



KABA®

Why Specify Kaba

Bespoke key systems

Kaba

The Kaba Group is a globally active security company first established in Zurich, Switzerland in 1862 by Franz Bauer, making safes with a staff of just three; today the group has around 9,000 staff in more than 60 countries.

Kaba can look back over 146 years of history in lock and cylinder production, during which time it has become the world's number-one producer of key blanks, key-cutting machines, transponder keys and high-security locks.

The company is also one of the world's leading providers of electronic access systems, locking systems, safe locks, hotel locks, security and automatic doors and time recording systems.



Experience & Expertise

Creating customised locking solutions has been a significant part of Kaba business in the UK for over 30 years.

With a product design, development and manufacturing facility still located in the UK, Kaba Ltd works with customers to create tailor-made products based upon their specific needs, giving particular consideration to the environment which the product is to be used in.

Kaba Ltd have the ability to take conceptual ideas from a client and produce working samples in a matter of days.

We pride ourselves in our ability to work with our clients as a design partner, offering CAD design and development facilities for new and existing locking applications.

Planning a locking system

Key system planning will play a simple but vital part in the organisation, safety and security of your business, people, visitors and property.

The planning process for a locking system and the associated key plan developed by our permutations department depends to a great extent on the intended complexity and capacity of your key requirements.

An understanding of the proposed long term size of the locking system together with a user "hierarchy" will be required. It is often difficult to change these parameters once a master plan has been signed off.

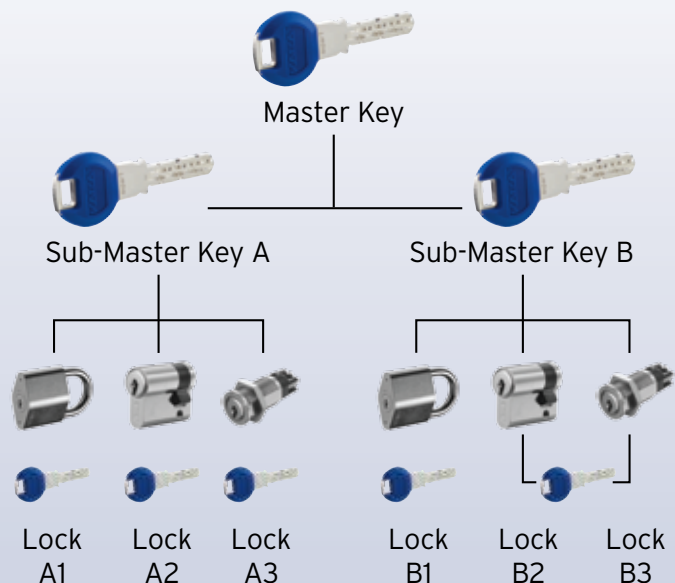
The solution to an effective and long lasting system is often simplicity. New master plan systems are individually designed from the start to suit our customer's requirements.



Registered Key Systems

By registering your Kaba locking systems and the related keys directly with the manufacturer, you ensure that replacement keys and cylinders can only be ordered by authorised persons. The system owner always retains control over his locking system.

To provide this degree of safety and security, every individual Kaba 20 or Kaba quattro pluS differ cylinder, as well as every Kaba master key system is supplied together with a registration card containing the signature of the authorised person. This document determines the authorisation requirements for any subsequent key orders, thus providing an efficient protection against illegal repeat orders.



Patent Protection - Protecting locking systems

By specifying a patent protected Kaba locking system you will have chosen a technically advanced and superior product. This most modern of technology coupled with Kaba's decades of experience give's you a high level of investment security.

A patent is a set of exclusive rights granted by a state to an inventor for a limited period of time in exchange for a disclosure of an invention. Typically, a patent application must include one or more claims defining the invention which must be new, inventive, and useful or industrially applicable.

Where this has relevance to the lock industry is due to changes in copyright legislation that became effective on the 1st August 1999 and can be interpreted to mean that unless key systems are currently patent protected they will not be legally protected from copying.

The following points relating to Patent Protection should be considered when specifying a new lock/key system or upgrading an existing system:

- Patents only apply for 20 years from the date the patent was taken out, but many lock/key systems will still be in use thereafter.
- For high security locks a patent is not as important to protect them from duplication as the specialist engineering skills required to make the lock/key. A milled key would be harder to copy than a traditional key with top cuts.
- Lock and key selection should be considered carefully especially if the full benefit of high security keys is to be achieved.

- A key can only be duplicated if the original key or an impression of the key profile is made available which makes the distribution and care of keys so important.

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