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Configurable Access & Control for Machine Guarding





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Introduction to tGard

tGard is a compact metal bodied system that enables the configuration of interlocks with or without guard locking, mechanical trapped key interlocks, and electrical operator controls either as separate devices or any combination of these three functions in one device.

tGard offers "a customised safety solution, as standard". Each order is defined by a range of tGard elements that include interlock safety switches, High Level Coded RFID, personnel keys, escape release, E-Stops, pushbuttons, selector switches, indicator lamps and a choice of operating handles for hinged and sliding guard doors.

tGard's metal body includes through-holes for quick installation on aluminium profiles, flat surfaces, doors and even back of panels without the need for mounting plates.

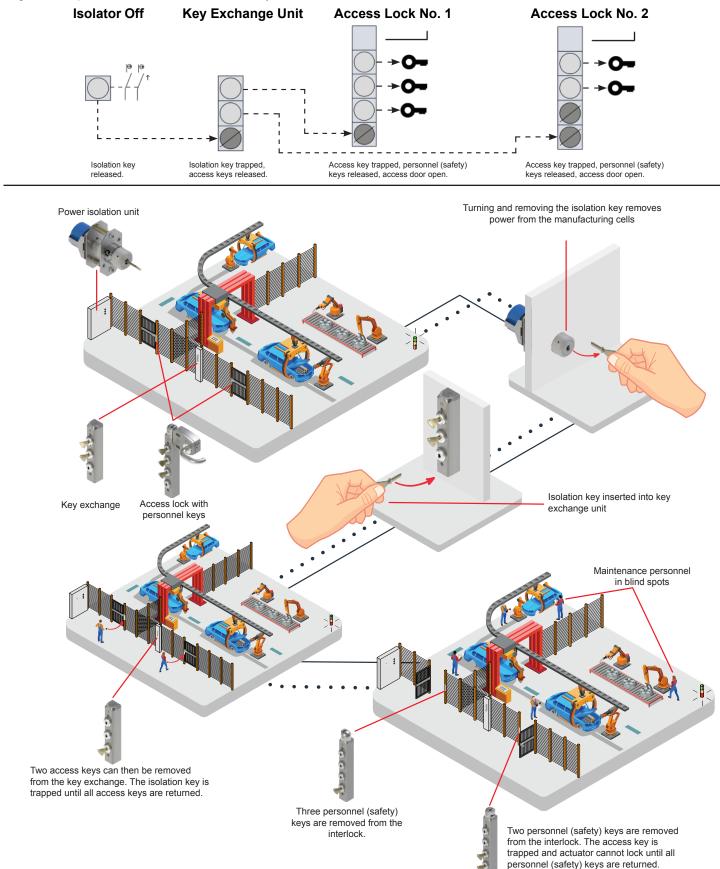
tGard is IP65 as standard and has been designed to be fully compliant with machinery safety standards.

Configuration Example



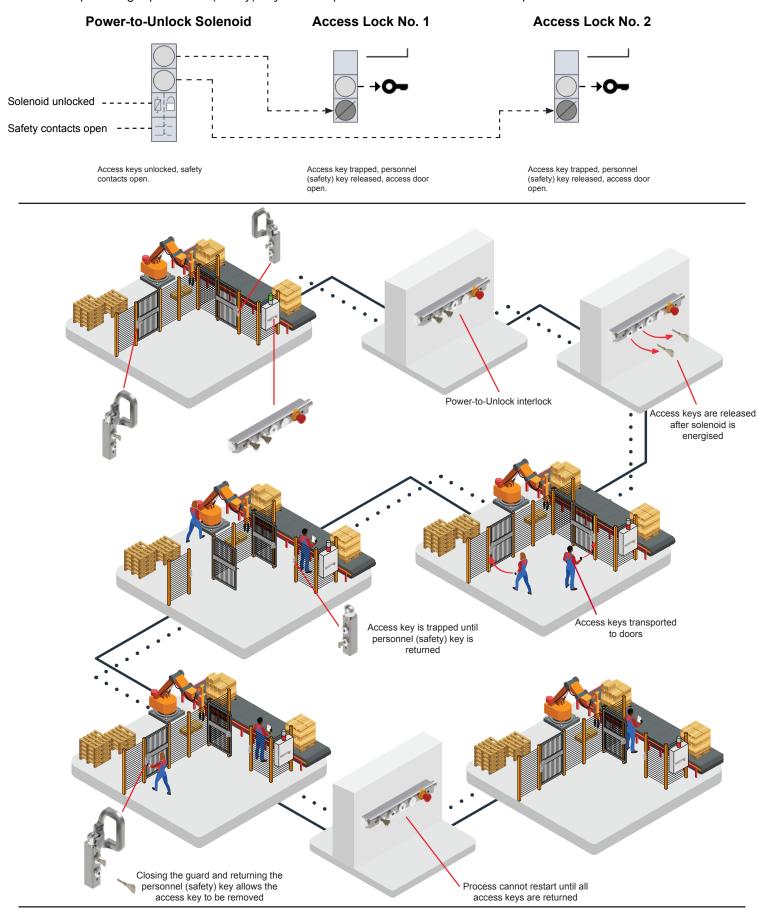
Application Requirement:

