



ABSTRACT

IMPROVED KEEPER DEVICE FOR LOCK OR LATCH ASSEMBLY

A keeper device suitable for use in a lock assembly having a lock bolt (51) which can be moved between a release position and a lock position in which it engages the keeper device. The keeper device (1) includes a main body (5) having a bolt receiving aperture (15) therein, and a closure element (20) mounted for movement relative to the main body (5) between a first position in which it closes the bolt receiving aperture and a second position in which it is spaced from the bolt receiving aperture. There is further provided biasing means urging the closure element into the first position. The arrangement is such that when in use the closure element (20) is urged into the second position against the action of the biasing means (25) when the bolt (51) is moved into the lock position.