

GLOSSARY

The following are some definitions or explanations of industry specific acronyms and terminology used throughout our website. We thought this may be helpful.

STANDARDS

ANSI

This acronym stands for American National Standards Institute.

BHMA

This acronym stands for Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association.

LEED

This acronym stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is a certification program focused primarily on new, commercial-building projects and based upon a points system. The more points you earn, the higher your rating.

UL

UL stands for Underwriters Laboratories which is an organization that has been around for more than 100 years. If you visit the UL Web site at www.ul.com, you can find the following description: "UL is a world leader in product safety testing and certification."

PRODUCTS

Access Control

Door access control is a matter of who, where, and when. An access control system determines who is allowed to enter or exit, where they are allowed to exit or enter, and when they are allowed to enter or exit. With these systems, administrators are able to control access to secure areas through physical, electronic, online, offline and wireless access control solutions. RACS is an example of a premier Access Control Solutions system.

Cylindrical Lock

A cylindrical lock is designed to be installed through the door with a lever or a knob on either side that retracts the latch when turned or depressed. A bored cylindrical lock is one in which two holes are bored, perpendicular to one another, into the door. A large hole is bored into the door face and a smaller cross bore hole is bored into the door edge, as opposed to a mortise lock prep cut into the edge.

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Mortise Lock

A mortise lock is one that requires a pocket (the mortise) to be cut into the door where the lock is to be fitted and is common in commercial construction. This is opposed to one attached to the door surface.

RACS

This acronym stands for Retrolock Access Control Solutions.

TERMINOLOGY

Backset

The horizontal distance between the face through which the bolt passes and the center line of the knob stem or keyhole.

Escutcheon

A flat piece of metal for protection and often ornamentation, around a keyhole or door handle.

Handing

Specifies how a door swings. The easy way to determine door handing: If you are replacing an EXISTING DOOR: Stand outside the room you are entering and face the opening. If the hinges are on the left side, then the door is LEFT-HANDED. If the hinges are on the right side, then the door is RIGHT-HANDED.

RFID (cards, tags, stickers)

Radio Frequency Identification is a technology that uses tiny computer chips. RFID tags or other electrical devices that are designed to receive a specific signal and automatically transmit a specific reply store and retrieve data.

Rose

A trim plate attached to the door under a knob or lever.