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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**INNOVATIVE SCHLAGE LiNK DOOR LOCK AND REMOTE  
HOME-MANAGEMENT SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE IN LOWE'S STORES**

*Wireless Keypad System Lets Homeowners Control and Monitor Door Access from a  
Computer or Cell Phone and Gives Parents of Latchkey Kids Peace-of-Mind —  
Features Embraced by Majority of Parents in Recent National Survey*

**CARMEL, IN, June 1, 2009** – Schlage®, the most trusted brand in door locks, announced today that its innovative Schlage LiNK System is now available in more than 650 Lowe's home improvement stores. The first-of-its-kind remote home-management system incorporates Z-Wave® wireless technology, allowing homeowners to remotely lock/unlock and monitor entry to doors equipped with Schlage's wireless keypad locks. Remote access can be granted from a computer or Web-enabled mobile phone, including Apple's iPhone and RIM's BlackBerry smartphones.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to expand the availability of the Schlage LiNK System to Lowe's stores across the country," said Dwight Gibson, General Manager, Intelligent Residential Electronics, for Ingersoll Rand, the parent company of Schlage. "This versatile home-management system is perfect for busy homeowners, especially working parents who want to know when their children arrive home from school. The system can be set up to send an email or text message the moment a child arrives home and enters a unique access code to open the door, giving parents peace of mind."

"We began offering the Schlage LiNK System online at Lowes.com in April but also wanted to provide customers the products in-store as well," said Ed Pomeroy, Lowe's Vice President of Merchandising in Hardware. "Far more than just an electronic lock, this sophisticated yet easy-to-use system will give our customers a secure and convenient

way to monitor and control access to their front door anytime, anywhere from a computer or Internet-capable phone.”

### **Say Goodbye to Your Keys**

Schlage LiNK wireless deadbolts and locks eliminate the need to carry or circulate keys, although the wireless locks do include a set of traditional keys for those who also want that functionality. Homeowners can unlock LiNK-equipped doors by entering a 4-digit code on the lock’s 10-digit keypad or by using a mobile phone with a data plan to access the password-protected Schlage LiNK online interface. It’s also possible to create temporary entry codes for day workers as well as remotely control and monitor various other Z-Wave-enabled devices such as lights or thermostats and even the new Schlage camera through the Web and mobile interfaces.

Homeowners can also choose to receive e-mail or text notifications when specific user codes are entered on the lock’s keypad. The system stores data for 90 days, providing a record of who enters your home at what times and on which days, making it easy to track code activity.

### **Parents Like Schlage LiNK and See Value in 24-Hour Control**

A new national study finds that nearly three-quarters of the 1,050 parents surveyed are interested in a door lock system that provides not only security but convenient monitoring and control of home devices from any location, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Accustomed to subscriptions for convenience services such as Internet-enabled cell phones, premium TV channels with digital video recorders and DVD movie rentals, nearly half of the busy parents surveyed said they would be willing to pay at least \$13 a month for the convenience of remote home control. Schlage LiNK subscriptions cost \$12.99 per month, which is less than 50 cents per day for remote access to the Schlage LiNK online portal.

“We are encouraged by these findings because the Schlage LiNK System delivers the features consumers want,” Gibson said, noting that parents of latchkey children were especially interested in the peace of mind that comes with being alerted by email or text that the kids have arrived home safely from school. The majority of survey participants also expressed a strong interest in being able to use a computer or cell phone to control temperature and lighting and to access a video camera to see what’s going on at home.

## **Starter Kit Includes Everything You Need**

The Schlage LiNK System Starter Kit includes one wireless deadbolt or lock, the Schlage network communications Bridge, batteries to power the lock and a Schlage Light Module for remotely controlling a lamp that is plugged into it. The Bridge connects to the home's existing router and uses Z-Wave technology to transmit data via low-power radio signals to the wireless lock. Additional Schlage wireless deadbolts and locks are sold separately. Three finish options are available to complement any décor: bright brass, satin nickel and aged bronze.

The manufacturer's suggested retail price of the Schlage LiNK Starter Kit is \$299 and additional Schlage LiNK deadbolts or locks are \$199 each. There is also a \$12.99 monthly subscription fee—which works out to less than 50 cents a day—for 24-hour access to the Schlage LiNK online portal and mobile-phone applications, which enable homeowners to control a variety of Z-Wave-enabled devices, including home thermostats and lighting.

## **Easy Installation**

Installing Schlage wireless deadbolts and locks is a straightforward process that usually requires only a screwdriver. Replace the existing door lock with the Schlage wireless lock (which runs on standard batteries) and go online to register the system. The next step is to set up the Schlage Bridge and, once the installation is complete, begin assigning personalized codes for anyone who needs access to the LiNK-equipped door.

## **Award-Winning Technology and Design**

The Schlage LiNK System has received *Constructech* magazine's **Top New Products for 2009 Award**, honoring the most innovative technology solutions developed for the homebuilding market, and *Design Journal's* **ADEX GOLD Award** for design excellence. ADEX stands for Awards for Design Excellence and is the largest and most prestigious awards program for furniture, fixtures and finishes marketed to the design trade.

## **About Schlage & Ingersoll Rand Security Technologies**

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**About Lowe's**

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**About Z-Wave**

Z-Wave is an award-winning, proven and interoperable wireless mesh networking technology that allows a wide array of devices in and around the home to communicate including lighting, appliances, HVAC, entertainment centers and security systems. Z-Wave brings many benefits to everyday life including remote home monitoring, home healthcare, safety and security, and energy conservation. Z-Wave certified products are currently available from leading consumer brands in more than 300 products. Z-Wave is the recipient of the *Wall Street Journal* Technology Innovation Award in the wireless category, the CNET "Best of CES Award" in the enabling technologies category, along with *PC World's* World Class Award. For more information about Z-Wave, please visit [www.z-wave.com](http://www.z-wave.com).

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