# Operating Instructions: Lock Control Unit (LCU) / Switch Control Unit (SCU) 



| Description |
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| The LCU is a "key bank" with a switch. It incorporates one or more |
| rotary switches and any combination of Normally In (keys trapped) |
| and Normally Out (keys freed) locks. |
| The SCU releases key(s) after switching the knob into a visible off |
| position. |
| - Direct drive operation - positively opens contacts |
| - Available as 20A, 32A and 63A variants |
|  |
| 4NC. Other contact arrangements available on request |
| - Mild steel construction as standard |
| - Stainless steel construction as standard in combination with |
| CLSS or MLSS lock types |
| - Special switch ratings, and/or contact arrangements |
| available on request. |



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## Important:

This product is designed for use according to the installation an operating instructions enclosed. It must be installed by competent and qualified personnel who have read and understood the whole of this document prior to commencing installation. Any modification to or deviation from these instructions invalidates all warranties. Fortress Interlocks Ltd. accepts no liability whatsoever for any situation arising from misuse or mis-application of this product. This product is not to be used as a Mains Isolator or Emergency Stop. The unit is a component to be added to a permanent electrical installation meeting the requirements of the applicable IEC/EN standards. The voltages used on the LCU / SCU terminals must all be of the same type i.e. ALL Hazardous Live or ALL Machine Extra Low Voltage.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR QUERIES OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER PLEASE CONTACT THE SUPPLIER WHO WILL BE PLEASED TO ADVISE AND ASSIST.
It is the user's responsibility to implement proper management controls and risk assessment for master and spare keys, without which they can be used to defeat trapped key interlock systems; ISO/TS 19837 can offer further guidance.

| Technical Specifications | LCU / SCU |
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| Housing Materials | Mild steel with powder coat finish |
| Lock Mechanism | Die-cast zinc body with stainless operating mechanism <br> (selected separately) |
| Minimum Operating Current | 5 mA at 20v |



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## mGard Terminology

mGard part numbers describe their units in the reference state we call the "Normal State", which means the following will be true:

- Switches will be in their described state, i.e. "Normally Closed" or "Normally Open"
- Any keys used as personnel keys will be inserted in a lock.

Locks are split into two groups, which are described in the part number as shown below:

- Normally In Locks (NIL) have keys inserted in the Normal State
- Normally Out Locks (NOL) do not have keys inserted in the Normal State. (For SCU, the number of NOL is always '0')



## Normally In Locks

Number of locks with keys inserted and trapped when switch in normal state.

## Normally Out Locks

Number of locks with keys removed when switches are in their normal state (For the SCU, NOL is always '0')

The other reference point used to describe our units is the "Opposite State", which means all the locks, switches and actuators will be in the opposite state to the Normal State. The schematics below represent the two reference states using the symbols defined in the Trapped Key Interlocking standard ISO TS19837 (2018).

For a typical machine guarding system, the system will be described with all units in their Normal State (i.e. machine running). For more complicated systems like switch gear interlocking, the system might be described with some units in their Normal State, and others in their Opposite State. Similarly, the process to convert a system in its normal state to the system in its opposite state will result in steps where parts of the system are in Normal State, parts are in Opposite State.

LCU2-2-0- (Normal) Standard Sequence


Switch: 2C/2O

LCU2-2-0- (Opposite)
Standard Sequence


Switch: 2O/2C

SCU1-1-0- (Normal)
Standard Sequence


Switch: 2C/2O

SCU1-1-0- (Opposite)
Standard Sequence

When defining the state of an SCU or LCU, the product is always described in the orientation shown in the diagram above where the switch is at the top of the unit. For the LCU and SCU standard sequence $(\mathrm{V})$ :

- The Normally In locks will always be closest to the switchof theunit
- The top key from the NIL group must be freed (rotated $120^{\circ}$ ) first, followed by the next locks in order of proximity to the top lock, nearest first. Keys must be inserted into the NOL group in order of furthest from the switchfirst, second furthest second etc. When returning keys within the NIL group, the bottom most NIL must be inserted first, operating locks in order, and finishing with the top-most lock. For LCU only, where NOL are present, keys must be removed from the top NOL first, followed in order as closest to the top lock working downwards.
- When removing a key, all locks in the other group must have keys inserted before the key is releasable
- The rear mounted switch is operated by the first lock.
- Additional switches can be added and operated by other locks within this system if required. Contact our team to discuss your solution.


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## Standard Functionality <br> LCU

In the key exchange condition, keys are held captive in Normally in Lock(s) and can only be released on insertion and entrapment of the keys into the Normally Out Lock(s), which also operates the switch. Alternatively, where all locks are Normally In, the switch operated Normally In Lock must have the key released first, operating the switch, before the remaining can be freed (in order adjacent to the switch controlled lock).

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Normally In Locks have keys trapped when the switch is in the ON position. The switch must be turned to the OFF position, (or state of contact changed), before any of the keys can be removed. Once any of the Normally In Locks have keys removed, the switch cannot be operated and power restored.