Due to the size of the safeguarded space surrounding body transfer lines in an automotive plant, there are blind spots where maintenance personnel could be performing work unknown to a line operator requesting the line to run. This could lead to the line running while maintenance personnel are still working within the cell. To avoid this, access to the transfer line can only be permitted when power has been isolated. Additionally, power cannot be restored until after all personnel have exited the safeguarded space and have returned their keys to the interlock.



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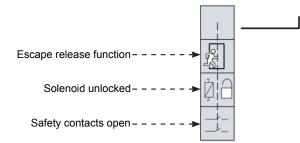
Robots require safeguarding measures during operation and when carrying loads. The robotic palletiser below has two access points and a single central control panel. When the interlock's Power-to-Unlock solenoid is energised and access keys for the access points are released. Mechanical interlocks on the moveable guards can be opened with an access key with each access lock providing a personnel (safety) key for the operator to take inside the cell to prevent restart.

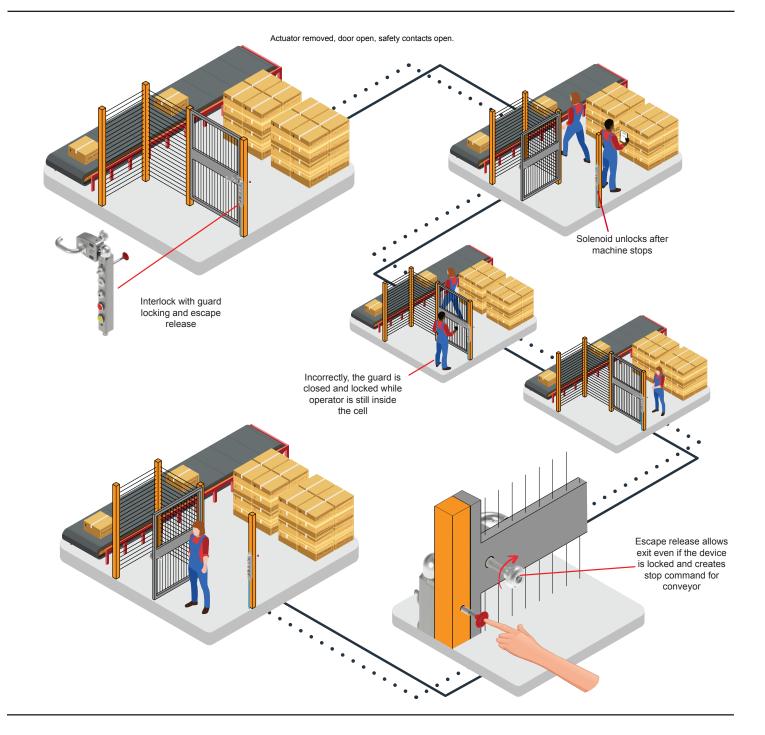


Application Requirement:

The conveyor system in an automated warehousing application below is safeguarded by interlocked guards. Access is required to remove incorrect packages or clear blockages on the conveyor. The interlock with guard locking keeps the guard locked until the conveyor is stopped. An escape release ensures any operator who becomes trapped within the safeguarded space can exit.

Interlock with Guard Locking





Common Configurations

Interlock (Safety Switch)

2NC, 1NO safety contacts.



THESMQ3

Interlock with High Level Coded RFID and

integrated operator controls

Personnel (safety) key available for operator to carry.



