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PREFACE:

WHAT IS THIS BOOK ABOUT?

There are so many tools out there it can be difficult to know which tools you should choose. This guide will help.

The other books that you have read will probably teach you all you need to know about the techniques of lockpicking but most teach you little about the tools that you need.

What this guide will do is to tell you what tools you need to build up a basic tool kit for lockpicking.

This book will not however, teach you any techniques for opening locks. There are plenty of other books available which do a very good job of teaching the techniques or lead you to the information you need on the internet.

If you are interested in getting a suitable book for learning techniques check out the resources section at the end of the book.

For a FREE EBook which discusses the mechanisms of locks, and lock picking methods and techniques check out this site:

<http://www.withoutakey.co.uk/infos.html>

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INTRODUCTION

So you have learned or are learning to pick locks and you want to build up a good set of tools for your tool kit. Tools that will equip you to pick the sort of locks that you are likely to be faced with during your early days of lock picking.

These days there are many, many products available from websites to open all sorts of locks and also many different sets to choose from.

After reading this guide you will know where to start. You will know which picks you will need, what additional tools you must get, and what extra items are worth putting in to your basic tool kit.

You will also know which products to ignore and which ones are essential.

Let's get started and look at the types of picks available...

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PICKS FOR PIN TUMBLER & WAFER LOCKS

2.1 **WHERE DO YOU LIVE?**

The first thing that you need to know is that depending on where you live you should be looking at certain sets and avoiding others.

If you are reading this book it is likely that you live in either the United Kingdom or the United States.

UNITED KINGDOM & EUROPE:

Locks from the United Kingdom are smaller than locks in the U.S. The keyway is much longer and

narrower than U.S. locks and traditional U.S. picks would have less room to move around within the lock. This makes picking them much more difficult with U.S. picks.

Therefore, you must ensure that the picks that you get are smaller in order that they can fit through the keyway of the lock. This will also ensure that they have ample room to move around within the lock and to manipulate the pins or wafers as required.

There are sets which are specifically designed for U.K. locks.

Do not buy the usual lock pick sets! You will struggle to open locks, become frustrated and more than likely give up learning the skill of lockpicking.

- **WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN BUYING PICKS:
UK LOCKS:**

You must look for 'Slim Line' Picks.

These picks are manufactured specially for the UK market. Sometimes they are specifically described as being for European or Japanese locks.

UNITED STATES:

If you live in the U.S then you will have more choice available to you. The majority of sites are aimed at the U.S. market anyway and so most pick sets are suitable for U.S. locks. Smaller U.K. picks would also have no problem fitting into the US locks though. Therefore, if you live in the U.S you can buy both the usual pick sets and also the slim line sets too.

2.2 WHY SO MANY SHAPES?

There are many different shapes of picks. Although each pick is designed for a particular purpose there are generally only two different categories of picks.

The way in which you want to pick the lock will determine the type of pick you use and the shapes to look out for.

Rakes

If you look at the picture below you will see an example of picks that are rakes.



These picks are designed for raking locks. Their purpose is to rapidly vibrate the pins within the lock.

[Again, please note that this guide is not designed to teach you the technique of lock picking. If you

want to learn techniques take a look in the resource section at the end of this book].

It is useful to have a good selection of rakes within your set. This will be your main method of opening locks, especially whilst you are new to lock picking.

The more shapes you have the more variation the pins will experience when being raked. Therefore, increasing your chances of success in opening the lock.

HOOK PICKS

Hook picks are used for 'pure picking' i.e. picking each pin individually.

The picture below shows a selection of hook picks.



I would recommend having a good selection of hook picks within your tool kit. Different sized locks will require different sized hook picks.

Many beginners to lock picking concentrate mainly on raking locks. This I think is a shame. 'Pure picking' is a much harder skill to learn but once learned is extremely useful and reliable.

Once learned, picking each pin at a time to open a lock can often be just as quick as raking a lock.

Also, raking often involves going from one rake pick in your set to the next until the lock yields. It is often a case of trial and error with raking to find the most effective rake for the lock.

With 'pure picking' or hook picking it is often quicker because you are only using one, suitable sized, pick to open the lock.

It is for this reason that I would certainly recommend having a selection of hooks in your tool kit and if you haven't yet started to learn 'pure

picking' with hook picks make sure you put in the practice soon.

2.3 THE TENSION TOOL - a.k.a THE TENSION WRENCH

Tension tools are just as important as the picks. Having the correct sized tension tool can make the difference between picking a lock easily or not at all.

Below you can see a number of different tension tools.



THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE JOB

It is easy to think that any sized piece of metal could be used as a tension tool but to do so could seriously affect your success. An incorrect tension tool can prevent a cylinder from being turned effectively. The wrong sized tension tool can also slip and come away from the lock which can be extremely frustrating when this occurs just before picking the lock. An incorrect and oversized tension tool can also prevent a pick from entering a keyway.

Tension tools can often come in rigid or flexible varieties. It is often a matter of personal preference as to which one is used. It is worth getting a few of each to see which you find most success with.

Unless you buy tension wrenches separately the ones that you have in your tool kit will depend on the set of lock picks that you choose.

Most sets of lock picks come with at least one tension wrench. Keep reading to learn which lock pick set I personally recommend and have in my own tool kit – partly due to the tension tools included.

The problem with many lock pick sets on the market is that they will provide you with a good selection of rakes and hook picks but will only come with a small number of tension wrenches. The worst sets provide only one tension wrench.

To stress the point made above: – when attempting to open a lock it is very important that you have a tension wrench that will correctly fit into the keyway and allow you to apply the required pressure to the cylinder.

It is also extremely important that the tension wrench does not block the keyway and allows your pick the optimum access into the keyway.

The wrong sized tension wrench can create all sorts of problems that will make picking the lock much harder than it would normally be!

It is therefore important that you have a good selection of tension wrenches in your tool kit to give yourself the best chance of beating any cylinder lock you are faced with.

THE FEATHER TOUCH TENSION TOOL

One of the main reasons why beginners in lock picking fail to open many locks is because of applying too much tension to the cylinder.



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=23>

This one tool can help to automatically correct this mistake and to improve your chances of success. Essentially, this tool ensures that there is not too much turning tension applied.

The use of a feather touch tension tool can also therefore help to open pin tumbler locks that utilise security pins. These are locks which would also require less tension to pick.

2.4 a RECOMMENDED PICK SET FOR PIN TUMBLER & WAFFER LOCKS:

There are lots of pick sets available that can sound very appealing to a beginner due to the sheer number of picks contained within the set.

However, I would advise a beginner to stay away from a set that contains more than 30 picks.

The sets that contain less than 20 are usually good for their selection of picks but in my opinion have

one very important limitation – they lack a good selection of tension tools.

My own personal preference is the 22 piece slim line set.



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=24>

This set has an ideal number of rakes as well as hook picks of a number of sizes. In addition it comes with many different tension wrenches. This set comes with 7 different tension wrenches.

For the U.S. market this set is still a good investment. As said earlier, slim line picks are still suitable for US locks.

However, the 20 piece is a good investment too for US locks.



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=25>

This set does not have as many tension wrenches as the slim line 22 piece, however, but it contains 5 wrenches which is still a good selection.

If you were to add a feather touch tension tool to your kit this would give you a very good selection of tension tools for opening a very large selection of pin tumbler and wafer locks that you will come across.

3

OPENING PADLOCKS

Opening padlocks can be achieved in a number of ways. If the lock is a pin tumbler or wafer you can always use the tools discussed in the previous section, i.e. a rake or hook and a tension tool.

However, having several methods available will always improve your chances of success and can also increase your speed of opening. There are therefore other tools that I would certainly suggest that you obtain.

In your tool kit I would recommend the following padlock opening tools:

3.1 SKELETON KEYS

These are an excellent addition to any lock picker's tool kit.

The picture below shows a typical set although there are a number of different sets available.



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=26>

This set of keys is designed to open warded padlocks. Generally, warded padlocks are at the lower end of the market when it comes to both security and price. However, that does not mean that these locks are rarely used. They are very popular types of padlock and in very common use everywhere.

A good set of skeleton keys is therefore invaluable and will open padlocks within seconds once the correct key of the set is found.

The way you use these is to start with one key and carry on through the set until the correct key for the lock is found. I would add however, that it is worth altering how far in to the lock you insert each key before trying the next one.

I like to insert each key into the lock as far as it will go. If it does not open the lock I retract the key a little and try turning it again. I continue in this way, moving the key incrementally out of the lock, until I feel that the key has had its best chance at working. I then move onto the next key working it gradually out of the lock in the same way for each turn.

DON'T DO THIS:

It is possible to 'skeleton' a normal key to a lock to make it work for other locks in the same series. To do this you would retain just enough metal at the end of the key to be able to work the locking mechanism.

This is fine if you are trying to create a working key in a hurry but I would certainly not do this to try to create your own set of skeleton keys to save money.