Figure 1: Rotary Switch Wiring Details (With Control Key Removed / Knob Off)


Figure 2: Common configurations

| Article | Key Position First Lock | Key Position Second Lock | Key Position Third Lock | Standard Sequence | Switch operated by | Normal State | Opposite State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LCU2-2-0-... | Inserted and Rotated | Inserted and Rotated | - | V | Top NIL |  |  |
| SCU1-1-0-.. | Inserted and Rotated | - | - | V | Knob |  |  |

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Figure 3a : Dimensional Drawing - LCU3


Figure 3b : Dimensional Drawing - SCU2


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Figure 4: Switch states

| Switch Type | Switch Operated Lock | Test Contacts via continuity** | Spindle Position (Facing lock at | Switch Angle ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | Switch Contacts Closed (X) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (2NO/2NC 20A) Contacts swapped state | Key Free | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1-2 Closed } \\ & \text { 3-4 Open } \\ & \text { 5-6 Closed } \\ & 7-8 \text { Open } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  | 0 | X |  | X |  |
| Transition State (all contacts opened) | Key Partially Rotated | All Contacts Opened |  | 15 |  |  |  |  |
| 2 Normally Open Contacts, <br> 2 Normally Closed Contacts | Key Fully Rotated | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1-2 Open } \\ 3 \text { - } 4 \text { Closed } \\ 5-6 \text { Open } \\ 7-8 \text { Closed } \end{gathered}$ |  | 30 |  | X |  | X |
|  |  |  |  | 30-90 |  | X |  | X |
|  |  |  |  | 90 |  | X |  | X |
| (4NC) Contacts swapped state | Key Free | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1-2 Open } \\ & 3 \text { - } 4 \text { Open } \\ & 5 \text { - } 6 \text { Open } \\ & 7 \text { - } 8 \text { Open } \end{aligned}$ |  | 270 | T1 | T2 | T3 | N |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Key Partially Rotated | All Contacts Opened |  | 270-335 |  |  |  |  |
| opened) |  |  |  | 335-345 |  |  |  | X |
| 4 Normally Closed Contacts | Key Fully Rotated | 1-2 Closed <br> 3-4 Closed <br> 5-6 Closed <br> 7-8 Closed |  | 0 | X | X | X | X |

Figure 4a: Standard 2NO/2NC Switch Contact


Figure 4b: Standard 4NC/0NO Switch Contact


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** If your switch contacts do not operate as expected at the listed angles, it could be that your switch is $180^{\circ}$ out of phase. This can be tested by rotating the spindle at the back by $180^{\circ}$ with a gripping tool (such as pliers) and reinserting back into the product assembly. Re-test the contacts at the back of the switch to confirm contacts operate as expected


Neutral connections on a switch (such as those on the 4NC switch reference ' $N$ ') are closed before the main poles (this is shown in Figure 4). These are referred to as 'early make' and typically use on undervoltage/PFR coil circuits to ensure they are energised prior to the circuits making.

Auxiliary contacts typically close after the main poles are switched such that open contacts will change to closed after the switch contacts, 'late make'. When changing from closed to open, auxiliary contacts will 'early break' to change state before the main contacts.

| OFF | ON |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Open | Closed | Main Poles |
|  |  |  |
| Open | Closed | Early Make ('N' Poles) |
|  |  |  |
| Open | Closed | Late Make / Early Break (Aux Poles) |

## Tools and Fixings Required

## Back of Board:

- M6 Tap or Dia. 6.5 Drill
-3.5mm Flat Blade Electrical Screwdriver
- $4 \times$ M6 Screws
- $4 \times \mathrm{M} 6$ Nuts
- $4 \times$ M6 Washers

Front of Board:

- M4 Tap or Dia. 4.5 Drill
-3.5mm Flat Blade Electrical Screwdriver
- 4 x M4 Screws
- $4 \times$ M4 Nuts
- $4 \times \mathrm{M} 4$ Washers

All fixings must be used.

## Mounting

Back of Board - This unit can be fixed to the machine control panel.
Mount the unit only in its correctly assembled condition to flat metal plate of minimum thickness 3.0 mm . The plate must be bonded to earth potential. A sound earth connection must be made to the front plate of the product. When a protective earth is required ensure it meets appropriate regulations for the installation.

1. Locate the unit so that all the locks are within easy reach.
2. Machine the panel
3. Mount the unit to the panel using the 4 M 6 screws, nuts and washers, as applicable.
4. All fixing screws must be permanently prevented from removal, either by vibration or by personnel using standard tools.

Front of Board - This unit is housed in a metal enclosure and is designed to be fixed in front of the machine control panel.

1. Locate the unit so that all the locks are within easy reach.
2. Mount the unit to the panel using the 4 M 4 screws, nuts and washers, as applicable. The fixing holes are accessible with the lid removed.
3. All fixing screws must be permanently prevented from removal, either by vibration or by personnel using standard tools.

