



Heavy Duty Guard Locking with PROFIsafe and CIP Safety





Introduction to Fortress:

Fortress designs and manufactures customised safety equipment, protecting lives in hazardous workplaces. Our reputation is as a global provider of robust safety specifications for manufacturing environments.

Why Interlocks? Interlocking is a method of controlling two or more interdependent operations which must take place in a predetermined sequence, if necessary remotely controlled or time delayed. The need for this sequence may be safety to personnel and equipment, or it may be to control processes and productivity.

Over the last 40 years, Fortress has become well known in the industry for innovative design, robust engineering and reliability. Headquarters are in Wolverhampton (UK), with supporting offices and manufacturing facilities in the USA, Netherlands, Australia, China and India, further supported by a global network of trusted distributors and channel partners.

Fortress' current product portfolio includes:

- **mGard** The only range of mechanical interlocks independently certified to PLe
- am) amGardpro Heavy duty safety gate switches with connectivity and trapped key integration certified to PLe
- am) amGard S40 Stainless steel IP69K safety gate switches independently certified to PLe
 - tGard Medium duty interlocks with configurable built-in control functionality independently certified to PLd
 - ncGard A range of safety switches with non-contact technology





amGard*pro* is the ultimate range of modular safety gate interlocks for heavy duty applications with a retention force of 10,000N. Its unique modular construction allows easy configuration; providing electro-mechanical solutions for practically any safeguarding application up to SIL3 (EN/IEC 62061), Category 4 and PLe (EN/ISO 13849-1).

*pro*Net is an addition to the amGard*pro* range that adds an Ethernet based networking capability.

Slimline *pro* houses the solenoid locking functionality in a body just 40mm wide.

FRANK is the integration of existing site RFID access cards as part of a software based access approval system for manufacturing areas. Data is collected in the Fortress system for data insights that can support efficiency analysis.

Mounting Plates ensure most of our configured amGardpro safety gate interlocks can be easily and simply fitted to machine guarding. The units arrive pre-fitted when the mounting plate and / or actuator plate suffix 'MPB1' is added to the configured part number. Note: Our online product configurators are available on our website - https://www.fortressinterlocks.com/ External Certifications CAT.4 PLe Mechanical Life 1,000,000 Cycles Customisable Robustness **Networking Capability** 10kN Retention Force Kantop II. EtherNet/IP PROFO NET **Environmental Resistance** Sealed to IP65 & IP67 **RFID Access Control** FRANK **Quick Disconnect** options



Access points can require safeguarding with safety switches to ensure the process cannot run with guards open. Wire-to-the-guard solutions are suited to fast and frequent access demands. Processes that do not stop instantly should be safeguarded with solenoid guard locking solutions that only unlock the guard when it is safe to access.



Robot arms require safeguarding measures during operation and when carrying loads. The robot pallet stacker below has two access points and a single central panel. When mains power is isolated to the system, the Power-to-Lock solenoid is de-energised and access keys for access points are release. Mechanical only interlocks at the guard can be opened with an access key whilst also providing a personnel key the operator is forced to take inside the cell to prevent restart in accordance to ISO 14118.



Slitting lines require multiple safeguarding methods to cover different hazards. Safety controls for light curtains, guard locks and grab wires are integrated into two Ethernet connected Fortress units in the below application. Access is provided via RFID badges. The Fortress FRANK controller manages permissions and records data insights to restrict access based on training levels; Access frequency and duration can then be used for productivity analysis.





Automated storage and retrieval systems have aisle entry access at aisle ends and / or mid aisle points. For EN 528:2008 compliance, automatic crane control is disabled by a key switch mounted in an enclosure outside the aisle. This key permits access to the aisle via the interlock. The same key enables manual crane control via a key switch on the cart inside the aisle. See EN 528:2008 for further guidance.





Guard Switch

2NC, 1NO heavy duty safety switch.



Guard Lock

Heavy duty Power-to-Unlock solenoid safety interlock.



SA2S6ZL411MPB1

Guard Lock with Escape Release

Heavy duty safety interlock with escape release. Activation overrides locking mechanism and creates stop command.



HS1S6R2ZR411

Guard Lock with Forced Extracted Key

Personnel key is required to be taken by the operator before guard opens.



