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SCHLAGE[®] LOCKS ARE NUMBER ONE AMONG BUILDERS

Builder magazine's 2010 Brand Use Study ranks Schlage as the top brand in three categories

CARMEL, IN, April 13, 2010 – Schlage is the number one brand in locksets when it comes to quality, "brands used the most" and "brands used in the past two years," according to *Builder* magazine's 2010 Brand Use Study, which surveyed 10,800 builders about the brands they use in 81 product categories, ranging from bath accessories to kitchen appliances to windows.

Builders were asked to rate the quality of the brands they sell and in the Locksets/Hardware category Schlage scored an impressive 6.02 on a scale of 7 with 7 being "excellent" and 1 being "poor." Builders were also asked which brands they "used in the past two years" and which brands they "use the most." In the locksets category, 71% of the respondents said they had used Schlage products in the past two years and 41% said Schlage was the brand they used most; the second most-used brand had a 34% response.

"We work hard day in and day out to maintain Schlage's leadership position in the market so it's gratifying to receive three number-one rankings in this important survey," said Eric Deddens, Vice President of Sales and Marketing–Builder Channels for Ingersoll Rand, the parent company of Schlage. "We're especially pleased that builders gave Schlage such high marks for quality, which is at the core of everything we do."

Sponsored by Hanley Wood, the publisher of *Builder*, the national survey was conducted by mail between September 17 and November 5 by Readex Research, an independent firm based in Stillwater, MN.

For information about Schlage products, visit www.schlage.com.

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