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#### **FF-L-2890C HAS BEEN RELEASED**

About 4 months ago, GSA News no. 6 of November 14, 2018 announced a new Qualified Products List (QPL) for Federal Specification FF-L-2890. This issue is announcing a new revision for the same specification. FF-L-2890C was released February 22, 2019.

As a reminder, a Lock Extension is one of the electromechanical combination locks approved under FF-L-2740 adapted (extended) to be a lock for a pedestrian door. These used to be referred to as Pedestrian Door

Deadbolts (PDD's), but they're not all deadbolts, so Lock Extension is probably a better name anyway.

The world of security vs safety is a very complicated one. The idea of a lock providing the best security possible for a space where sensitive things are processed or stored without compromising the safety of its occupants is equally complex. The complexity of FF-L-2890 can be a challenge to follow. But you should do your best to grasp the need for security hand-in-hand with safety.

FF-L-2890C incorporates the changes amended to the "B" revision. It also adds four new "Types" of lock extensions. The four new Types are lock extensions without an FF-L-2740 lock. That may sound strange after my description above. But, the old saying, "It is what it is" will just have to do for now.

What it is . . . is the four new types are for "secondary" doors. That is, the doors that are not the main entrance to a space. A larger space may have an additional door that is to be used as "emergency exit only". This would warrant a lock extension without a combination lock because it is not the main entrance. In reality, exit only locks have been around for a very long time. But now we will eventually see some that are exit only with GSA approval.

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