work properly but the AC solenoid in the electric strike is constructed with less coil wire causing the unit to have lower resistance. This causes excessive heat and eventual failure.

WHAT PRICE CAN I EXPECT TO PAY?

Prices are usually reflective of the quality and/or reliability of most electric strikes, as is the case with any other product.

CRITERIA TO CONSIDER:

- ▶ Strength: durability, tamper resistance, materials of construction
- ▶ Cycle life: Frequency of use and life expectancy. The more cycles per day (generally exceeding 20 uses per day) the higher the need for a more expensive strike.
- ▶ Warranty: Assurance of Reliability
- ▶ Certification: UL1034 Burglary and other attack tests
- ▶ Labeling: Fire Rated

WHAT VOLTAGE OUTPUT DO YOU NEED?

After determining whether the operation of the strike will be intermittent or continuous, then, current drain of all the components (access control devices, sensors, monitors, electric strikes, etc) in the system need to be assessed to make sure your power supply has enough current to operate all devices.

WIRING

Wiring is one of the least considered factors when quoting that can cause many problems if not properly addressed.

Keep in mind that if you increase your wire length you must increase your wire gauge. Likewise, the lower your voltage, the larger your wire gauge must be.

If you are unsure, ask around to determine which distributor or manufacturer has the best knowledge-based customer service staff to help you in making the best decision for your job at hand.

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