



INEXPENSIVE ELECTRONIC LOCKS VS. MECHANICAL PUSH BUTTON LOCKS

A number of Medical cart suppliers offer inexpensive electronic locks that offer no more functionality than a simple mechanical push-button lock. These inexpensive electronic locks require battery replacement and maintenance while offering little to no additional benefit over traditionally proven keyless access methods (mechanical push-button locks).

These inexpensive electronic locks **DO NOT** offer important functions generally required of electronic locks in the clinical environment.

Important functions missing on inexpensive electronic locks:

Auto-Relocking – The ability of the cart to relock the drawers after a preset amount of time. This allows clinicians access to cart contents and the peace of mind that the cart will relock itself after they are finished.

Audit Trails – The ability to track when the cart was locked and unlocked via the lock's internal software. Important when cart access needs to be reviewed for a particular cart or across a fleet.

Powered Unlocking/Locking – Lock mechanism can Lock/Unlock itself without need to manually turn a knob.



Inexpensive Electronic Lock



Mechanical Push Button Lock

These three features are **ESSENTIAL** for any customer considering electronic locks and explains why our electronic locks may sometimes appear to be priced higher than cheap alternatives. If a customer requires **AUTO RELOCKING, AUDIT TRAILS** or **POWERED LOCK OPERATION**, inexpensive electronic locks will not meet their requirements.

ALL WATERLOO ELECTRONIC LOCKS PROVIDE AUTO-RELOCKING, AUDIT TRAIL and POWERED LOCK/UNLOCK CAPABILITIES.

If a customer is simply looking for a **KEYLESS** locking option, a mechanical push button lock will offer the same functionality as the inexpensive electronic lock but at a lower price and without the need to replace batteries over time.