

***Travel Sentry*[®] Approved locks now recognized and accepted by the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority**

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[Travel Sentry](#), the industry standard baggage security system used by every major lock and luggage brand in the world, today announced that the [Canadian Air Transport Security Authority \(CATSA\)](#) now recognizes and accepts *Travel Sentry*[®] Approved locks for checked baggage security. CATSA will now be able to open and relock passenger luggage that uses *Travel Sentry*[®] Approved locks when a physical inspection is required to clear checked baggage for safe transport.

For over 10 years, Travel Sentry has established and maintained the industry's worldwide standards that improve baggage security. The [Travel Sentry](#)[®] Approved locks are easily recognized by the distinctive Travel Sentry Red Diamond on each lock that signals that the locks can be opened and relocked by security officers, avoiding damage or delay and protecting travelers' belongings.

"We are proud to announce our agreement with CATSA. Every major Canadian airport now joins every US airport from Guam in the Pacific to the US Virgin Islands, as well as airports in Japan, Europe and Asia," said Joel Blumenthal, Travel Sentry's President.

Commenting on the Travel Sentry Program, Cris Smyczek, [Master Lock Company's](#) Product Manager said, "Over the last decade, Travel Sentry has been at the forefront of advancing the travel industry's worldwide standards that improve travel security. Their geographical presence and market position have witnessed sustained growth and today they have achieved yet another significant milestone."

Travel Sentry licenses its standards to lock and luggage manufacturers and monitors the performance of its licensees to ensure product functionality and quality. There are hundreds of different models and brands of *Travel Sentry*[®] Approved locks available and hundreds of millions of these are already in use and are available in almost 100 countries world-wide.

"Travel Sentry is recognized globally as an authority in baggage security," said Michel Farmer, travel accessory buyer at Montréal based [BENTLEY](#). "Our partnership with Travel Sentry has meant we can give our customers what they want, the ability to lock their bags and secure their personal belongings when they travel. We welcome the acceptance of the *Travel Sentry*[®] Approved locks by CATSA and that this means that air travelers can now lock their checked bags when travelling from Canada, the USA, and everywhere they travel."

About Travel Sentry

Travel Sentry[®] (www.travelsentry.org) is the global standard for Travel Security. *Travel Sentry*[®] Approved locks are officially recognized and accepted by the US Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration (TSA) www.tsa.gov and the [Canadian Air Transport Security Authority \(CATSA\)](#) www.catsa.gc.ca. Over 500 lock and luggage brands are licensed by Travel Sentry to manufacture, market, and distribute products with *Travel Sentry*[®] Approved locks including Master Lock, Bentleys, Samsonite, Rimowa, Tumi, and Delsey.

PRESS CONFERENCE/PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY: Program spokespeople available to press at the 34th Annual Luggage, Leathersgoods, Handbags & Accessories Show (LLHA), Toronto Congress Centre, South Hall D, Monday, April 28th at 10:30 a.m. Please email tammy@llha.ca if you wish to attend.

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