

PROTOCOL FOR RECONCILIATION OF REALISM WITH CONSENSUALITY

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Where a chastity Device, whether the Belt or infibulation *per labia* with a lock, is the centerpiece of the apparatus of a long-term B-&-D or D-S *relationship*, *realism* demands that there be only one Key in circulation, *not* held by -- perhaps not even ever to be touched by -- the wearer; but *consensual*ity demands that the wearer be able, even if only at the final need of walking out of the relationship, to free herself of the Device. This protocol resolves that conflict:

At the beginning the holder gives the wearer a functionally tested copy of The Key. The wearer places her copy of The Key in a tiny key-safe whose combination she then sets and does not disclose to the holder. The holder then places his seal on the key-safe. The key-safe is to be permanently mounted in a place readily accessible to both, but out of sight of possibly inquisitive third parties. As long as the holder's seal is intact, he knows that the wearer has not had access to her copy of The Key. Consequences of unauthorized breach of the seal, whatever they are, are set by negotiation between Key-holder and wearer, beforehand.

The key-safe has always been a simple matter: The Supra S-5 Alset II, available at larger locksmiths' shops and building-material warehouse stores, is stoutly cast of pot-metal coated yellow. It can be mounted with screws. Its three-letter combination is readily user-changeable. To allow for placement of the seal, it should be mounted with washers on the mounting screws on the outside of the back of the unit, to shim a clearance of one eighth of an inch between the back of the unit and the surface whereon it is mounted.

The recommended seal is a *new* product overdue on the market: It starts as a one-time-use cable-tie, but around its head is a small plastic flash which bears a *serial number* of up to six digits. It was designed for law-enforcement use, and comes in different lengths and colors; that best suited to this purpose is #65 - - (two-letter color code), six inches long with numbered head, \$10.00 plus shipping per hundred. Two seals linked together are required per usage, to surround the body of the key-safe, which means that there are two numbers which must be checked when inspecting the seal in place. The source is Peter Mangone, inc., 12687 West Cedar Drive, suite 100, Lakewood, Colorado 80228.

Wrap two seal-ties linked together around the entire key-safe, then pull them *tight*: The key-safe now cannot be opened without first breaking the seal.