



Configurable Access & Control for Machine Guarding









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.

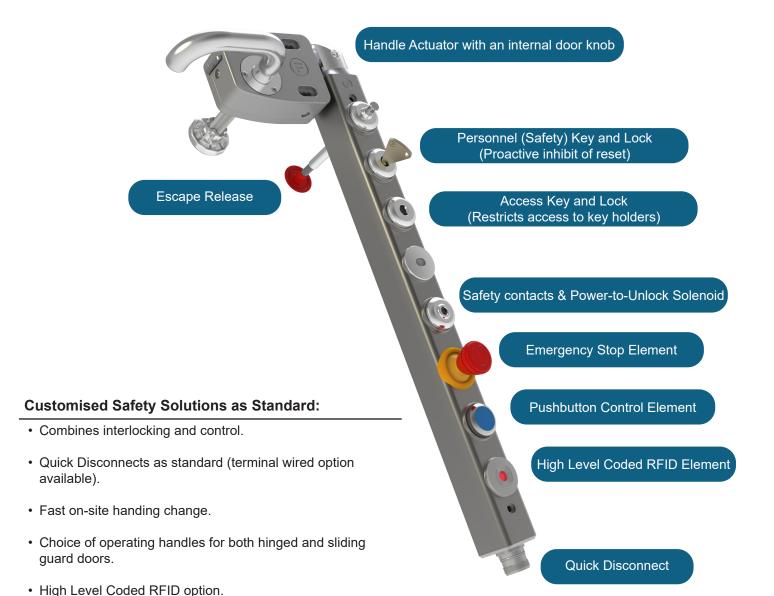
tGard offers "a customised safety solution, as standard". Each order is defined by a range of tGard elements that include interlock safety switches, High Level Coded RFID, personnel keys, escape release, E-Stops, pushbuttons, selector switches, indicator lamps and a choice of operating handles for hinged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



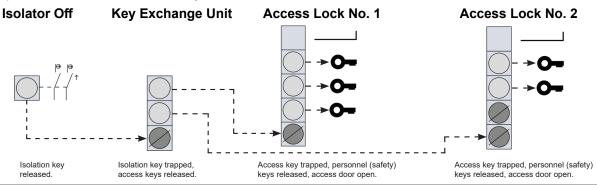
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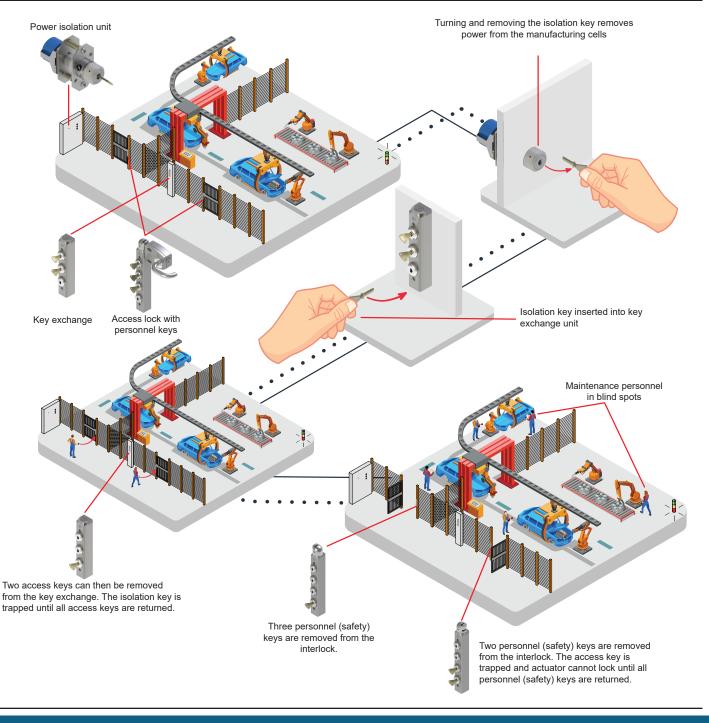