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| Maximum Permissible Wire Gauge |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Wire Type | Units | 20 A | 32 A | 63 A |  |
| Single Core or Stranded | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | $2 \times 2.5$ | $2 \times 6$ | $2 \times 16$ |  |
|  | AWG | $2 \times 12$ | $2 \times 8$ | $2 \times 6$ |  |
| Flexible Wire | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | $2 \times 2.5$ | $2 \times 4$ | $2 \times 10$ |  |
|  | AWG | $2 \times 14$ | $2 \times 10$ | $2 \times 6$ |  |

The 20A, 32A and 63A switches will accept 2 wires per terminal, one either side of the terminal screw. Only copper wires are to be used.

## Wire Strip Length

The wire strip length is the length of wire left exposed at the end of a cable when the insulation is removed.
The recommended lengths are shown below.

| Switch | Strip Length (mm) |
| :--- | :--- |
| 20A | 8 |
| 32A | 11 |
| 63A | 15 |
| Minimum Voltage and Current |  |
| The standard 20A switch has been tested to work down to 5 mA at 20V. For lower voltage and current requirements, please <br> contact Fortress. |  |

## DC Ratings

The rotary switches are all $A C$ but have the following $D C$ ratings:

| DC Voltage | 20 A Switch | 32 A Switch | 63 A Switch |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 24 V | 20 A | 32 A | 63 |
| 48 V | 12 A | 25 A | 50 |
| 60 V | 4.5 A | 10 | 16 |
| 110 V | 1 A | 2 | 3 |
| 220 V | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| 440 V | 0.27 A | 0.3 | - |

## Mechanical and Electrical Life

| Switch Type | Mechanical Life ( $\mathrm{N}^{\circ}$ of Operations) | AC - 21A Electrical Life ( $\mathrm{N}^{\circ}$ of Operations) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20A | 1,500,000 | 100,000 |
| 32A | 1,500,000 | 100,000 |
| 63A | 1,500,000 | 100,000 |

## Electrical Connection

Check that the unit to be installed is of the same electrical type and rating as the machine control circuits. Please refer to the Terminal Numbers for the Key Operated Rotary Switch. Bond the unit to Earth potential via the Earth point provided. When a protective earth is required ensure it meets appropriate regulations for the installation. Test the unit for correct operation.

## Commissioning

## Mechanical Function Test

1. Isolate electrical supplies.
2. Insert all the keys.
3. Check that all the keys in Normally In Locks are trapped in positions when the switch operated lock has a key trapped (for LCU) or the switch knob is in the ON state (SCU).
4. Check that all the switches are in the states shown in the wiring diagrams - see figure 1.
5. Remove the key from the switch operated lock (LCU) or operate the switch knob (SCU).
6. Check that the rotary switch changes state.
7. Check that all the remaining keys can now be removed in order. For SCU, check that the switch knob is trapped when any other keys are removed. For LCU, check the switch operated key cannot be inserted and rotated when any other keys are removed.

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## Liability coverage is voided under the following conditions:

1. If these instructions are followed
2. Non-compliance with safety regulations.
3. Installation and electrical connection not performed by authorised personnel.
4. Non-implementation of functional checks.

## Environmental Specification

Maximum Relative Humidity: $80 \% @<=31^{\circ} \mathrm{C} 50 \% @ 40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Environment Type: Indoor
Maximum Altitude: 2000m
Ambient Temperature: $-5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Transient Overvoltages Installation: Uimp 2500V
Pollution Degree: (IEC 664)
Fortress Interlocks Ltd reserves the right to modify the design at any time and without notice.
This guide should be retained for future reference.

| Product | Number of Locks | Front of Board |  | In Enclosure |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Single Row | Dimension A | Dimension B | Dimension A | Dimension B |
| LCU2 | 2 | 212.7 | 168.3 | 209.6 | 184.2 |
| LCU3 | 3 | 269.9 | 225.4 | 266.9 | 241.3 |
| LCU4 | 4 | 327.0 | 282.6 | 323.9 | 298.5 |
| LCU5 | 5 | 384.2 | 339.7 | 381.0 | 355.6 |
| LCU6 | 6 | 441.4 | 396.9 | 438.2 | 412.8 |
| LCU7 | 7 | 498.5 | 454.0 | 495.3 | 469.9 |
| LCU8 | 8 | 555.6 | 511.2 | 522.5 | 527.0 |
| SCU1 | 1 | 155.5 | 111.1 | 152.4 | 127.0 |
| SCU2 | 2 | 212.7 | 168.3 | 209.6 | 184.2 |
| SCU3 | 3 | 269.9 | 225.4 | 266.9 | 241.3 |
| SCU4 | 4 | 327.0 | 282.6 | 323.9 | 298.5 |
| SCU5 | 5 | 384.2 | 339.7 | 381.0 | 355.6 |
| SCU6 | 6 | 441.4 | 396.9 | 438.2 | 412.8 |
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