SD2S6EKL3ZL411MPB1

Guard Lock with Single Action Escape Release

Ergonomic handle incorporates escape release in a single action. Operating red handle overrides locking mechanism and opens guard.



EI2A6SR411

Guard Lock with Integrated Ethernet Communication

PROFINET / PROFIsafe connectivity to the interlock. Pushbuttons & emergency stop incorporated at the guard. Ethernet/IP CIP safety also supported.



EI2A6SRP11NDP6EIP7P2NPF10

What is proNet?

Fortress' *pro*Net allows Fortress devices to become distributed I/O on PROFINET or EtherNet/IP networks. Safety information is exchanged using the PROFIsafe or CIP Safety. The *pro*Net module can be configured for standalone control functionality, to power external devices via quick disconnects or as part of an amGard*pro* interlock unit.

Product Features:

- 3 dual channel safety inputs are supported. Can be utilised for guard locking, emergency stops and enabling switch connection all within one unit.
- Standard I/O for pushbutton / lamp functionality is extendable up to 40 I/O per configuration.
- An integrated network switch facilitates 'daisy-chain' bus topologies with no additional hardware.
- I6 I/O is available as protected external I/O via quick disconnects.
- F-address are set via web interface or DIP switches.
- Diagnostic functions available via web interface (Supply voltage, Current F-address, Ethernet connection statistics).
- Variety of connection options including AIDA specification, M12 and 7/8" receptacles.

Control Stations

Fortress' *pro*Net Control Stations are configurable network solutions aimed at reducing the cost of installation / ownership of bespoke fabrications with hardwired control functionality.

Costs associated with wiring time, panel building, panel space and the purchasing of enclosures, IO modules, terminals, multi core cables, industrial connectors at the machine or cell for the safety switches, sensors and interlocks can be avoided. Units arrive ready to be plugged into the network via quick disconnects.



Control and safety communication are transmitted over a single Ethernet cable plugged into the Fortress unit. 3 dual channel safety inputs are supported with 1 dual channel safety output.



Industrial Access Control with FRANK

Fortress RFID Access Network Keys

Interlocks control when you can access equipment safely, FRANK controls who can access equipment safely.

By integrating readers to suit the existing site RFID access cards into a Fortress device and providing a software based access approval control system; FRANK can be integrated into automation systems with simple input / outputs to a PLC.

Data of who, when and where from access events is collated to a central point within facilities to allow for viewable events lists and data insights that can support efficiency analysis.

Fortress supports common card types including:

- 13.56MHz ISO 15693
- 13.56MHz with manufacturer's specific protocol
- 13.56MHz ISO 14443A
- 125kHz with manufacturer's specific protocol

Control Access





Manage Productivity



Misalignment Capability

Recognising that machine guarding installations often have a degree of variability and that guards move over time during use, Fortress provides market leading misalignment capability in the actuator offerings.

Actuator tongues can be moved vertically on a ratchet with angular misalignment also adsorbed by actuator design.



Mounting Plates

A series of packing and mounting plates to ensure most configured amGard*pro* safety gate switches can easily and simply be fitted to machine guarding. The configurable plates are a robust design of die cast aluminium and are suitable for both hinged and sliding guards. The packing and mounting plates are pre-fitted to the interlock when ordered together and the mounting plates. However, they can also be ordered separately.

Without Mounting Plates



With Mounting Plates



How To Configure:

The amGard*pro* online configurator allows you to add a mounting plate at the end of your configuration which will automatically select the correct mounting and packing plate that your configured unit requires.









