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NEW QUALIFIED PRODUCTS LIST (QPL) FOR FF-L-2890

QPL FF-L-2890-2 was released September 17, 2018. This is only the second QPL for FF-L-2890 and has been anticipated for some time now.

The first QPL for FF-L-2890 listed Sargent & Greenleaf's "500 Series" of lock extensions and the Kaba-Mas CDX-10. It is dated September 1, 2015. Since it was released, there have been several additional locks approved under FF-L-2890. Many of you may already know that Lockmasters has developed their line of lock extensions they call the LKM10K. Kaba-Mas

has also been working on their new DKX-10 lock extensions. These locks are now listed on the QPL.

In case you are wondering what a "Lock Extension" is, I will give you a brief explanation. They used to be commonly known as Pedestrian Door Deadbolts, or PDD's. They have been around for decades in various forms. This goes back to the days when Sargent & Greenleaf made a variation of their mechanical combination safe locks to be installed as a combination deadbolt lock on a door. On November 29, 1997, the US Government released Federal Specification FF-L-2890 with the title "Lock Extension (Pedestrian Door Deadbolt)". It was revised as FF-L-2890A on August 1, 2004 and as FF-L-2890B on April 17, 2012. The "B" revision received a change in the title. "Lock Extensions" remained in the title and "Pedestrian Door Deadbolt" was replaced with "Pedestrian Door Lock Assembly Preassembled, Panic and Auxiliary Deadbolt". That's quite a mouthful so I'm sticking with just Lock Extension.

Indeed they are a combination lock with a extension of some sort to make them suitable as a locking device on a pedestrian door. There are currently six "types" of lock extensions. Types I and II have a certain intended use, Types III and IV have a certain use, and Types V and VI have their intended use. What these uses are and how to decide which "Type" you need for a given application is a bit much to explain here. But I would encourage everyone to gain an understanding of these locks to help in choosing the right one.

Regards,

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