

EasyKeys A3496

CompX National A3496 Toolbox Replacement Key

Brand: EasyKeys

OVERVIEW

This manual provides instructions for the CompX National A3496 replacement key, designed for specific toolbox and file cabinet locks. This key is a custom-cut replacement for lost or damaged original keys.

KEY IDENTIFICATION AND SETUP

Before using your new replacement key, it is essential to verify that it matches your lock.

Identifying Your Lock Code

The correct key for your lock is determined by its unique lock code. This code is typically stamped in one of the following locations:

- On your original key (if available).
- On the face of the lock cylinder itself.



Image: A brass replacement key, similar to the A3496, showing the key head with a stamped code. This image illustrates where a key code might be located on a key.

Compatibility

This key is specifically designed for CompX National, Steel-Age, Corry Jamestown, and Brown-Morris file locks.

Important: This key is NOT compatible with architectural mailboxes.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once you have confirmed the key code matches your lock, insert the key fully into the lock cylinder.

1. Insert the key into the keyway of the lock. Ensure the key is fully seated.
2. Turn the key clockwise or counter-clockwise, depending on the lock mechanism, to engage or disengage the locking bolt.
3. Remove the key after the lock has been operated.

Do not force the key if it does not turn smoothly. Forcing the key can damage both the key and the lock.

MAINTENANCE

Proper care can extend the life of your replacement key and lock.

- Keep the key clean and free from dirt or debris.

- Avoid bending or applying excessive force to the key.
- If the lock mechanism becomes stiff, a small amount of graphite lubricant can be applied to the keyway. Do not use oil-based lubricants as they can attract dirt.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Key does not insert fully.	Obstruction in keyway; incorrect key.	Check keyway for debris. Verify key code matches lock code.
Key inserts but does not turn.	Incorrect key; worn lock mechanism; internal obstruction.	Re-verify key code. Apply graphite lubricant to lock. If problem persists, lock may need professional service.
Key feels loose or wobbly.	Worn key or lock.	Consider replacing the key or having the lock inspected.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model: A3496

Key Series: CompX National A0100-A7003

Manufacturer: CompX National

Key Blank: NA14 D4291

Item Weight: 0.247 ounces

ASIN: B0CST83BRL

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SUPPORT INFORMATION

For further assistance or inquiries regarding your CompX National A3496 replacement key, please contact the seller, EasyKeys Inc. USA, directly through the platform where the purchase was made. Please have your order details and the lock code readily available when contacting support.