Actuators, Handing

Heads

Step 1: Choose the Actuator, Handing & Head

Description	Information	Part No.			Description	Informa	tion		Part No.
Linear Insertion	High strength and misalignment, suitable for all 'S' head configurations.	SA			Hand Operated	Hand op return sp	erated actuation of the second s	ator with	SD
Tongue					Description	Information	tion		Part No.
Description	Information	Part No.				Sliding n	notion holds	door	
Tongue Slidebar Without a Spring	Sliding motion holds door closed. With no return spring slidebar remains in the position it is left in.	SN	N N Return Spring		closed. S escape r door to b the insid unlocked	closed. Same as a SN but escape release knob allows door to be opened only from the inside when main unit is unlocked.		SI	
Description	Information	Part No.	0.00 00 00	0[Description	Informat	tion		Part No
Tongue	Sliding motion holds door closed.					morma			Fart NO.
Slidebar With Return	Return spring pulls the slidebar	SS			Slidebar With	Same as a SI but escape release knob allows door to be opened and closed from the			
Spring	interlock when closing guard avoided.		(b)		Internal Handle			SF	
		1			c/w Spacer	inside wl	hen main ur	nit is locked.	
Description	Information	Part No.							<u> </u>
Short Hinaed	Short reach for use with 40mm wide			Kin	Description	Informa	tion		Part No.
Handle	units. (Removes need for separate	HS1		-di	Long Hinged	Long rea	ach hinged h	nandle for	HL1
	handle off filliged guards).				Handle	use with	80mm wide	e units.	
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Descriptio	n Part No.	Descriptio	n Part No.	Description	Information		Part No.		
Front Facir		Rear Facing	3	Linear Insertion Slimline Head	High strength a durability, suital 'S' actuators an	nd ble for all id front /	S6		
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Insert Your	Actuator	Handing	Head	Push Escape Release Adaptor	Tra	apped Key Adapto	ors	Guard Switch / Guard Lock
Part Number Selection Here								

Heads

Step 1: Choose the Actuator, Handing & Head

Description	Information	Part No.
Linear Insertion	High strength and misalignment, suitable for all 'T' head	ТА
Tongue	configurations.	

Description	Information	Part No.
Slidebar Without a Spring	Sliding motion holds door closed. With no return spring slidebar remains in the position it is left in.	TN
Description	Information	Part No.
	Sliding motion holds door closed	

Slidabar	Sliding motion holds door closed.	
With a	Return spring pulls the slidebar	
Return	open when unlocked. Collision	TS
Spring	with interlock when closing guard	
Spring	avoided.	



Description	Information	Part No.
<i>pro</i> Handle No Internal Release	Ergonomic handle for machine guarding, but no method to open door from inside.	EN
Description	Information	Part No.
<i>pro</i> Handle, With Internal Access Handle	Ergonomic handle for machine guarding. Internal access handle allows to be opened and closed from the inside.	EF
Description	Information	Part No.
Slidebar with Internal Handle But No Return Spring	Sliding motion holds door closed. Same as a TN but escape release knob allows door to be opened only from the inside when main unit is unlocked.	ТІ
Description	Information	Part No.
Slidebar With Internal Handle c/w Spacer Behind The Knob	Same as a TN but escape release knob allows door to be opened and closed from the inside when main unit is locked.	TF

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	Description	Part No.	Description	Part No.	
	Left Facing	2	Right Facing	4	
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Insert Your	Actuator	Handing	Head	Push Escape elease Adaptor	Trapped Key Adaptors

Description	Information	Part No.
Linear Insertion Head	High strength and durability, suitable for all 'T' actuators and left / right facings.	Т6

Guard Switch /

Guard Lock

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Actuators, Handing

Heads

Step 1: Choose the Actuator, Handing & Head

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n	Information	Part No.
Action e	Red handle overrides all locking mechanisms and opens safety contacts to allow escape	EI
5		
ption Action	Information Red handle overrides all locking mechanisms and opens safety contacts to allow escape release. Red handle can also	Part No. EJ
	close door from inside.	
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Your	Actuator Handing Hea	Ad Push
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Step 2: Do you want a Push Escape Release?

Description

A push escape release adaptor will allow guard to open even if unit is locked by keys and / or solenoid. A push escape release adaptor is not needed if a single action escape release head and handle combination have already been specified.