THHSNSMDUEMP6NRQ9

Interlock with Guard Locking

Power-to-Unlock solenoid with safety contacts.



THFSMDUQM

Interlock with Trapped Key and operator

controls

Access restricted to key holders, personnel (safety) key available for operator to carry.



Interlock with Guard Locking and Escape

Release

Power-to-Unlock solenoid with safety contacts. Escape release overrides locking mechanism and creates stop command.



Control Station

Control Station with emergency stop, indicator lamp and pushbuttons.



THCETLGP7P3P1Q8

How to Configure

Configuration tools are available on the Fortress website, www.fortress-safety.com



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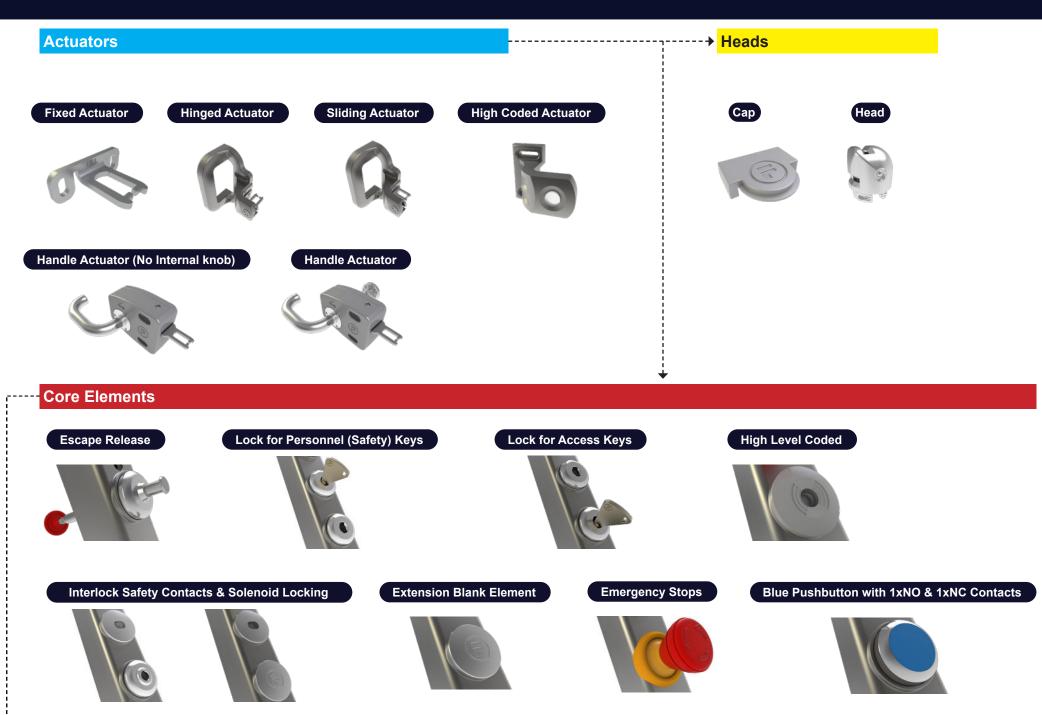
At the end of the selection process, the part numbers drop their "T", except the first item. Example:

