US Prison and Detention Locks

With over 40 different paracentric and mogul keyways in stock, there's no need to call anyplace else.

Whether you need keys cut to code or blanks, CPC has what you're looking for.

Folger Adam
Southern Steel
Cylinders for Prison and Detention Locks

Our investment cast cylinders come one-way, two-way or any key-way you may need.

**Folger Adam**

| 2/300 | 4/500 | 1/1500 | 3/3500 | 5/5500 | 6/6500 | 7/7500 | 8/8500 |

**Southern Steel**

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**Adtec**

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**Airteq**

| AQA | AQB | AQC | AQF |

**RR Brink**
Tumblers for Prison and Detention Locks

For any, and we do mean any, mechanical locking system that needs a replacement tumbler, call us. From the most common to the most obscure, we’ve got them in stock.

Folger Adam

Southern Steel
Mechanical Prison and Detention Locks

We manufacture our locks as direct replacements for those of the OEM. Same materials, same dimensions, same mounting, same key-way, same combination and our parts are completely interchangeable with your existing locks. The big difference: better price, delivery and service.

10 Series

10M Series
30D Series

60 & 60K Series

70 Series

80 Series
Electro-Mechanical Detention Locks

Built to Last a Life Sentence™. We manufacture a complete line of electric locks for every security level and voltage requirement. And we’ve engineered durability upgrades we’re sure you and your maintenance budget will appreciate.
Detention Locks Industry History

1880
William J. Adam forms Adam Steel and Wire Works in Illinois and begins producing fencing and grille work. His son, Folger Adam, changes company name and focuses on manufacturing detention cells.

1897
David F. Youngblood forms Southern Steel Company and begins manufacturing mechanical sliding doors for prisons.

1905
Folger Adam Company begins manufacturing mechanical locks for swinging doors in prisons.

1940-1960
Folger Adam Company purchases the detention lock lines of Sargent & Greenleaf and Yale & Towne. Folger Adam Company later purchases the detention lock line of Stewart Iron Works. They are the only manufacturer of both mechanical and electromechanical locks for prisons until 1967.

1967
Southern Steel Company copies the lock designs of Folger Adam Company in both their mechanical and electromechanical locks and begins manufacturing detention locks as an equivalent to Folger Adam Company.
1978
RR Brink Locking Systems begins manufacturing the narrow jamb prison lock for use in swinging doors.

1984
Adtec Detention Systems is formed by the great-grandson of Southern Steel Company's founder. Adtec Detention Systems copies Southern Steel Company's lock designs. They produce an extensive line of Federal Bureau of Prison approved locks and sliding door devices.

1989
Airteq Systems pioneers the use of pneumatic technology in locks and copies the mechanical lock designs of Folger Adam. Airteq Systems is part of the Norment Industries, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Apogee Enterprises, Inc.

1990
RR Brink Locking Systems begins copying many of the lock designs of Adtec Detention Systems.

1998

2001
Corrections Products Company (CPC) purchases various assets of Adtec Detention Systems. In response to the escalating prices and delivery delays in the market, CPC replicates the locks and parts of Folger Adam, Southern Steel, RR Brink, Airteq and others. The choice and competition that CPC provides saves its customers over $1,000,000 in the first year.

2004
ASSA ABLOY sells Folger Adam Company to Phelps-Tointon Inc., the parent company of Southern Steel. Phelps-Tointon renames the combined unit Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company.

2012
The U.S. Military's Joint Task Detention Group in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba recognizes CPC for its decade-long support of one of America's most important missions against terrorism.

Detention Locks, Keys, Parts & Services
Whether your needs span from renovations to retrofits, lock repair to simple keys or basic parts to custom engineering, CPC is ready to serve you.

As a manufacturer, we can solve problems distributors can't and the OEMs aren't willing to. Our products are Built to Last a Life Sentence™ and have been put to the test by facilities around the world. We offer a 100% money-back guarantee and your satisfaction is the sole purpose of the transaction.
Lock & Sliding Door Parts

Motors & Solenoids

Lock Switches

Lock Springs
Detention Lock & Key Accessories

Lock Mountings
Escutcheons & Key Shields

Paracentric & Mogul Key Readers

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Folger Adam
Folger Adam Model 82 - Prison Lock
This has been an ongoing project for a while, which I've finally managed to get some photos of. This project started a couple of years ago, when Urbex acquired a pile of old Folger Adams Model 82 jail cell locks that had been removed from a recently-renovated prison, and a Folger Adam key from eBay.

After years of service, the lock was rusted, painted and filled with dirt and old grease. After several weeks of careful cleaning, paint stripping, polishing and a few chemical chelation baths it's been restored, oiled and sealed back to a mostly-new state. 😊
This is a huge lock. I've placed a standard Schlage SC1 blank next to the key and keyway, for a size reference:
Similar to a number of safe locks, the bolt is drilled and tapped, and can have other boltwork mechanisms attached to it:
The lock would normally be mortised into a cell door or passage door. A single screw holds the top-plate in place. This lock is clearly meant to withstand a significant amount of abuse; the front plate and bottom are just shy of 1/2” thick:
With the cover removed, the lever pack and bolt stump are clearly visible:
A warded plug accepts the key and aligns it with the lever pack:
The levers themselves are *huge*, shown here again with a Schlage SC1 blank for reference:
Each lever is individually sprung, with a bronze spring permanently crimped into it:
The levers pivot on a small aluminum sleeve that acts as a bearing to help them rotate smoothly:
Once the levers are removed, the plug and bolt can then be removed:
The plug is one single cast piece, and includes both the keyway warding and also a tongue which does the work of throwing the bolt:
The stump on the bolt is notched; it will catch the “anti-pick” protrusions on the levers:
As with the top plate, the sides and back of the lock body are also made from heavy steel, to resist fairly extreme physical attacks:
This was one of my more fun restoration projects, given both the design of these locks and the history of where they've been used. While these locks are still in use (Oliver Diederichsen posted some pictures of a current model in a Guantanamo Lock thread on his blog), they are very hard to come by in original condition: Folger Adam restricts sale of new ones to prison and military applications.

Do incorrect keys lift all the levers to the (rather thin*) false notch area?

Hrm… an excellent question. I'll have to measure the distance between a "0" cut and the deepest cut on the key and check. (I don't have a reference for the "official" cut depths, but it's easily measured from the curtain.)
As a small aside, these locks have never been used in Britain. A rep demonstrated them to the Home Office prison dept. years ago, in an attempt to win an order. But a civil servant on the panel assessing these locks swung one of the keys, and remarked that it could 'really do some damage in the wrong hands'. That killed any idea of adopting them in British prisons; the rep abandoned his whole batch of samples into the hands of a British lock collector in the West Country, and returned to the USA empty handed - no samples, no orders. And there has never been any other export attempt here since.

British mechanical locks for heavy-duty cell use are typically trigger-action, and often use a handle to withdraw the bolt, a small key merely unlocking it - like a safe door. This is a modern version

http://www.clcsltd.co.uk/en/site/clcs/P ... ks/4L5556/

Ha... that's a neat bit of history. (And a good observation on the part of the Home Office folks.)

About a decade and a half ago I was in LA and several of the street vendors were offering keys like that they said would open this or that county lockup... I thought it was a joke as they keys looked like clubs. Makes me 😂 now!

http://deviating.net/lockpicking/resources.html