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Our History

For decades, Onity has been one of the world's leading manufacturers of electronic locks for the Hospitality lodging industry, including hotel and vacation rental properties, as well as other sectors such as Self-Storage, Commercial, Senior Living and Education. Through the years, as technologies have become intertwined, we have expanded our solutions to providing a full spectrum of electronic locking, access control and mobile key solutions.

1941	**Company is founded**	Talleres de Escoriaza was founded in 1941 specializing in mechanical locking systems and other door hardware.
1986	**First generation HT10 introduced**	In 1986, the first generation of electronic locking systems was introduced based on mag-stripe technology: the HT10.
1993	**Internationalization and HT24w launch**	During the 90's electronic locking systems were developed and internationalized and the next generation of electronic locks, the HT24w were introduced.
1995	**Electronic division created**	Recognizing the growing importance and needs of the electronic locks market, an electronic division was created which specialized in electronic locks, including those for the hospitality industry.
1996	**TESA Entry Systems (TESA ESI)**	TESA Entry Systems specialized in electronic products and solutions.
1997	**Acquired by Williams Plc.**	In 1997, the company was acquired by the British group Williams Plc. and the international distribution network started expanding.
1998	**1,000,000 e-Locks**	In 1998, the TESA Entry Systems' group celebrated its first million electronic locks installed for the hospitality industry.
1999	**HT28 Smart Dual System Launch**	In 1999, TESA Entry Systems introduced the new generation of dual Smart/mag-stripe card locking system, HT28 Smart.
2000	**Talleres de Escoriaza sold**	Talleres de Escoriaza was sold to the Assa Abloy group, while TESA Entry Systems, the entity specializing in electronic solutions, was retained allowing better focus on our customers' needs.
2000	**TESA ESI retained**	The company started expanding the product range offering electronic in-room safes.
2002	**Rebranding TESA ESI to Onity**	As a result of this continuous expansion of services and integrated electronic solutions for the hospitality industry, the company began a rebranding strategy to fit the new repositioning as a global provider of electronic solutions and services.

2003	**New OS Safe Launch**	In 2003, the company redesigns the safes product range. A new important milestone was also reached: 2.5 million locks installed worldwide.
2006	**ADVANCE Locking Solution Launch**	In 2006, the ADVANCE lock is launched featuring a unique two-piece design that minimizes hardware on the guestroom door.
2009	**Introducing RFID Technology**	In 2009, Onity introduced the ADVANCE RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) locking system. This new locking solution utilizes MIFARE® Classic technology, which has become a standard worldwide.
2015	**Trillium® Locks Introduced**	In 2015, Onity introduced its Trillium lock series featuring an updated design to blend with modern hotel aesthetics and provide advanced security options. Trillium locks were launched in three primary versions: a standard mag stripe lock, RFID lock with MIFARE Plus® technology and RFID lock with DirectKey module on-board.
2015	**DirectKey™ Mobile Access System Launches**	In 2015, Onity unveiled the DirectKey system, allowing hotel guests to securely download their key to their smartphone through the hotel's loyalty app for easy access to their assigned room and other access-controlled areas. The DirectKey system uses a door-lock hardware module which employs 128-bit AES encryption technology to complement the security of existing locks. A few months later, Onity announced it is supplying the DirectKey mobile access solution to Hilton Worldwide.
2016	**DirectKey Usage**	After its widespread adoption by Hilton Worldwide, DirectKey opens doors more than 5 million times.
2017	**DirectKey Growth**	DirectKey is deployed across 1,000 properties, moves to a cloud-based SaaS and configurable mobile app, making the solution accessible to more hoteliers.
2020	**Serene™ Luxury Lock Launch**	Onity introduced the all-in-one Serene lock designed for luxury hotels, incorporating Bluetooth® 5 standard.
2020	**Rapid DirectKey Adoption**	DirectKey technology reaches a milestone of opening doors over 100 million times.
2022	**Serene Online Announced**	Onity released new connected functionality with the online Serene lock. In partnership with an Inncom thermostat, the online Serene lock includes enhanced front desk monitoring and control, as well as improved maintenance capabilities.
2023	**Passport™ Self-Storage Lock Launch**	Onity announced the Passport Locking Solution, which includes a smart lock, mobile app, cloud-based management system, IoT network, and other Onity-approved devices, into the self-storage industry.
TODAY	**Global Leader in Access Solutions**	Established as a global leader in access solutions across several segments including hospitality, self-storage, commercial and education, with DirectKey being deployed over a quarter of a billion times.
BEYOND	**Future of Onity**	Providing a one-stop shop of cloud-based solutions, including locks as a service, while continuing to innovate as a global leader in access solutions and mobile credentialing.

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