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**New Schlage® Electronic Keypad Locks Offer Homeowners Freedom to Control Access Without Carrying Keys**

**CARMEL, IN, October 3, 2006** – To help consumers add convenience to their increasingly active lifestyles, Ingersoll Rand Security Technologies, a leading door hardware and security solutions provider, today announced the launch of its new Schlage® electronic keypad locks and deadbolts. Consumers now can enjoy the freedom of keyless entry for every member of their families, as well as guests and service providers.

The new Schlage keypad locks and deadbolts securely lock doors until a user enters his or her valid four-digit access code, using the specially designed, easy-to-read keypad, making it accessible for users of all ages and abilities. Ideal for securing entryways, home offices, utility rooms, storage areas and wine cellars, keypad locks add convenience and security to virtually any door or room in any home.

“Consumers are busier than ever and are constantly looking for products to accommodate their fast-paced lifestyles,” says Rich Goldsbury, Global President, Security Systems, Ingersoll Rand Security Technologies. “Our new Schlage keypad products allow consumers to go out for a jog, let the pet sitter in when they’re not home and secure valuables in their home offices without having to worry about hiding, losing, carrying or forgetting keys.”

The new Schlage keypad locks and deadbolts come with a premium quality nine-volt battery and are ready to use right out of the box. Preprogrammed with two unique access codes, the owner has the option to store

an additional 17 access codes. Keypad locks and deadbolts allow consumers to add, delete or change user codes instantly. For enhanced visibility and style, blue light emitting diodes (LEDs) illuminate the keypad buttons, as needed.

Do-it-yourselfers of all levels can install the keypad locks and deadbolts in minutes, using only a screwdriver. For added convenience, the versatile locks and deadbolts are designed to fit standard residential door openings.

Schlage keypad locks and deadbolts come in two stylish designs and are available with knob and lever options. Offered in eight finishes, including satin nickel, satin chrome, lifetime brass and aged bronze, the locks and deadbolts can complement any home décor. These products also match other Schlage security products to help create a unified style for all locks and deadbolts throughout a home.

Available in November at select Home Depots, Lowe's, Menards and other home improvement centers for a retail price of approximately \$119 to \$139, the new locks and deadbolts represent the latest additions to Ingersoll Rand Security Technologies' complete offering of residential interior and exterior security and hardware solutions.

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