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MASTER LOCK'S TSA-ACCEPTED LUGGAGE LOCKS SECURE CHECKED BAGGAGE IN TIMES OF HEIGHTENED AIRLINE SECURITY

Increased Handling of Checked Luggage Prompts Travelers to Better Protect What They Check

MILWAUKEE (September 18, 2006) – Contact lens solution, mouth wash and bottled water are carry-on staples for most air travelers, even day-trippers. But, with tightened security procedures in the nation's airports these necessities must now be checked for every flight, forcing travelers who might otherwise carry-on their luggage to check it.

To secure checked baggage, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) recommends using a TSA-accepted luggage lock. These travel locks can be opened only by TSA airport screeners using a special tool, and then they can be relocked, leaving luggage secure and the lock unharmed. Air travelers have long heard that standard locks on checked luggage are subject to being cut off by security personnel if necessary. But, TSA-recognized locks will keep your items secure while adhering to all airline security restrictions, giving you peace of mind that only the right persons will ever access your luggage.

“With the recent tightening of airport security procedures, travelers have to change the way they pack and secure their baggage,” said John Heppner, President and CEO of Fortune Brands Storage and Security, including Master Lock Company L.L.C. “Using a TSA-recognized lock from Master Lock allows travelers to protect their personal items, comply with TSA screening requirements, and avoid having their lock cut or destroyed.”

Look for the Travel Sentry™ Mark on Master Lock Travel Locks

Master Lock has joined together with TSA and Travel Sentry™ to use the special Travel Sentry™ mark on luggage locks that meet the requirements of the TSA. Airline check-in staff are trained to recognize the red Travel Sentry™ mark so they understand that baggage with this special mark is permitted to remain locked. The TSA screeners then have access to special tools that allow them to open TSA-accepted locks in the event that a bag must be inspected.



The TSA now suggests passengers lock checked baggage with TSA-accepted and recognized locks. These locks are perfect for securing large wheeled luggage, golf bags, back packs, computer bags or any other travel bags that contain valuable possessions.

Color and Style Choices Help Identify Your Luggage

Master Lock's TSA-accepted luggage locks come in an assortment of bright colors to help travelers spot their bag quickly on the baggage carousel. The Personal ID lock is a lock/luggage tag combination product including a wide plastic body with ID area on the back and extra ID tags. The locks also come in more traditional black, nickel or brass finishes and are available in keyed, set-your-own combination and locking strap styles. Master Lock also offers a full line of non TSA-accepted locking devices and non-locking closures to secure carry-on bags and personal items.



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TSA-accepted luggage locks from Master Lock are available in the hardware departments at major retailers, such as Wal-Mart, Target, Home Depot, Lowe's and many others. For a list of retailers, or to order directly online, visit www.masterlocktsa.com.

Finally, when you're traveling within the United States or abroad, follow these simple steps from Master Lock to protect yourself and your belongings.

1. When checking your baggage, use a Master Lock TSA-accepted locking device – the only device the airport screeners won't cut! These locks allow the TSA screeners to inspect and relock your baggage without damaging your lock.
2. Secure your carry-on bags with a Master Lock TSA-accepted locking closure as an additional safeguard.
3. Place your name, address and phone number inside and outside your baggage. This extra identification provides the fastest way to return your baggage to you if it is lost or mishandled.
4. Protect your valuables during your hotel stay by locking them in your bags with a Master Lock locking device. Available locks include set your own combination, keyed, or straps to suit your needs.
5. Carry traveler's checks instead of a large sum of money. Keep your traveler's checks in a money belt under your clothing for extra protection.
6. Register with the US Embassy upon arrival in a foreign country.
7. Make multiple copies of your passport and other documentation. Distribute them to trusted friends or family before you leave in case of an emergency.

For additional Master Lock security tips and more information, visit www.masterlock.com.

About Master Lock

Master Lock is the world's largest manufacturer of padlocks and related security products providing innovative security solutions for home, automotive, campus, power sports, bike, and storage security needs for consumers and contractors alike. Master Lock Company L.L.C. is an operating unit of Fortune Brands, Inc., a leading consumer brands company with annual sales exceeding \$8 billion. Headquartered in Deerfield, Ill., Fortune Brands (NYSE: FO), is included in the S&P 500 Index.

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