ALX Series Troubleshooting Guide



Category	Functions	Problem	Possible Cause(s)	Solutions	s
Locked or unlocked	ALX10	Door is locked and should be unlocked.	Keycam plug is in locked position	Remove the outside lever. Use a screwdriver to rotate the keycam plug clockwise until it stops. Then, reinstall the lever.	
			Locking lug is held in locked position	Remove the inside lever. Check for and remove any obstruction. Make sure the 80 function plunger (shown) is not installed by mistake.	
	ALX40, ALXV40 ALX44, ALXV44	Outside lever does not unlock with outside emergency turn or inside lever.	Incorrect plunger sleeve is installed.	Check the plunger sleeve. The correct plunger sleeve is white.	Plunger
	ALX50, ALXV50	Outside lever does not unlock with key or inside lever.			
	ALX50, ALXV50	Outside lever is locked when	Keycam plug is in	Remove the outside lever.	
	ALX53, ALXV53	inside button is in unlocked position.	locked position.	Use a screwdriver to rotate the keycam plug clockwise until it stops. Then, reinstall the lever.	
	ALX40, ALXV40 ALX50, ALXV50 ALX44, ALXV44 ALX53, ALXV53	Outside lever does not lock.	 Plunger assembly is not properly seated. 	Check that the plunger assembly is seated properly and snapped into place.	
	ALX80, ALXV80	Outside lever is unlocked and should be locked.	Plunger is not installed.	Check that the 80 function plunger (shown) is installed.	
			Plunger is not properly seated.	Check that the plunger assembly is seated properly and snapped into place.	
	ALX70, ALXV70	Key only retracts latch and does not lock.	Incorrect tailpiece is installed.	Check that the correct tailpiece (70 function, shown) is installed.	70 function tailpiece
			Incorrect cylinder timing.	Remove the cylinder. Follow instructions to time the cylinder with 70 function timing tool (ALX Instructions, page 8). Then, install lever and cylinder.	70 function timing tool
	ALXV50	Lock unlocks when outside lever is rotated clockwise.	 Incorrect tailpiece is installed. 	Check that the correct tailpiece is installed.	KIL Tailpiece FSIC Tailpiece SFIC Tailpiece
	ALXV53	Lock unlocks when outside lever is rotated clockwise with button pushed but not turned.	Tailpiece is installed incorrectly.	Remove the tailpiece. Then, reassemble the tailpiece parallel to the keyway.	Tailpiece Keyway

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Inside button or outside emergency turn	ALX40, ALXV40 ALX44, ALXV44	ALX50, ALXV50 ALX53, ALXV53	Push button or push-turn button is too short or too long.	The button is not correctly adjusted for door thickness.	Check that the button is properly adjusted for door thickness. Refer to instructions for details.	1½"-1½" 1½"-1½"
	ALX40, ALXV40 ALX44, ALXV44 ALX50, ALXV50 ALX53, ALXV53		Difficult to remove inside button/plunger assembly.	Plunger bar may prevent the plastic tab from being depressed.	Push the button to locked position. Place the chassis assembly on a table as shown. Push in and hold the slide to release the plunger. Then, push in the plastic tab with a flat screwdriver. Holding slide and tab down, remove the button/plunger assembly.	Slide depressed
	ALX50, ALXV50 ALX53, ALXV53		Push button does not push in to locked position.	Incorrect tailpiece is installed.	Check that the correct tailpiece is installed.	KIL Tailpiece FSIC Tailpiece SFIC Tailpiece
	ALX53, ALXV53		Push-turn button does not push in and turn to engage always locked position.	Incorrect plunger sleeve is installed.	Check the plunger sleeve. The correct sleeve is black for ALX53 and ALXV53 functions.	Plunger
	ALX40, ALXV40 ALX44, ALXV44		Difficult to install outside emergency turn assembly.	Keycam driver is not rotated fully clockwise.	Rotate the keycam driver fully clockwise before installing the turn assembly.	
				Lugs on turn assembly are not aligned with the keycam driver.	Check that the slot or turn handle is vertical and that lugs are correctly engaged with the keycam driver.	Slot or handle vertical Lugs engaged with keycam

