

LOCKABLE PUSH-TO-CLOSE SLIDE LATCH ENHANCES CONVENIENT INSTALLATION AND OPERATION WITH ADDED SECURITY

Concordville, PA, January 23 , 2006 - A molded thermoplastic body, push-to-close convenience, and flexible locking options make the new Southco A3 Push-To-Close Slide Latch an attractive and cost-effective solution for secure latching of sheet metal and thin thermoplastic door panels. Its integrated lockplug housing provides added security without sacrificing the small envelope size of the latch and eliminates the need for a separate key cam lock for security.

A one-piece design simplifies latch installation efforts, to deliver a low total-installed cost. Both the locking and non-locking versions easily snap into position in identical size rectangular installation holes. Panel thicknesses may range from 8 mm (.031”) to 16 mm (.062”). A molded-in spring-tab holds each latch in place.

The latched door opens with a simple slide of the spring-loaded handle. To re-engage the latch, the user can simply push the door closed. While the door is closed the lock can be engaged to restrict access.



The A3 is part of Southco’s “One-lock System” allowing the integrated lock housing to be available with more than 500 keycode options. Keys are ordered in pairs, in the choice of a flat-key or an overmolded key style for a more convenient grip. Molded icons on the lock housing indicate whether the lock is engaged or not. A hole plug is available to provide a smooth face on non-locking style latches.

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The latch's black ABS body, glass reinforced nylon lockplug, and stainless steel spring deliver corrosion-resistant performance in virtually any environment. This offers excellent utility for enclosures in network, telecom, computer, electronics, industrial equipment, and transportation applications.

For more information, visit Southco's website at www.southco.com, or e-mail their 24/7 customer service department at info@southco.com.

Southco is a leading global provider of engineered access solutions, including latches, locks, captive fasteners, hinges, handles, and other accessories for applications in the marine, networking, telecommunications, computer, automotive, aerospace, mass transit, off-highway/construction, RV/caravan, industrial machinery and HVAC industries.

Southco is strongly focused on customized engineering solutions and global support for its key customers. The company aspires to be a virtual engineering center for its customers' engineered-access solutions and is committed to providing outstanding quality and overall satisfaction. Southco's promise to its customers is to connect, create and innovate to provide the best solution for every access engineering problem.



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