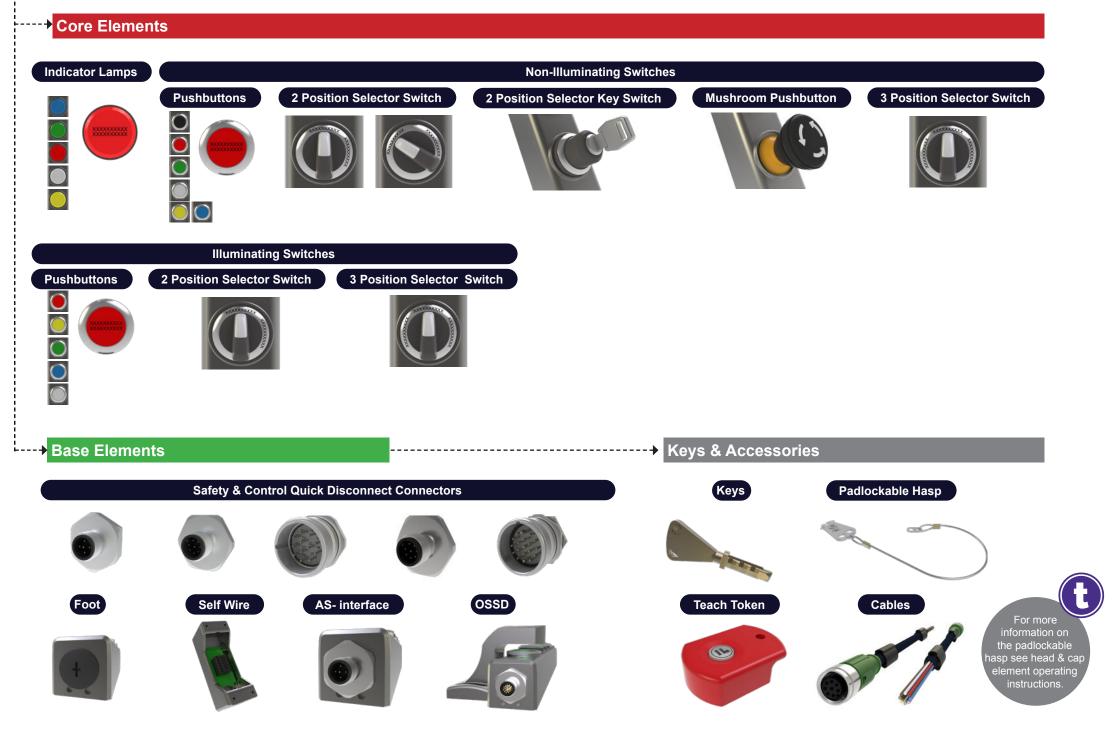
THE + TRX + TSN +TSMDL + TEC + TLG + TP6 + TG1 + T2E + TEB + TQM = THERXSNSMDLECLGP6G12ENRQM

When creating a tGard stack, the wiring of connections follow these rules:

- Safety circuits are in fixed positions on each connector and comprise of volt free circuits for SSR options, or are +24V taken from the supply voltage for OSSD.
- **2.** Inputs / outputs are allocated from the bottom of the stack, ascending.
- 3. On any one element, the inputs are assigned first, then the output(s).
- 4. Outputs are +24v, taken from the +24v supply, except for volt free options.
- 5. Selection of the connector depends upon the wiring requirements for inputs / outputs / safety circuit of the total stack.

