EasyKeys DA0363

EasyKeys Tubular Replacement Key for CompX Chicago DA0363

Instruction Manual

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper identification, use, and care of your EasyKeys Tubular Replacement Key, model DA0363. This key is specifically designed for CompX Chicago locks within the DA0001 - DA1799 series. It is cut on a D137-CLC key blank and ensures compatibility with the specified manufacturer and lock type.

2. KEY IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

Before using your replacement key, it is crucial to verify that the lock code and manufacturer match the product title. The DA0363 key is compatible with CompX Chicago locks. Incorrect key codes or manufacturers will prevent proper operation.

2.1 Locating Your Lock Code

To ensure you have the correct replacement key, you must first identify the code on your existing lock or key. The lock code can typically be found in several locations:

- **On the Key:** The code may be stamped directly onto the head or shaft of your original key.
- **On the Lock Face:** For some tubular locks, the code is engraved on the face of the lock cylinder itself.
- **On a Label Inside/Behind the Lock:** The code might be printed on a sticker or label located on the lock mechanism, often requiring removal of the lock or access to its interior.
- **On the Cabinet/Door Label:** In certain installations, the lock code is provided on a label affixed to the cabinet, drawer, or door where the lock is installed.

Figure 1: Common locations to find your lock code. This diagram illustrates various places where you can locate your lock code. The code might be stamped directly on your existing key, visible on the face of the lock cylinder, printed on a label found inside or behind the lock mechanism, or present on a label affixed to the cabinet or door itself. Identifying this code is crucial for ordering the correct replacement key.

Important Notes:

- **Manufacturer Specificity:** Lock codes are manufacturer-specific. Always ensure the manufacturer of your lock matches the manufacturer specified for the key (CompX Chicago in this case).
- **Key Cut Variations:** Even if lock codes appear similar, key cuts can differ significantly between brands. Using a key from a different brand, even with a matching code, may not work or could damage the lock.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

To operate your CompX Chicago lock with the EasyKeys DA0363 tubular replacement key, follow these steps:

1. **Insert the Key:** Align the tubular end of the key with the keyway of the lock cylinder. Gently insert the key fully into the lock. Do not force the key if it does not slide in smoothly.
2. **Turn the Key:** Once fully inserted, turn the key clockwise or counter-clockwise (depending on the lock mechanism) to engage or disengage the lock. The key should turn smoothly without excessive force.
3. **Remove the Key:** After the lock is operated, return the key to its original insertion position (usually vertical) before gently pulling it out.

If the key does not turn or insert smoothly, refer to the Troubleshooting section.

4. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity of your key and the smooth operation of your lock.

- **Keep Clean:** Periodically wipe the key with a dry, soft cloth to remove dirt or debris. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.
- **Avoid Damage:** Do not bend, twist, or use the key for purposes other than operating the intended lock. Store the key in a safe place where it will not be subjected to excessive force or damage.
- **Lubrication (Lock):** If the lock mechanism becomes stiff, apply a small amount of graphite-based lubricant specifically designed for locks into the keyway. Do not use oil-based lubricants as they can attract dust and cause clogging.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your replacement key, consider the following:

- **Key Does Not Insert Fully:**
  - Ensure the key is oriented correctly.
  - Check for obstructions in the lock keyway (e.g., debris, broken key fragments).
  - Verify that the key code DA0363 matches your lock's code and that the lock is a CompX Chicago model.

- **Key Inserts but Does Not Turn:**
  - Confirm the key is fully inserted.
  - Apply gentle, consistent pressure while turning. Do not force it.
  - The lock mechanism might be stiff or corroded. Consider applying a lock lubricant (graphite-based).
  - Re-verify the lock code and manufacturer. An incorrect key, even if it inserts, will not operate the lock.

- **Key Feels Loose or Wobbly:**
  - This may indicate wear in the lock cylinder or an incorrect key. If the key is new, double-check the lock code and manufacturer.

If problems persist after troubleshooting, contact EasyKeys customer support for assistance.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	EasyKeys
Model Name	DA0363
Compatible Manufacturer	CompX Chicago
Key Series	DA0001 - DA1799
Key Blank	D137-CLC
Material	Brass
Lock Type	Cam
Dimensions (L x W x H)	0.5 x 0.5 x 1 inches
Item Weight	0.25 Pounds (approx. 4 ounces)
Special Features	Custom Cut Key, Durable

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

EasyKeys stands behind the quality of its products. For specific warranty information, please refer to the purchase documentation or contact EasyKeys customer support directly. If you require assistance with your DA0363 replacement key or have any questions, please reach out to EasyKeys customer service through their official channels.

For further support, visit the EasyKeys Store on Amazon.