

## American Lock 04997

# American Lock Padlock Replacement Key 04997 Instruction Manual

Model: 04997 (Compatible with American Lock Series 00999-11999)

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for identifying, ordering, and using the American Lock Padlock Replacement Key, model 04997. This key is designed to replace lost or damaged keys for specific non-restricted American Lock padlocks within the 00999-11999 series. Accurate identification of your lock's code is crucial for ensuring compatibility and proper function.

## KEY IDENTIFICATION AND ORDERING

To obtain the correct replacement key, you must identify the specific lock code associated with your American Lock padlock. This key is custom-cut based on this code.

### 1. Locating Your Lock Code

The lock code is a critical identifier for your replacement key. It can typically be found in one of the following locations:

- **On an Existing Key:** If you have a duplicate key, the code is usually stamped directly onto the key head.
- **On the Original Packaging:** The lock code may be printed on the packaging that came with your padlock.
- **On the Padlock Body:** In some cases, the code might be stamped on the face or side of the padlock itself.

**Important: Do not guess your lock code. An incorrect code will result in a non-functional key.**



*This image displays a silver-colored metal replacement key. The key head is trapezoidal with a rectangular opening, and the code '00999' is clearly visible, stamped into the metal surface. The key blade features standard bitting for a padlock.*

*This illustrates where a lock code might be found on an existing key.*

## **2. Compatibility**

This replacement key is specifically compatible with **non-restricted American Lock padlocks** that use key codes within the 00999 to 11999 series. It is cut on an AM3 key blank.

**Note: This key is not compatible with restricted key systems or padlocks outside the specified series.**

## **3. Placing Your Order**

When ordering your replacement key, ensure you accurately provide the identified lock code. The key will

be custom-cut based on this information.

## USAGE AND OPERATION

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Once you receive your replacement key, its operation is straightforward:

1. **Insert the Key:** Gently insert the key into the padlock's keyway. Do not force the key.
2. **Turn to Unlock:** Turn the key clockwise (or counter-clockwise, depending on the lock mechanism) to disengage the locking mechanism.
3. **Remove the Key:** Once the padlock is open, you can remove the key.
4. **Locking:** To lock the padlock, close the shackle and turn the key in the opposite direction until the mechanism engages. Remove the key.

*If the key does not turn smoothly, do not force it. Refer to the Troubleshooting section.*

## MAINTENANCE

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Proper care of your replacement key and padlock can extend their lifespan:

- **Keep Clean:** Keep the key clean and free from dirt, debris, or corrosive substances.
- **Avoid Bending:** Do not use the key for purposes other than operating the lock, as this can bend or break it.
- **Lubrication (Padlock):** Periodically lubricate the padlock's keyway with a graphite-based lubricant, not oil, to ensure smooth operation. Do not lubricate the key itself.
- **Storage:** Store spare keys in a safe, dry place, away from extreme temperatures.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Key does not insert fully.	Obstruction in keyway, incorrect key.	Check keyway for debris. Ensure you have the correct key for the lock.
Key inserts but does not turn.	Incorrect key, worn lock mechanism, padlock seized.	Verify lock code. Apply graphite lubricant to padlock keyway. If padlock is old or corroded, it may need replacement.
Key feels stiff or difficult to turn.	Lack of lubrication, minor misalignment.	Apply graphite lubricant to padlock keyway. Wiggle key gently while turning.

If troubleshooting steps do not resolve the issue, contact customer support for further assistance.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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- **Product Type:** Padlock Replacement Key
- **Brand:** American Lock (Key blank by EasyKeys)
- **Model:** 04997

- **Compatible Lock Series:** American Lock 00999-11999 (Non-restricted)
- **Key Blank Type:** AM3
- **Material:** Metal alloy
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 7 grams (0.247 ounces)

## SUPPORT AND CONTACT

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For further assistance, questions, or to report issues, please contact the supplier, EasyKeys Inc. USA, through their official channels. Ensure you have your lock code and purchase details available when contacting support.

You can visit the [EasyKeys Store on Amazon](#) for more information.