

HEAVY METAL

ROCK 'N' ROLL LEGEND AND DESIGN AFICIONADO LENNY KRAVITZ TEAMS UP WITH THE SKILLED CRAFTSMEN AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN HARDWARE TO CREATE A HARMONIOUS COLLECTION THAT HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES.

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Clockwise from top left: Thumbblatch entry hardware with grip in silicon bronze dark lustre. Multipoint escutcheon with lever in silicon bronze rust. Passage escutcheon with knob in silicon bronze light. Passage escutcheon with lever in silicon bronze dark lustre. Entry hardware with lever in white bronze brushed.

Lenny Kravitz has made no efforts to conceal his passion for interiors—establishing New York-based Kravitz Design and producing several successful product lines. His latest collaboration with Rocky Mountain Hardware is yet another notch on his already-impressive design belt. In tune with both the artist's modern aesthetic and love for classic design, the Rocky Mountain brand was more than prepared to bring Kravitz's ideas to life. The resulting Trousdale collection combines a powerful ensemble of textures and shapes that culminates in a truly harmonious and showstopping array of hardware. We sat down with Kravitz as he discussed his latest collection.

Why hardware? I was attracted to the partnership with Rocky Mountain Hardware because of the high-quality products they produce—handcrafted hardware made with time-honored casting methods. It was a pleasure to work with all of the talented artisans that created these pieces.

What was it about Beverly Hills' Trousdale Estates that inspired you? I moved to Los Angeles when I was 11 years old and it was then that I was first exposed to midcentury modern design. The Trousdale area boasts amazing midcentury architecture created by such a diverse group of architects. What I loved about these

homes in contrast to the boxy apartments that I was accustomed to in New York was that they had clean lines, open floor plans and, in a lot of cases, an abundance of glass. They were like the glamorous homes I had seen in Hollywood movies. And this collection represents that.

Tell us more about the artistry and techniques. At Rocky Mountain, they still cast and finish each piece by hand, which is so impressive; they really bring to life this high level of artistry. With Trousdale, we wanted to generate products that married that craftsmanship with a modern aesthetic. The texture came out of wanting a more tactile experience with each piece, as well as serves as a way to visually emphasize the handcrafted nature.

Give us a peek at your creative process. It's a combination of sketching, looking at historical references and listening to music. "Hollywood Swinging" by Kool & the Gang was definitely inspirational in making this line.

Finishes can truly transform a piece—taking something from traditional to totally rock and roll. Take us through the finishes. Trousdale will be offered in all of the Rocky Mountain finishes. Personally, I will be using the bronze light finish on a home I'm building in the Bahamas.