

SAFETY SENSE

Kissing Keys Goodbye: New Lock Technology

(NAPSA)—Homeowners finally have a way to unlock the eternal problem of forgetting (or losing) one's keys or locking oneself out of the house.

It's estimated that millions of keys are lost each year in the U.S. and, short of calling a locksmith or waiting for a family member to come home, there's not much to do when you find yourself in such a position. But biometric technology is changing all that, giving homeowners a way to open the front door with just a swipe of the finger.

The new BioLock—from Sequiam Biometrics and Weiser, a Black and Decker Company—features a simplistic design that on the outside resembles traditional deadbolt door locks. However, the biometric deadbolt lock features a battery-powered locking mechanism that is activated when the homeowners swipe their finger across AuthenTec's FingerLoc fingerprint sensor—eliminating the need for traditional keys.

Homeowners can enroll up to 50 family members, friends or other individuals to activate the lock, which has an easy-to-use instructional keypad on the part of the lock that is inside the home. Homeowners can also easily delete or add authorized users using the same keypad.

This fingerprint sensor is unique because it reads below the surface of the skin—making it possible to read virtually every fingerprint. It was designed to be easy to use and reliable, to help prevent homeowners from being locked out of their homes.

The AuthenTec creators tested the TruePrint™ technology in extreme weather environments—



New sensor technology allows homeowners to open a deadbolt lock with just a simple swipe of a finger. No keys required.

such as tennis camps in Florida and ski slopes—and in prisons and hospitals where the individuals' prints might be hard to capture.

The lock is powered by four AA batteries, which will last through more than a year of normal use. The lock signals ahead of time when batteries need to be replaced—similar to a smoke detector. It also features a traditional key entry option as a backup.

The BioLock is available via select retail outlets and the Internet and in national home supply stores. Online, go to www.sequiam.com/products/biolock.

Biometric Facts

- There are 20 million biometric devices worldwide.
- Popular biometrics replace the need for passwords on PCs, and in such devices as cellphones and door locks.
- Biometric fingerprint sensors add security and convenience.

