

R3 Push-to-Close Latch

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Southco has developed a stylish new R3 paddle latch designed as a competitive replacement for baggage door applications in Class-A recreational vehicles and truck and bus storage compartments. Its ergonomic curved handle design, die-cast body, and versatile finish options provide an attractive, robust product that offers a more comfortable and convenient grip for end users. Versatile key code options provide user-specified control over security, as well as "one-key" convenience for multiple Southco latch styles in the same installation. The new R3 Push-To-Close latch has it all – the strength and robust performance to assure design engineers, the color-coordinated finishes and ergonomic performance to excite RV sales and marketing managers, and the comfortable grip and operation to please end users.



Key Customer Benefits

- Attractive, robust latch provides even the most discriminating customers with a new alternative for their Class-A recreational vehicle designs
- Fashionable styling and finish options complement any upscale vehicle design
- Cycle-life and ultimate-load testing ensure that latch performance is greater than or equal to competitive products
- Contoured handle provides added space for gripping under the latch handle, while the rounded die-cast end of the handle provides greater comfort than flat-cut paddle handles
- Sealing gasket and O-ring design helps to keep out dust and moisture, even in exterior over-the-road applications for baggage doors or utility truck body storage compartments
- Numerous key code choices provide extensive security and convenience options for manufacturers and end users
- Key code options match the key codes of other Southco latches, permitting "one-key" convenience
- Multi-point latching capability can provide for more secure, rattle-free operation on larger doors

Product Features

- Easy, secure slide bolt operation – pull handle up to open, simply push to close
- Die-cast body construction and stainless steel pawl load spring for long-lasting robust performance
- O-rings, sealing washers, and shuttered lock plugs help to keep out water and dust
- Suitable for door thicknesses from 1.5 mm to 50 mm (0.062" to 2.00")
- Inside actuation option allows for emergency exit

- Interchangeable disc tumbler lock system with removable lock plugs allows for user-specified key codes, with or without master key capability
- Key coding matches other Southco locks for user convenience throughout an installation
- Installs with easy panel preparation

Available Options

- Multiple finish options – including polished chrome and powder-coated finishes in black, white, or custom colors – are available to enhance aesthetics or environmental performance
- Available in locking and non-locking models
- Keylocking models are available with or without lock plugs installed, for maximum specification flexibility
- Choose from hundreds of standard key codes
- Optional overmolded key provides a comfortable grip with the option for custom molded logos
- An optional interior release handle is also available

Target Opportunities

- Buses
- Recreation Vehicles
- Trucks and Truck Utility Bodies

The R3 Push-To-Close Latch designed primarily for baggage door applications in upscale recreational vehicles is the latest product development in a concerted effort to expand our product offerings to the RV market. This new product provides head-to-head competition with existing industry-standard paddle-handle style baggage-door latches for Class-A recreational vehicles. Physical performance testing has shown its physical strength and performance to be greater than or equal to that of competitive latches. Our added features, such as the ergonomic contoured grip handle and custom-color finish options of a true Class-A latch, combined with our growing array of engineered access hardware products for RV applications, provide new incentives for RV manufacturers to take a new look at Southco. Be sure to stress all the choices, opportunities, and advantages of our interchangeable lock plug designs, for this and other lockable latches in our RV product offerings.

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