

## FORTRESS LCU & SCU – Understanding Operation

The **LCU** is a "key bank" with a switch. It incorporates one or more rotary switches and any combination of trapped or freed keys.



The **SCU** releases key(s) after switching the knob into a visible off position.



### **Reference States of Units**

LCU and SCU devices can be in two distinct states; normal and opposite.

Normal State is defined for machine guarding applications as the required unit state while machine is running. Any safety circuits will be closed in this state.

**Opposite State** is the exact opposite of the *Normal State* (for example where the machine is isolated, and machine access is performed). Referenced safety circuits will be open in this state.

In the Normal State:

- All locks with keys in are referred to as "Normally In Locks" (NIL)
- All locks without keys in are referred to as "Normally Out Locks" (NOL) (for SCU, the number of NOL is always '0')



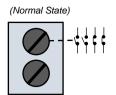
ISO/TS 19837 (2018) Safety of Machinery – Trapped Key Interlocking Devices – Principles for design and selection provides useful guidance on designing trapped key systems below shows the key used within this standard, with some Fortress-specific additions.

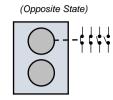
Key (ISO/TS 19837(2018)) Key (Fortress Additions) Red Arrows indicate release Actuator trapped of keys from NIL; the number in white the order of release. Actuator unlocked Green Arrows indicate insertion Actuator free of keys into NOL; the number in white the order of insertion. Key trapped in lock Switches in 'normal state' and the lock which alters their state Key free



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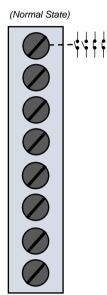
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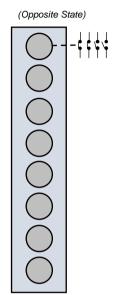






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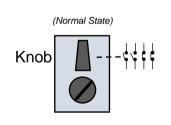


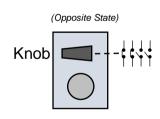


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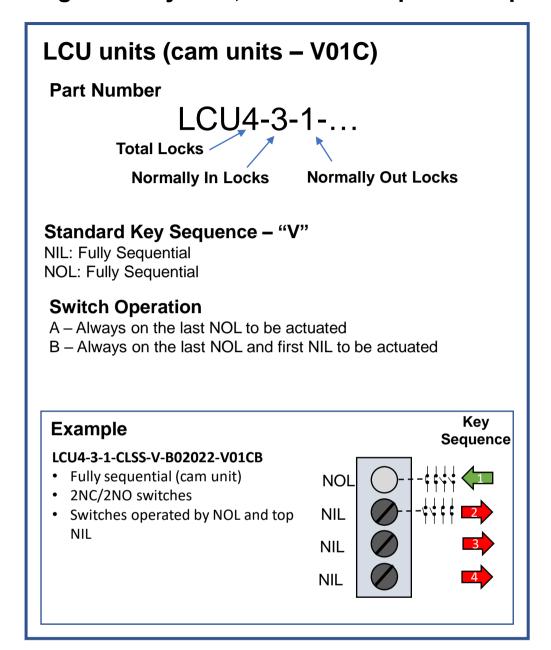
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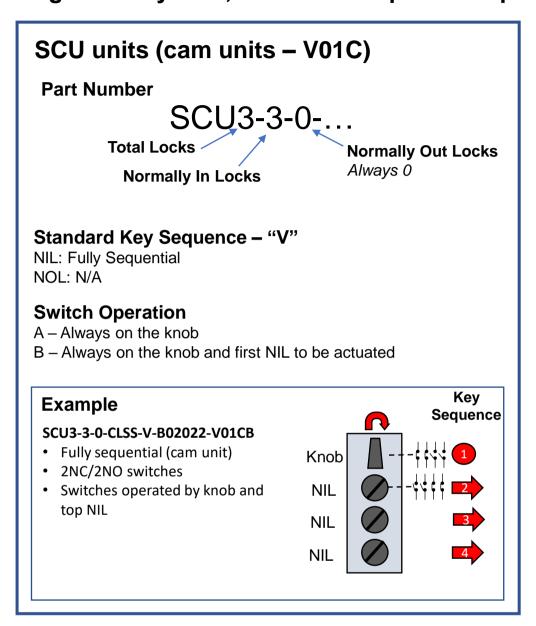


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### **Key Sequences:**

For each group of locks (NIL and NOL) on a unit, all keys must be inserted in the group before any keys from the other group can be removed

e.g. On a gate unit, all NOL must have keys in before the personnel keys can be removed from the NIL (and the gate be unlocked).

The order the keys in a group can be removed are:

### **Non-Sequential:**

- The keys in the group can be removed/inserted in any order
- This is never relevant where a switch is present

### **Partially Sequential:**

- The key from the top lock in the group is removed first, with the other keys able to be removed in any order
- When inserting keys, the top lock must have the key inserted last
- If the group of locks controls a switch, the switch will be actuated by the top lock in the group

#### **Fully Sequential:**

- The keys are removed from the locks top to bottom
- This is where insertion or removal of keys from locks is required in a specific order
- In the example below, to remove key 5 from the top NIL, keys for the NOL must be inserted in order from bottom to top.

