

: SLIDING KEY

A **sliding key lock** (or sliding door lock with key) is a specialized security mechanism designed to lock sliding doors, windows, wardrobes, and display cabinets. Unlike standard swing-door locks, these systems secure panels that bypass one another horizontally or vertically. [\[1, 2, 3, 4,](#)

Depending on your installation needs, several types of keyed sliding locks are available across retailers:

## Core Varieties of Sliding Key Locks

- **Plunger / Push-In Locks:** These mechanisms lock when the cylinder is pushed directly forward into a pre-drilled hole on the overlapping frame. The key is required only to release the bolt and unlock the panel. [\[1, 2, 3\]](#)
- **Hook Bolt Mortise Locks:** Installed directly inside the sliding door profile, these locks use a hook-shaped latch that pivots upward to catch the strike plate, preventing the door from being pried open sideways. [\[1, 2, 3, 4, 5\]](#)
- **Adjustable Track Locks:** Temporary or semi-permanent clamp-on blocks that screw tightly onto the exposed window or patio door track. They use an Allen key or thumb wrench to restrict how far a window can slide open, making them excellent for childproofing. [\[1, 2, 3, 4, 5\]](#)