

Value of Mastekey System

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Master Keying is undeniably the most important yet misunderstood skill by the majority of locksmiths and consumers alike. There are two parts to a master key system that can either protect your liability or create a liability, the integrity of the program created and the maintenance of proper charting during the life span of the system.

A good master key system will not have crossovers where the same key will work more than one unit and the size of the system will be created for the correct future growth and be expandable. Even computer generated master key systems have their flaws but at Flam's Lock & Key, we can detect them because our skill was learned manually first.

All master key systems must be charted to insure that existing codes are not duplicated when a unit is re-keyed. If proper records are not maintained it means your locks are being re-keyed randomly, subjecting the owner to huge liability, including the accidental re-key that is to the master.

If you hire a locksmith to do the initial system or if you change to another company be sure to ask them if they have the charts (most will not). Unless you paid an additional fee for the charting itself, you do not own them and may be asked to pay a fee when you want them but it is worth every penny.

The creation of the system is like a chef's recipe that you love but no longer want to go his restaurant. Many chefs can follow the recipe but could not create it and it is the same with a master key system.

When it comes to master keying not all locksmith's are created equal and shopping for the lowest price can cost you a fortune. The good news is that Flam's Lock & Key not only has the knowledge you need to create and maintain your system but we can also consult on your existing system.