tGard Range



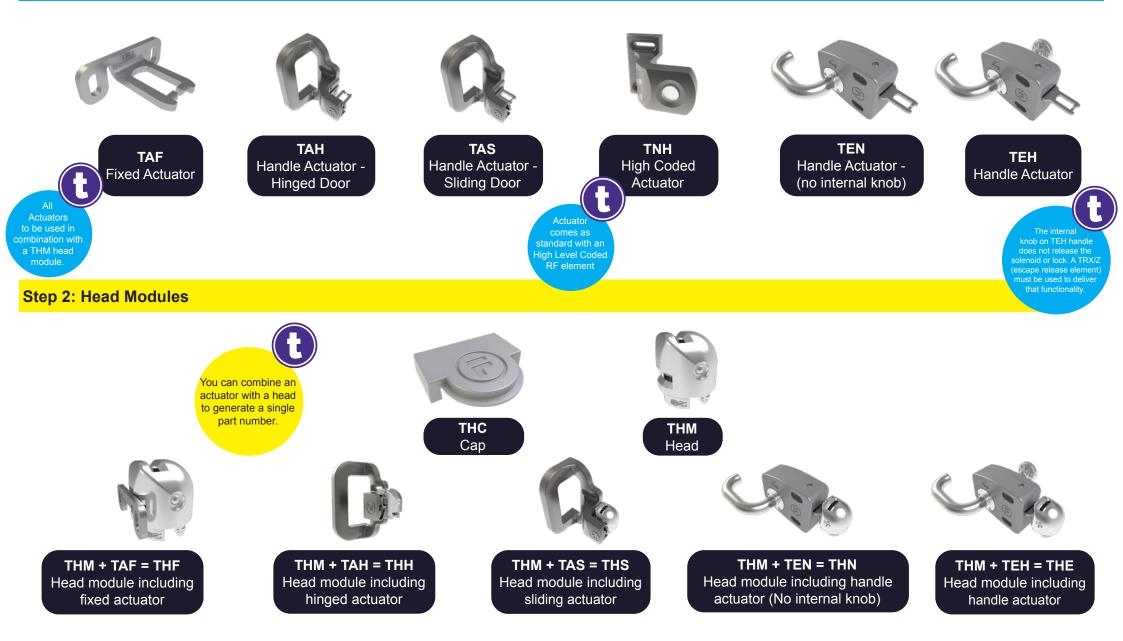


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Actuators & Heads

Step 1: Actuators



Step 3: Escape Release



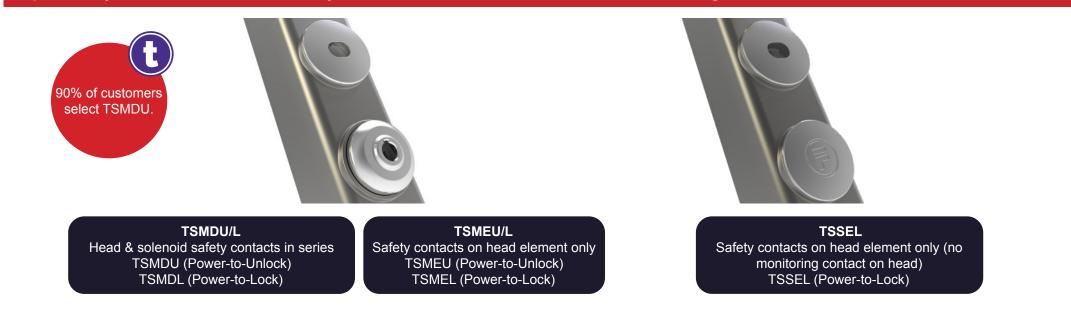
Step 4: Personnel (Safety) & Access Lock Element



Step 5: Safety Contacts for Interlock Safety Switches



Step 6: Safety Contacts for Interlock Safety Switches with Solenoid Controlled Guard Locking



Step 7: Extension Blank Element



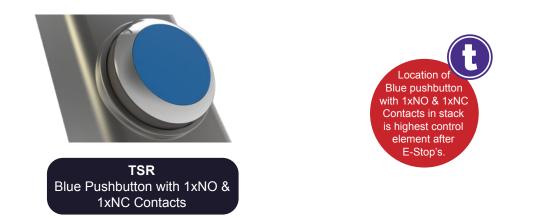


Step 8: Emergency Stop Element



TEC, TET, TEM, TEP, TEI Emergency stop element, version available with a monitoring contact or illumination An E-Stop is always located below any lock or safety contact elements. An E-Stop is located above any control elements, apart from TEM & TEI E-Stops which are at the bottom of the device.