Body Transfer Line

Application Requirement:

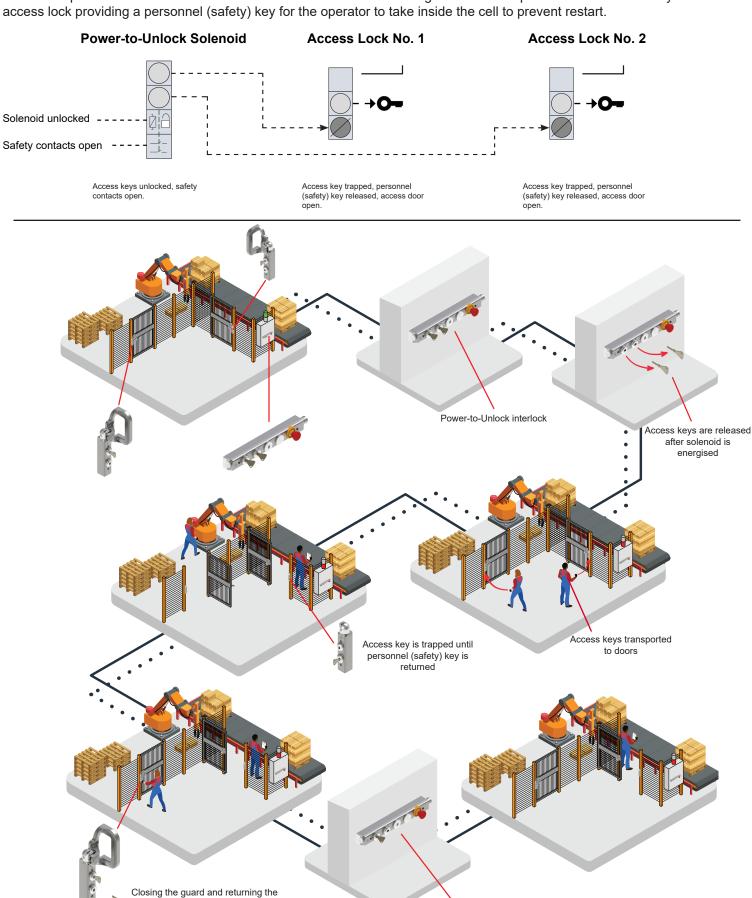
Due to the size of the safeguarded space surrounding body transfer lines in an automotive plant, there are blind spots where maintenance personnel could be performing work unknown to a line operator requesting the line to run. This could lead to the line running while maintenance personnel are still 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.





Application Requirement:

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.



