

Frequently Asked QUESTIONS

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What types of keys is the 009B designed to duplicate?

A. The 009B is intended for duplicating “mid-size” tubular keys. The machine will duplicate both 7-cut and 8-cut varieties, including those with offset spacing configurations. To assure optimum cutter life, only key blanks with brass barrels, such as the Ilco 1137B, should be used.

Is it difficult to duplicate a tubular key?

A. No. In fact, the 009B is very simple to operate, even for those new to the key cutting trade.

How popular are tubular keys in today’s market?

A. Even though there are a variety of high security locking system types currently in use in North America, the tubular key still finds wide use in most regions of the continent. Bicycle locks, motorcycle ignitions locks, alarms, padlocks, switch locks, and vending equipment, are just a few product types in which tubular locking mechanisms are regularly found.

How much should one charge for duplicating a tubular key?

A. As with many services, prices vary based upon local market conditions, and existing competition. The typical charge for duplicating a tubular key ranges between \$5.00 to \$8.00 for the first copy, with a lesser charge for additional copies of the same key. The “going rate” in your area may actually be higher or lower.

How long will the machine’s cutter last?

A. Most users will obtain useful cutter life well in excess of 150 duplicated keys. Attempting to cut steel key blanks, or cutting in an aggressive manner (making the cuts on the blank too quickly) will result in markedly reduced service life of the cutter.

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