Step 9: Blue Pushbutton with 1xNO & 1xNC Contacts



Step 10: Indicator Lamp Element



Step 11a: Non-Illuminating Switches

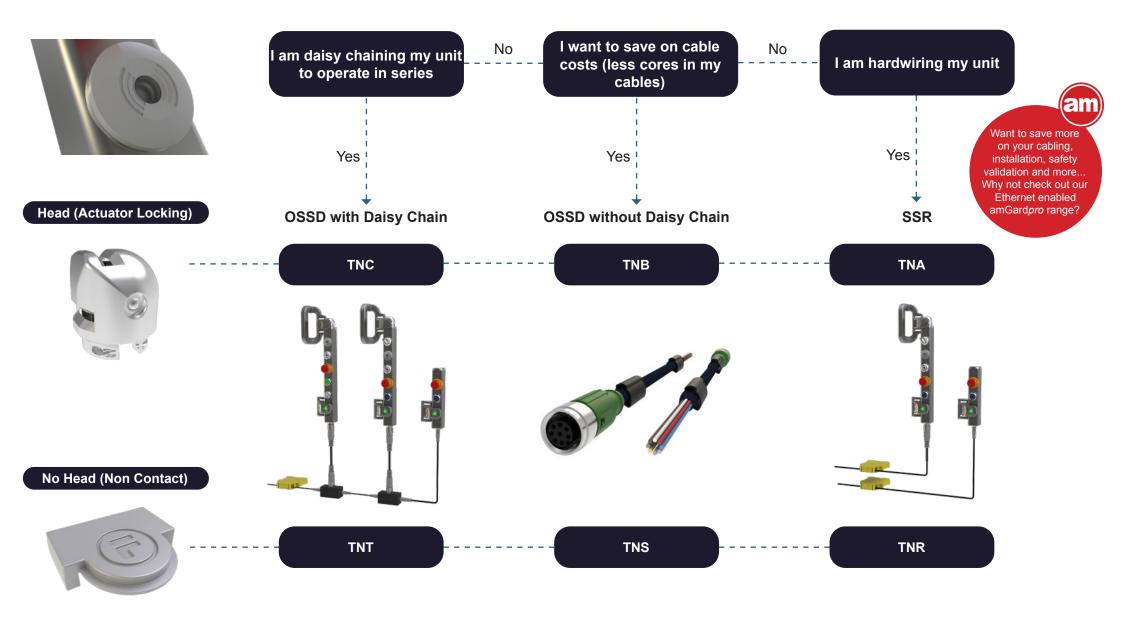






see operating instructions for a full range of options.

Step 12: RF Element



Step 12a: Safety & Control Connectors

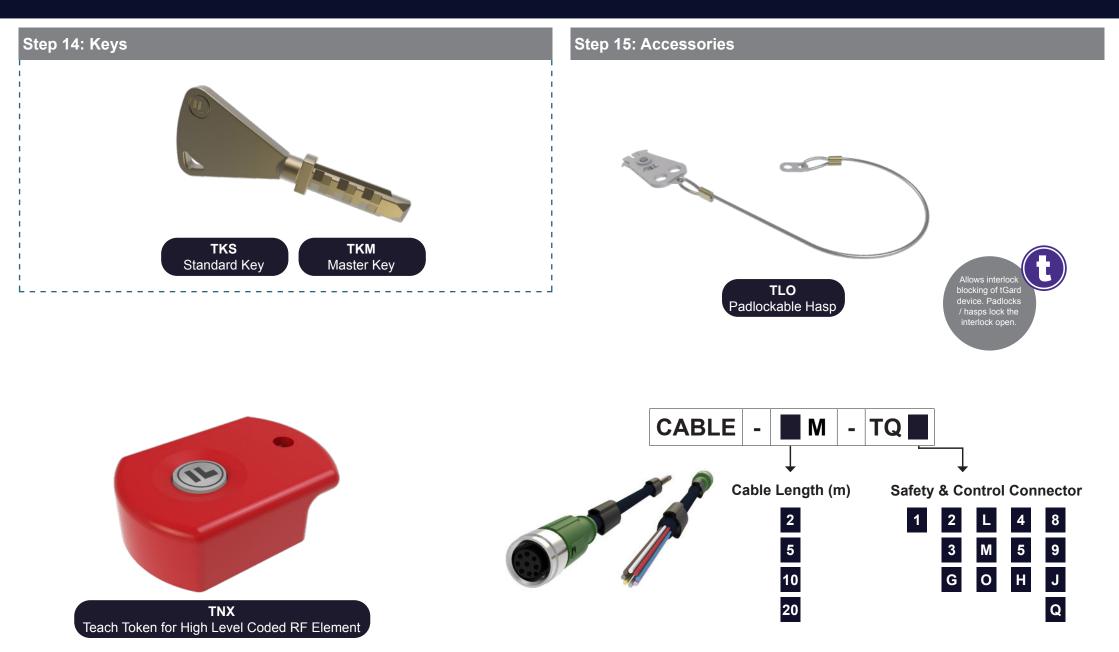
SC = Safety Circuits I/O = Inputs / Outputs

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	5 Pin M12 QD		8 Pin M12 QD		12 Pin M12 QD		12 Pin M23 QD) (19 Pin M23 QD
TQ1	2 SC	TQ2	5 I/O	TQL	9 I/O	TQ4	9 SC	Τ	Q8	2 SC, 12 I/O
		TQ3	2 SC, 1 I/O	TQM	2 SC, 5 I/O	TQ5	2 SC, 5 I/O	Т	Q9	4 SC, 8 I/O
		TQG	OSSD, 2 SC, 3 I/O	TQO	OSSD, 2 SC, 7 I/O	TQH	OSSD, 2 SC, 7 I/O	T	QJ	OSSD, 2 SC, 14 I/O
					·			T	QQ	OSSD, 4 SC, 10 I/O

Step 12b: Foot, Self Wire Connectors, AS-interface



Keys & Accessories



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