Common Keyway Sections

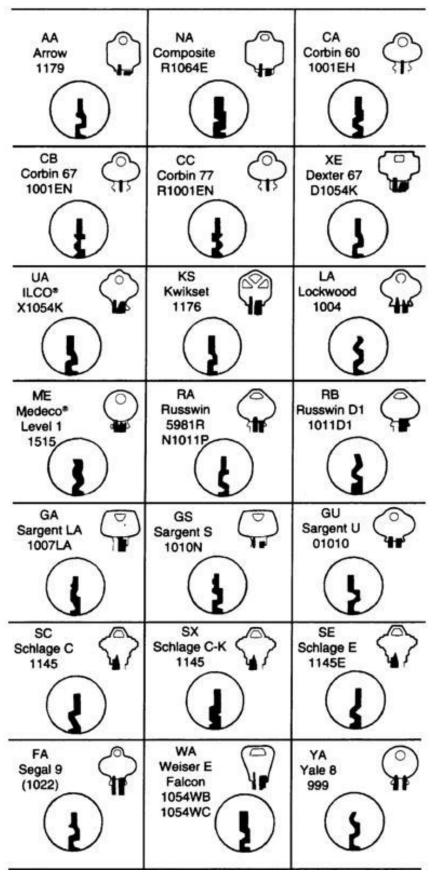
Using this resource, you should become very familiar with the keyway sections shown. These sections or "profiles" represent some of the most common lock cylinder keyways used. In an earlier assignment you were challenged to gather keyblanks and cylinders to see which keys would fit into each other etc.

Using this resource you can clearly see the keyway sections and get a better visual appreciation of why or how certain brand keyways will fit into other sections or keyway profiles. Let's take a look at the Arrow 1179 keyway, and then compare it to the Kwikset 1176. In this example you can see that the Kwikset can "pass" into the Arrow keyway, however the Arrow cannot pass into Kwikset because of one milling seen on the left upper portion of the sectional profile.

Homework Assignment: This resource shows the National keyway as a "composite" keyway. Using the Locksmith Dictionary learn what is a composite keyway?

A Composite keyway is -

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