San Francisco International Airport exceeds FAA requirements with Schlage HandKey™

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Summary
San Francisco International Airport (SFO), the ninth busiest in the world, provides superior security throughout its facility with Schlage HandKey® biometric reader.

Business Need
Few public facilities require as much attention to security issues as a major international airport. SFO needed a way to restrict unauthorized personnel from sensitive areas such as aircraft operations and baggage handling, and to ensure security of its boarding areas. It also wanted a reliable access control system for its new International Terminal. “Simple ID badges can be lost, stolen or given to cousins or friends,” said Roger Case, Technicians Supervisor at SFO. “In contrast, the Schlage readers are reliable and enhance security. They do a good job.”

Challenges
The Airport wanted a foolproof identity verification system for critical areas throughout its bustling facility.

Statistics
Industry: Transportation
Application: Access control
Biometric: HandKey®
HandReaders: 170+
Users: 34,000
Geography: United States
Solution
SFO installed HandKey® readers at critical access points throughout existing terminals. They worked so well that the airport recently selected HandKey readers for its new International Terminal. One place where security is particularly important is the aircraft operations area. HandKey readers control the doors that lead out to the “tarmac” where the planes are serviced by baggage handlers and other support personnel, ensuring that only authorized people can access the area. More than 170 Schlage HandKeys are a crucial element in the airport’s overall security.

Airports across the globe are using HandReaders to secure their most sensitive areas. Schlage HandReaders, which verify a user’s identity based on the unique size and shape of his or her hand, have been installed at major airports across the nation.

When the people planning access control for the airport’s new International Terminal needed a way to ensure the security of its operations, they knew from experience how easy to use and reliable the HandKey readers are, so it was an easy choice to specify Schlage HandKey readers for the expanded facility.

Results
San Francisco International Airport ensures vital security throughout its facility.

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Schlage HandKey® biometric HandReaders are installed throughout domestic terminals A through G, the International Terminal, and several outlying buildings. All are networked to a central computer. SFO is the fifth busiest airport in the U.S., and the ninth busiest in the world. The International Terminal, opened in 2000, is the world’s largest at 1.8 million square feet.

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