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**SCHLAGE STANDS BEHIND ITS PRODUCTS AND STATEMENTS AND IS  
READY TO VIGOROUSLY DEFEND ITS RIGHTS**

*Company ready to defend its innovative SecureKey™ rekeyable lock technology  
and stands behind the statements, in their entirety, used in the sale and  
advertisement of its products*

**CARMEL, IN**, March 4, 2010 – Schlage Lock Company, LLC announced today that it is the target of a patent infringement and false advertising lawsuit concerning its SecureKey™ rekeyable lock technology. The lawsuit against Schlage was filed by Kwikset Corporation and alleges that Schlage infringes two Kwikset patents and that Schlage's statement that its product is "10 Times More Secure" than competitive products is false. Schlage believes that Kwikset's claims are without merit.

"When we set out to design the SecureKey product, we wanted an innovative product that provided a higher level of security than any other product in our channel, not just a new lock," said John Evans, VP of Marketing and Product Management for the Residential Solutions Sector of Ingersoll Rand, the parent company of Schlage. "Our SecureKey product includes neither of the claimed features covered by the two Kwikset patents, and we are confident that the statements used in the sale and advertisements of our products, in their entirety, are correct."

Schlage believes the Kwikset lawsuit was filed for the improper purpose of attempting to impact Schlage's release of the SecureKey rekeyable lock technology into the marketplace. Schlage intends to fully and vigorously defend its rights in the lawsuit and will

seek damages from Kwikset for being forced to defend itself against these baseless claims.

### **About the SecureKey Technology**

SecureKey locks and deadbolts employ a new high-security design that enables them to be rekeyed in seconds—without removal from the door and without compromising security. Security is actually enhanced through the use of a pick-resistant Grade 1\* cylinder and a special locking sidebar that protects against lock bumping. The SecureKey design is 10 times more secure from key duplication than other rekeyable systems on the market and costs the same as Schlage's conventional locks. It will be available in all styles of residential deadbolts and door locks, including handlesets.

A plus sign on the face of the lock cylinder makes it easy to identify SecureKey products, which can be keyed to other Schlage C keyway 5-pin products, making it easy to manage keys with existing locks.

Other SecureKey benefits include:

- The lock cannot be forced into rekey mode with a generic tool or foreign object because the unique blue Reset Key must be inserted into the lock keyway to rekey the lock.
- The lock is secure even when it is in its rekey position, which is not the case with other rekeyable locks on the market.

For more information about Schlage SecureKey, visit [www.securekey.schlage.com](http://www.securekey.schlage.com).

For a historical overview of Schlage, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2010, visit [http://professional.schlage.com/about/about\\_us\\_historyofschlage.asp](http://professional.schlage.com/about/about_us_historyofschlage.asp).

*\* Grade One is the highest grade for door-lock hardware as defined by the Builder Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA), which is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to develop and maintain performance standards for builder hardware. SecureKey meets UL437, section 11.6 ANSI guidelines for pick resistance.*

### **About Schlage and Ingersoll Rand Residential Solutions**

Schlage is the leader in security devices, trusted for 90 years, spanning both the commercial and residential markets. Commercial grade quality is built into every Schlage® product. The brand is on the forefront of developing cutting-edge technology and innovation such as wireless security products and biometrics, among others. [www.schlage.com](http://www.schlage.com). Ingersoll Rand Residential Solutions, a business comprised of well-known brands like Schlage® and Trane®, delivers safety, comfort and efficiency to homeowners throughout North America. Our quality products, services and solutions include mechanical and electronic locks, heating and air conditioning systems, indoor air quality solutions, advanced controls, portable security systems and remote home management. For more

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