**2018**

# Generic Sentry Safe Tubular Round Key 2018 Instruction Manual

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides essential information for the proper identification, use, and care of your Generic Sentry Safe Tubular Round Key, specifically cut to code 2018. These keys are designed exclusively for Sentry Safe products that utilize a tubular round lock mechanism corresponding to the 2018 key code. Please read this manual thoroughly before attempting to use the keys.

## 2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Generic Sentry Safe Tubular Round Key is a precision-cut replacement key. It features a round shaft with a series of small, cylindrical pins arranged in a circular pattern at the tip, designed to match the internal mechanism of compatible Sentry Safe tubular locks. Each key is made from durable metal for longevity and reliable performance.

**Image 1:** Two Generic Sentry Safe Tubular Round Keys, model 2018. These keys are designed for specific Sentry Safe tubular locks.

## 3. KEY IDENTIFICATION

It is crucial to verify that your Sentry Safe lock requires a key with the '2018' code. This code is typically stamped directly onto your existing key or near the keyhole of your Sentry Safe. These keys are specifically cut to match the '2018' code and will not operate locks with different codes or from other manufacturers.

- **Check Existing Key:** Locate the code stamped on your original Sentry Safe tubular key.
- **Check Safe Lock:** If no original key is available, inspect the area around the keyhole on your Sentry Safe for a stamped code.
- **Compatibility:** Confirm the code matches '2018'. These keys are**only** compatible with Sentry Safe locks requiring a '2018' tubular key.

## 4. USAGE INSTRUCTIONS

To operate your Sentry Safe lock with the 2018 tubular key:

1. **Insert Key:** Gently insert the tubular end of the key into the Sentry Safe lock's keyhole. The key should slide in smoothly without excessive force.

2. **Align and Turn:** Once fully inserted, turn the key clockwise or counter-clockwise (depending on your safe model) to engage the locking mechanism. You should feel a distinct click or resistance as the lock engages or disengages.

3. **Remove Key:** After turning, return the key to its original insertion position (usually indicated by a slight resistance or a specific alignment mark) before gently pulling it out. Do not force the key out if it feels stuck.

**Important:** Never force the key if it does not turn easily. Forcing the key can damage both the key and the lock mechanism.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and smooth operation of your keys and lock:

- **Keep Clean:** Periodically wipe the keys with a soft, dry cloth to remove dirt or debris.
- **Avoid Lubricants:** Do not use oil-based lubricants or graphite powder in the lock or on the keys, as these can attract dust and cause jamming over time.
- **Storage:** Store spare keys in a safe, dry place away from extreme temperatures or corrosive materials.
- **Handle with Care:** Avoid bending or dropping the keys, as this can deform the delicate pin pattern.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your key:

- **Key Does Not Insert Fully:** Check for obstructions in the keyhole. Ensure the key is oriented correctly. Do not force it.
- **Key Inserts but Does Not Turn:** Double-check that the key code '2018' matches your Sentry Safe lock. The key may be incorrect for your specific safe. Ensure the lock mechanism is not jammed or damaged.
- **Key Feels Stiff:** The lock mechanism might require professional servicing. Avoid applying excessive force.
- **Key is Damaged:** If the key is bent or the pins are deformed, it will not work. A new replacement key will be required.

If problems persist, consult the original Sentry Safe manual for your specific safe model or contact a qualified locksmith.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature | Detail |
|---|---|
| Brand | Generic |
| Model Name/Code | 2018 |
| Lock Type Compatibility | Sentry Safe Key Code Cut 2018 Tubular Round |
| Material | Metal |
| Color | Silver |
| Number of Pieces | 2 |
| Item Dimensions (L x W x H) | Approximately 3 x 2 x 2 inches (packaging) |

## 8. Warranty and Support

For warranty information or product support, please refer to the documentation provided by your seller or contact the manufacturer directly. As this is a generic replacement key, specific warranty terms may vary. Ensure you retain your purchase receipt for any warranty claims.