Process cannot restart until all

access keys are returned

personnel (safety) key allows the

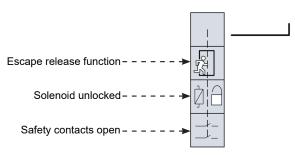
access key to be removed

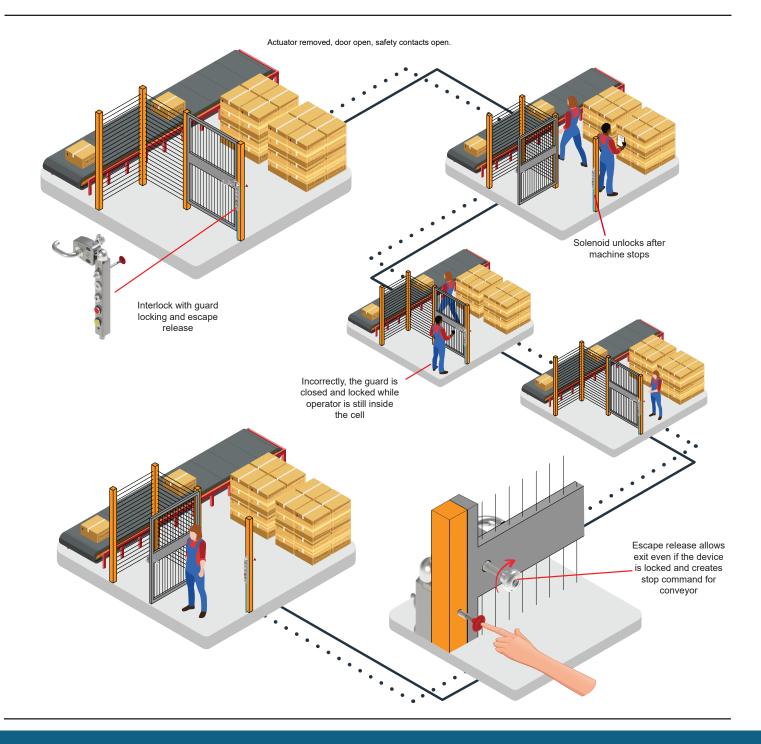
Conveyor System

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 Guard Locking

Power-to-Unlock solenoid with safety contacts.



THFSMDUQM

Interlock with Guard Locking and Escape

Release

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



Interlock with High Level Coded RFID and

integrated operator controls

Personnel (safety) key available for operator to carry.



THHSNSMDUEMP6NRQ9

Interlock with Trapped Key and operator

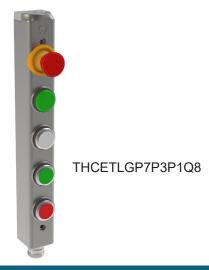
controls

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



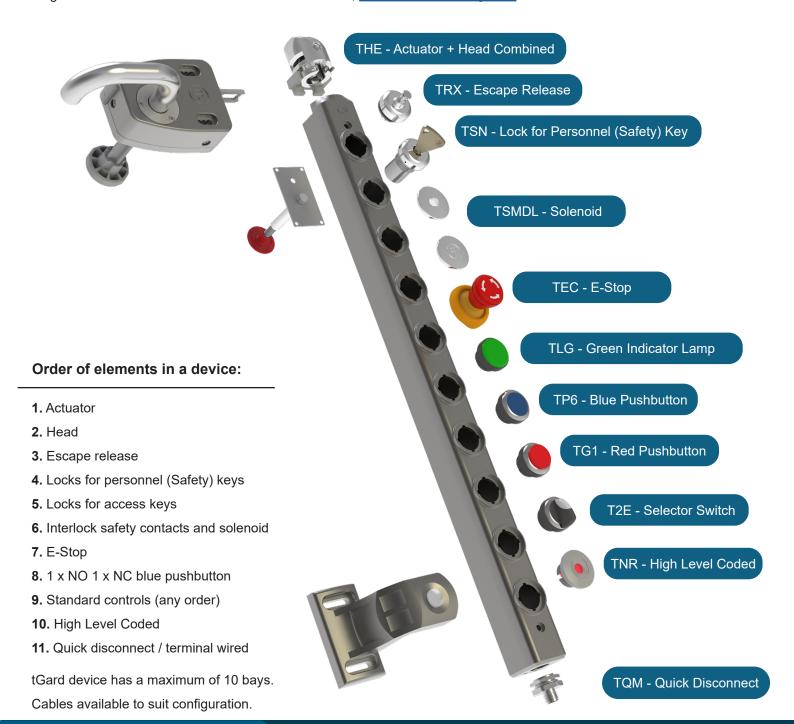
Control Station

Control Station with emergency stop, indicator lamp and pushbuttons.



How to Configure

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



Configuration Example

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:

- 1. 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.

