

## **CISA introduces TEKNO iNOVATE: security at the tip of the key**

**Faenza, March 2026** – CISA introduces **TEKNO iNOVATE**, a new range of high-security cylinders that brings together technological innovation, patented protection and controlled key duplication to help ensure everyday security for people, homes and workplaces.

The result of an intensive research and development programme, TEKNO iNOVATE features a **new mechanical patent valid until 2044**, a **modular platform** enabling customised cylinder assembly directly at **CISA TEKNO Centers**, and an **iconic key design**, protected by four distinct industrial property rights.

This is where the concept of “**security at the tip of the key**” originates: from the unique, instantly recognisable design of the key tip, safeguarded by:

- **Mechanical patent:** the innovative interaction between the cylinder and the key provides advanced protection against unauthorised copying.
- **Two registered Community Designs:** the key’s defining features are legally protected against any unauthorised reproduction, helping deter duplication of the key blank.
- **Registered trademark:** the key profile’s distinctive elements – the notch and three-dimensional design – are protected with unlimited validity over time, making them recognisable and inimitable.

Key duplication is possible exclusively upon presentation of the owner’s **Security Card** at authorised **TEKNO Centers**, CISA’s network of qualified partners that ensures secure, certified and traceable copies.

TEKNO iNOVATE also assures **backward compatibility** with previous versions – Astral Tekno and Astral Tekno PRO – preserving and enhancing the work already carried out by CISA’s partners.

*“With TEKNO iNOVATE, we strengthen our leadership in mechanical security: a key that integrates four levels of protection, a cylinder designed to withstand the most advanced attack techniques, and a modular platform created to simplify installers’ work. A product that looks to the future while respecting CISA’s longstanding values”*, says Luca Cavina, CISA Product Manager.

In addition to key protection, the TEKNO iNOVATE cylinder integrates advanced solutions against **bumping, picking, drilling and decoding tools**, including so-called *Topolino*-type devices, as well as **anti-snap protection** with sacrificial snap point and an extraction-resistant fixing screw.

The modular platform enables customised configurations, allowing the entire cylinder range to be managed with a reduced number of components, while optimising installation times and warehouse operations. With **over 1.6 million possible combinations** and **master key systems of more than 63,000 cylinders per key**, the cylinder offers a high degree of flexibility, effectively meeting the needs of end users.

With TEKNO iNOVATE, CISA reaffirms its commitment to continuous innovation in mechanical security. **Security at the tip of the key** is the promise behind TEKNO iNOVATE: a project that starts with the key to redefine the concept of protection.

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