Adaptors

Step 3: Choose an Trapped Key Adaptor



Electrical Switching / Locking

Step 4: Choose an Electrical Switching / Locking Body

Description	Information	Part No.	Voltage Options	Part No
Climling	Solenoid controlled safety switch.		24v	4
LOK Body	Holds door locked until signal sent to	ZL	proNet Connection (80mm wide variants only)	Р
<u> </u>			110v (80mm wide variants only)	1
Slimline	Same as ZL but allows push escape	70	230v (80mm wide variants only)	2
Releasing	means. Only 40mm wide.		ASi (80mm wide variants only)	8
Description	Information	Part No.	Solenoid Type & Override Options Part I	NO
	Solenoid controlled safety switch.		No Locking (Safety switch units only) 0	
LOK Body	Holds door locked until signal sent to	SL	Power-to-Unlock Auxiliary Release 1	
	unlock. 80mm wide.		Power-to-Unlock Emergency Release 2	
I OK Body -	Same as SL but allows push escape release adaptor or single action		Power-to-Lock (24v, 110v & ASi only) 6	`.、
Releasing	escape release head and handle to override locking means. Only 80mm	SR		
	wide.		Safety Switching Principle Options	Part No.
			Safety on guard locking for Power-To- Unlock solenoid locking units.	1
Description	Information	Part No.	Power-To-Lock solenoid locking units are	
STOP Body	Non-locking safety switch.	ST	always safety on guard.	
	am		Safety on guard power solenoid locking units.	6
 If you have selected a pus escape releas 	h e			
adaptor or single a escape release h and handle the	ead en			
select a releasing lock.	ng			litional
			control fund is required	tionality , skip to
Insert Your	Actuator Handing Head	Push Escape Release Adaptor	Trapped Key Adaptors Guard Switch / Guard Lock wiring s	tep 9.
Part Number				

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Slimline *pro*LOK can only be configured in 24v.

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Control Options - Once the basic interlock configuration is establish, control functions can be added in 'Option Pods'



Step 5: Slimline Option Pods



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Step 6: Key Switch Pods





Actuator

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Stand	alone key sw	vitch pod with n	o holes on	top of p	ood case.	0	
Key sv nterlo	witch pod with ck assembly.	2					
Descr	iption					Part No.	
Standa	ard Lock no c	lustcover				1	
Standa	ard Lock with	dustcover				2	
Standa	ard Lock with	padlockable d	ustcover			3	
Maste	rable Lock no	o dustcover				6	
Maste	rable Lock wi	th dustcover				7	
Maste	rable Lock wi	th padlockable	dustcover			8	
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Key Switch Option Pod

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Insert Your

Part Number Selection Here

Step 7: Option Pods



Step 8: Networked Option Pods

							Connect	ion Option	IS			Part No.
				3 QD set - 1x male M12 power, 2x data.					07			
Description		srnet/l					4 QD set - 1x male M12 power, 2x data, 1x M12 5-pin, external safety switch inputs.					09
				4 QD set - 1x male M12 power, 1 female M12 power, 2x data.								
Networked option pod fitted to guard interlock assembly.	D	н	4 QD set – 1x male power, 1x female power switches and lamps (5-pin 7/8"), 2x data.						wer	11		
				from the control option section in this ordering	4 QD set - 1x male power, 1x female power (4-pin 7/8"), 2x data.				<i>v</i> er	14		
If you have selected a proNet Op Pod theory your process		sequence:				4 QD set M12 8-pi	- 1x male M12 power, 2x data, 1x n M12 female to power a stop.				16	
 Pod then your ambardardor unit is now complete. If a proNet Option Pod isn't required, skip to wiring Top Right Bottom Left 			4 QD set female fo	- 1x male I or hardwired	M12 power d safety ou	power, 2x data, 1x fety outputs.		19				
						Top Left	Top Right	Bottom Left	Bottom Right			
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Insert Your Actuator Handing	Head	Push Escape Release Adapto	r Trap	oped Key Adapt	ors	Guard Sw Guard L	itch / Net ock Opt	tworked tion Pod				
Selection Here												



Quick Disconnects

Step 9: Quick Disconnect Connector Options



Step 10: Accessories



Description	Information	Part No.
Сар	To terminate assemblies without heads.	C6



Description	Information	Part No.
Drop Down Lock-Out	Padlockable addition to amGard <i>pro</i> head modules. Padlock holes only align when actuator is removed.	DD7



Description	Information	Part No.
Foot	To terminate non-switch configurations.	FT



Description	Information	Part No.
Lock-Out Clip	Padlockable addition to amGard <i>pro</i> head modules. 3 x 8mm padlock holes only align when clip is fixed into head.	SL8 - suitable for 'S' head TL8 - suitable for 'T' head

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