Actuators

Fixed Actuator

Hinged Actuator

Sliding Actuator

High Coded Actuator

Cap

---→ Heads

Head











Handle Actuator



Handle Actuator (No Internal knob)



Core Elements

Escape Release



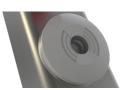
Lock for Personnel (Safety) Keys



Lock for Access Keys



High Level Coded







Extension Blank Element



Emergency Stops



Blue Pushbutton with 1xNO & 1xNC Contacts



→ Core Elements

Indicator Lamps



Pushbuttons





Mushroom Pushbutton

3 Position Selector Switch















Illuminating Switches

Pushbuttons

2 Position Selector Switch

3 Position Selector Switch







Base Elements

Safety & Control Quick Disconnect Connectors









Self Wire





AS- interface











Keys & Accessories

Keys

Padlockable Hasp





Teach Token



For more information on the padlockable hasp see head & cap element operating instructions.

Step 1: Actuators





All
Actuators
to be used in
combination with
a THM head
module.



TAHHandle Actuator Hinged Door



TAS Handle Actuator -Sliding Door



TNH
High Coded
Actuator





TENHandle Actuator - (no internal knob)



TEHHandle Actuator

The internal knob on TEH handle does not release the solenoid or lock. A TRX/Z (escape release element) must be used to deliver that functionality.

Step 2: Head Modules



You can combine an actuator with a head to generate a single part number.



THC Cap



THM Head



THM + TAF = THF
Head module including
fixed actuator



THM + TAH = THH
Head module including
hinged actuator



comes as

standard with an

High Level Coded

RF element

THM + TAS = THS
Head module including
sliding actuator

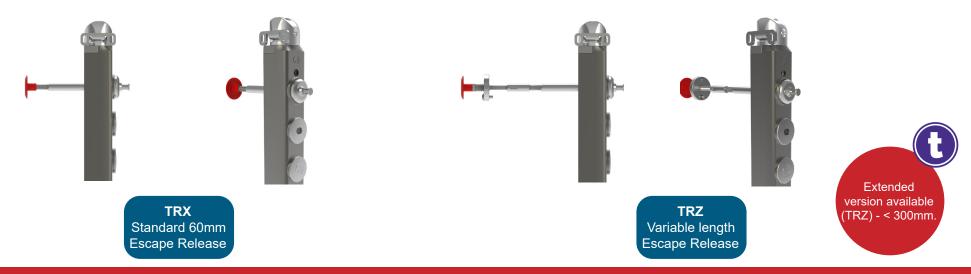


THM + TEN = THN
Head module including handle
actuator (No internal knob)



THM + TEH = THE
Head module including
handle actuator

Step 3: Escape Release



Step 4: Personnel (Safety) & Access Lock Element

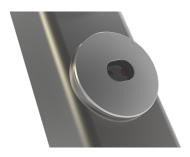


*All keys need to be ordered separately.

Step 5: Safety Contacts for Interlock Safety Switches



TSMSafety Contacts



TSP
Safety contacts
with extra retention force



TSS
Safety contacts No N/O monitor contact

Location of safety contacts in stack is first element after all mechanical elements (head, internal release and locks).

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





TSMDU/L

Head & solenoid safety contacts in series TSMDU (Power-to-Unlock) TSMDL (Power-to-Lock)

TSMEU/L

Safety contacts on head element only
TSMEU (Power-to-Unlock)
TSMEL (Power-to-Lock)



TSSEL

Safety contacts on head element only (no monitoring contact on head)

TSSEL (Power-to-Lock)

