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SARGENT INTRODUCES ICLASS® TECHNOLOGY TO HARMONY SERIES

New Option Offers Enhanced Security Through Encryption, Mutual Authentication

NEW HAVEN, CT – SARGENT Manufacturing Company (www.sargentlock.com) a market leader in architectural hardware, exit devices, electronic access control locks, cylindrical and mortise locks, has added HID iCLASS® 13.56 MHz capability to its Harmony Series of access control locking hardware. **The company will be displaying this new capability in Booth #3501 at ASIS International, September 21-24, 2009 in Anaheim, CA.**

Optimized to make physical access control more secure, iCLASS 13.56 MHz contactless smart card technology provides versatile interoperability and offers enhanced security through encryption and mutual authentication. At the same time, iCLASS is user-friendly, delivering the convenience, affordability and reliability of proximity technology.

The Harmony H2 Series provides seamless integration of Grade 1 security into an existing Wiegand-compatible access control system and is available in exit device, cylindrical and mortise lock configurations. Harmony incorporates an iCLASS card reader, Door Position Switch (DPS) and Latchbolt monitoring sensors, as well as Request-to-Exit (REX) signaling. The Harmony Series has a clean, crisp design and is available with many lever styles and hardware finishes to please the architect and designer while at the same time delivering Grade 1 strength and durability to meet the needs of most demanding applications.

About SARGENT

Founded in the early 1800s, SARGENT is a market leader in locksets, cylinders, door closers, exit devices, electromechanical products and access control systems for new construction, renovations and replacement applications. The company's customer base includes commercial construction, institutional and industrial markets.

About ASSA ABLOY

ASSA ABLOY is the global leader in door opening solutions, dedicated to satisfying end-user demands for security, safety and convenience.