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Latch retraction	ALXV80	Latch retracts with the door locked when the outside lever is rotated clockwise.	Incorrect tailpiece is installed.	Check that the correct tailpiece is installed.	KIL Tailpiece FSIC Tailpiece SFIC Tailpiece
			Tailpiece is installed incorrectly.	Remove the tailpiece. Reassemble the tailpiece parallel to keyway.	Tailpiece
	ALX50, ALXV50 ALX53, ALXV53	Dead latch does not work or works intermittently.	Door preparation is incorrect.	Check door preparation with the template. (Follow the link for door templates if needed.)	Door preparation templates index
	ALX70, ALXV70 ALX80, ALXV80		The latch is not properly engaged with the chassis.	Check that the latch is properly engaged with the chassis (shown).	Latch prong Slide Latch bar Latch prong
	ALX40, ALXV40 ALX44, ALXV44	Latch does not extend completely.	The latch backset is incorrect.	Check that the latch backset matches the backset on the door.	
	ALX50, ALXV50 ALX53, ALXV53 ALX70, ALXV70 ALX80, ALXV80	OR Latch does not retract completely.	The latch is not properly engaged with the chassis.	Check that the latch is properly engaged with the chassis.	Latch prong Slide Latch bar Latch prong
		Latch does not retract at all.	In hollow metal door applications, the latch is likely fishtailing.	Use hollow metal door spacer (part number 24483760).	Spacer

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Latch installation	ALX10 ALX40, ALXV40 ALX44, ALXV44 ALX50, ALXV50 ALX53, ALXV53 ALX70, ALXV70 ALX80, ALXV80	The latch is diffcult to install due to screw retainers.	The latch is not pushed flush to the door before driving screws.	Align screws with holes, then push the latch flush with the door and drive the screws.	
Key operation	ALX50, ALXV50 ALX53, ALXV53 ALX80, ALXV80	Key cannot be removed from the cylinder after lever installation.	Key was rotated incorrectly (counterclockwise) during lever installation.	Remove the lever and reinstall with the key rotated 90° clockwise.	
	ALX70, ALXV70	Key cannot be rotated clockwise after lever installation. Key does not rotate 360° to	 Cylinder timed incorrectly. Normal operation is 	Remove the cylinder. Follow instructions to time the cylinder with the 70 function timing tool (ALX Instructions, page 8). Install the lever and cylinder making sure the key is rotated 90° clockwise when installing timing tool the lever.	
		lock or unlock.	Normal operation is 180° rotation to lock or unlock.		

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Lever operation or installation	ALX40, ALX44, ALX50 ALX53, ALX70, ALX80	Outside lever clutches when locked, is not rigid.	The lock is configured for Vandlgard® mode.	Follow instructions to reconfigure the lock to non-Vandlgard mode. (Follow the links for instructions.)	ALX Vandlgard conversion	
	ALXV40, ALXV44, ALXV50 ALXV53, ALXV70, ALXV80	Outside lever is rigid when locked, does not clutch.	The lock is configured for non-VandIgard mode.	Follow instructions to reconfigure the lock to VandIgard mode. (Follow the links for instructions.)	instructions (PDF) ALX Vandlgard conversion (video)	
	ALX70, ALXV70	Lever and cylinder cannot be installed (classroom (70) function).	Keycam plug is in locked position.	Remove the inside lever. Check for and remove any obstruction. Make sure the 80 function plunger is not installed by mistake.		
	ALX80, ALXV80	Lever and cylinder cannot be installed (storeroom (80) function).	Incorrect tailpiece is installed. (Classroom (70) function tailpiece will interfere with outside lever installation.)	Check that the correct tailpiece is installed.	KIL Tailpiece FSIC Tailpiece SFIC Tailpiece	
		Outside lever can be removed without rotating the key 90°.	Incorrect tailpiece is installed.	Check that the correct tailpiece is installed.	KIL Tailpiece FSIC Tailpiece SFIC Tailpiece	
			Tailpiece is installed incorrectly.	Remove the tailpiece. Reassemble the tailpiece parallel to keyway.	Tailpiece	
	ALX10 ALX53, ALXV53 ALX40, ALXV40 ALX70, ALXV70 ALX44, ALXV44 ALX80, ALXV80 ALX50, ALXV50	Lever is difficult to install or cannot be installed.	Incorrect tailpiece is installed. (Classroom (70) function tailpiece will interfere with outside lever installation.)	Check that the correct tailpiece is installed.	KIL Tailpiece FSIC Tailpiece SFIC Tailpiece KIL Tailpiece FSIC Tailpiece SFIC Tailpiece 70 function 70 function 70 function	
Strike installation		The strike is diffcult to install due to screw retainers.	The strike is not pushed flush to the door before driving screws.	Align screws with holes, then push the strike flu	sh with the door and drive the screws.	