Step 7: Extension Blank Element





Step 8: Emergency Stop Element



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



TSR
Blue Pushbutton with 1xNO &
1xNC Contacts



Step 10: Indicator Lamp Element



TLB
Indicator Lamp Element Blue



TLG
Indicator Lamp Element Green



TLR
Indicator Lamp Element Red



TLWIndicator Lamp Element White



TLY
Indicator Lamp Element Yellow

Step 11a: Non-Illuminating Switches



TPB
1 N/O Pushbutton Black



T2A2 Position Selector
Switch - Latching



TPR
1 N/O Pushbutton Red



T2V 2 Position Selector Switch - 1 N/O & 1 N/C



TPG 1 N/O Pushbutton -Green



TK52 Position Selector Key
Switch - Latching



TPW
1 N/O Pushbutton White



TMB1 N/O Mushroom
Pushbutton - Black



TPY
1 N/O Pushbutton Yellow



T3D
3 Position Selector
Switches - Momentary



TPZ 1 N/O Pushbutton -Blue



T3H
3 Position Selector Switches
- Momentary/Latching

Step 11b: Illuminating Switches



TP1 Pushbutton - Red



TP2 Pushbutton - Yellow



TP3Pushbutton - Green



TP6Pushbutton - Blue



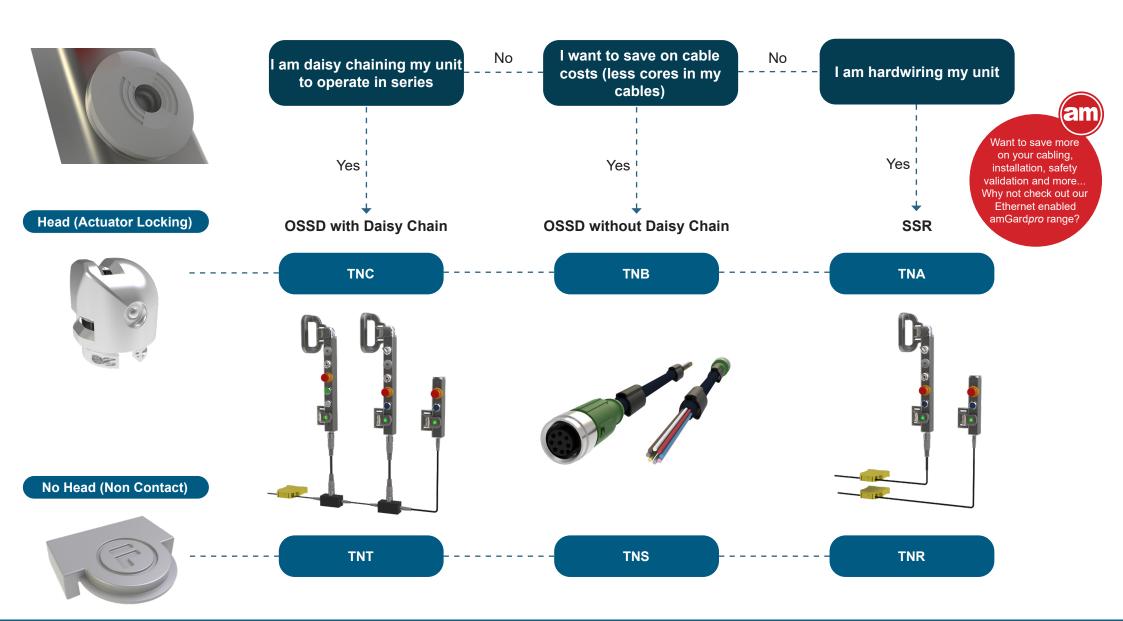
TP7Pushbutton - White







Step 12: RF Element



Step 12a: Safety & Control Connectors



5 Pin M12 QD

TQ1 2 SC



8 Pin M12 QD

TQ2	5 I/O
TQ3	2 SC, 1 I/O
TQG	OSSD, 2 SC, 3 I/O



12 Pin M12 QD

TQL	9 I/O
TQM	2 SC, 5 I/O
TQO	OSSD, 2 SC, 7 I/O



12 Pin M23 QD

TQ4	9 SC
TQ5	2 SC, 5 I/O
TQH	OSSD, 2 SC, 7 I/O

SC = Safety Circuits I/O = Inputs / Outputs



19 Pin M23 QD

TQ8	2 SC, 12 I/O
TQ9	4 SC, 8 I/O
TQJ	OSSD, 2 SC, 14 I/O
TQQ	OSSD, 4 SC, 10 I/O

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



TBF Foot Element



12 Terminals

TW1 2 SC, 6 I/O OSSD, 2 SC, 8 I/O



24 Terminals

4 SC, 14 I/O TW8 OSSD, 4 SC, 16 I/O

TW4 24 Terminals

TW4 6 SC, 10 I/O TW9 OSSD, 6 SC, 12 I/O



TEBB4 Up to 2 AS-i nodes

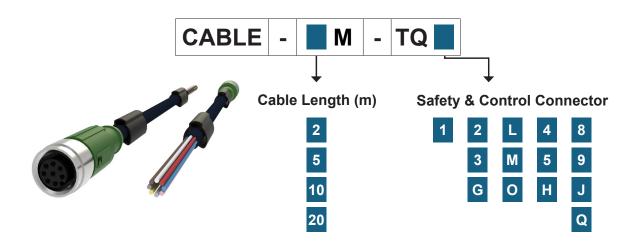
TEBB8 Up to 4 AS-i nodes

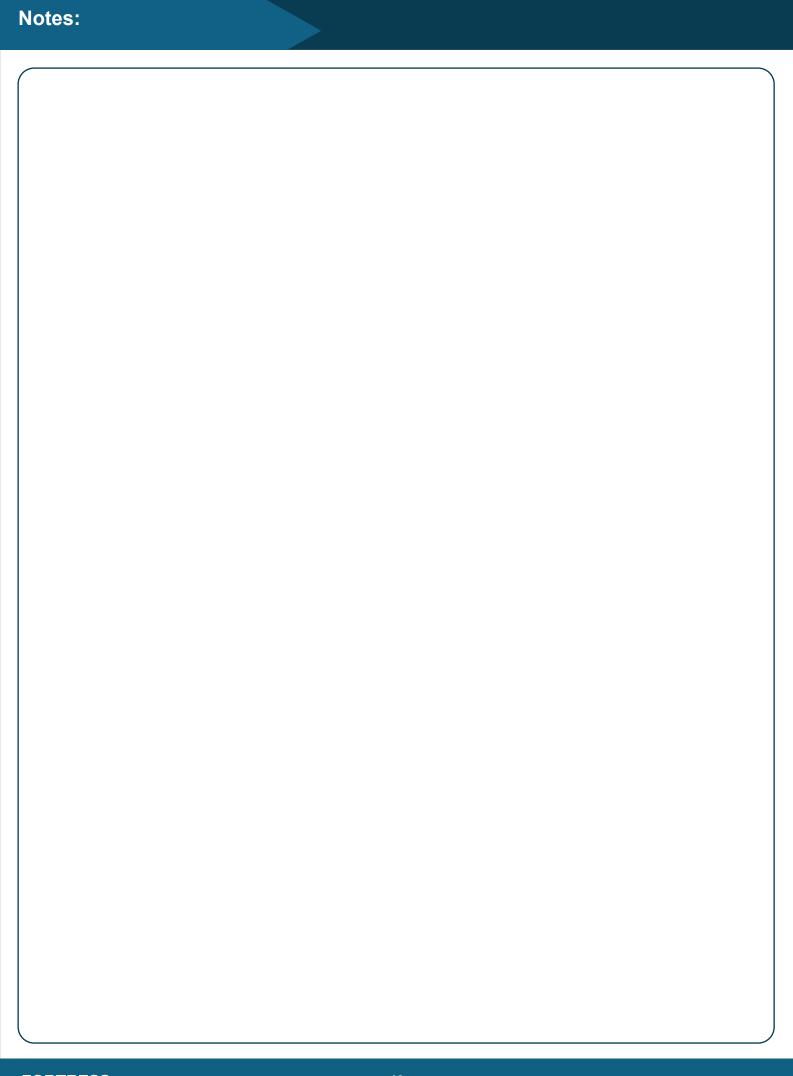
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