The sets available on the market are made from hardened metal so that they can be extremely thin. This assists with allowing each key to enter into several different shapes of keyway. If you are adapting your own keys the metal will be soft and will eventually begin to bend due to the removal of metal. Also, the shape of the keyway will prevent an adapted, but incorrect, key from entering in many cases.

For this reason I would stress again the importance of buying a genuine set of skeleton keys for your tool kit. They are relatively inexpensive especially when considering their effectiveness at gaining entry quickly and efficiently.

SKELeTON V mASTER

It is easy to become confused by the term 'skeleton key' and to think that it simply relates to a key that opens any lock. This is not strictly true.

Essentially, a skeleton key is the name for a key that has had metal removed to leave a basic 'skeleton'. Therefore, the reason why skeleton keys only relate to warded locks.

In a warded lock the wards stop an incorrect key from turning within the lock. Therefore, a skeleton key simply has the part of the key that is met by these wards removed thus allowing the key to turn

and for the part of the key which unlocks the latch to perform its function.

In respect to Pin Tumbler and Wafer locks the correct term is a 'Master Key' and this is a key that can be used on a number of locks of the same range even where those locks all have a different 'regular' key as well.

In the case of Pin Tumbler and Wafer locks it is the lock itself which will be designed to allow the 'Master Key' to open it.

3.2 PADLOCK SHIMS

Padlock Shims are designed to open a lock by going directly to the latch that holds the shackle closed.

The picture below shows a typical set of padlock shims.



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=27>

Within the set of Padlock shims there will be a variety of sizes. This is to allow them to access different diameters of shackle.

The metal used is again hardened tempered steel but very thin and flexible. They are thin but very strong.

I would certainly recommend adding a set of shims to your tool box. They are not expensive and can open a padlock very rapidly indeed. Usually a lock

can be opened in less than a minute with the use of shims.

When using shims don't forget that very often two shims will be needed for each lock. In other words you will have to apply a shim to both sides of the shackle. This is because locks are often locked on both the left and right side of the shackle.

Your set of shims will very often come with a brief set of instructions which will describe the technique required. A small amount of time on a few practice locks with these will be all the time you require really to get the hang of using them – they really are that simple to use.

KNOW THEIR LIMITATIONS

Do bear in mind though that they do not work on all padlocks, as some locks are fitted with anti-shim mechanisms.

Take a look at an open padlock at the parts which will actually enter into the shackle to keep it closed. If these are ball bearings then the shims will not work on that type of padlock.

However, if the locking latch is flat and slopes – similar to a latch on a door – then it can usually be opened with the shims.

Try to think about what the shims actually do before considering whether to use them or not. When a shackle is closed it snaps shut and cannot be opened until the latch is retracted. The shim simply performs the same function as the shackle in that it will retract the latch.

Therefore, if the padlock is the sort of lock that can only be closed with the use of a key then the shim

will not be an option for that type of lock. In other words if the shackle cannot simply be snapped shut and instead a key has to be used to allow the shackle to close then the lock cannot be shimmed.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

As always the best advice is to do your research. This is applicable to anything as it is to the use of shims. Take a look at different makes, sizes and styles of padlocks. Unlock them and see what the shim would do. If possible take them apart and learn what they look like inside and what the key does. Try and find the internal weaknesses of the locks and methods of attack.

Although Shims will not be useful on every lock it is still the case that there will be a large number of locks for which they will work. They are definitely worth obtaining.

3.3 MINI JIGGLERS

Mini Jigglers are a great addition to the tool kit. Not only do they offer an excellent method of opening padlocks but the size of the keys are also great for drawer locks, filing cabinets and lockers.

There are actually a number of different sizes of Jiggler sets. Sets that I have seen include Car Key (discussed later in this book), Mini and Micro.

Depending on the size of the padlock you want to open either Mini or Micro Jigglers are useful for opening the lock.

Here you can see a picture of the mini Jigglers.



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=28>

Essentially, the keys are of different shapes and work in a similar way to a rake. However, the key itself provides both the raking or rocking motion, as well as the turning force required to turn the lock.

Most sets of Jigglers will come with usage instructions.

The keys are flat and thin but very strong. Their thinness allows them to enter many different shapes and sizes of key holes and also allows them to move about within the lock as required.

Most sets contain at least 7 keys. The different profiles are designed so as to provide the most likely shapes to open the lock.

The technique appears a little haphazard although there is definitely technique in their use. A little practice will soon teach you the correct way to use them.

Again, work with one key and if the lock does not yield move on to the next key in your set. When

Jigglers work they can be devastatingly quick. If you find that the keys are not opening the lock then move onto your next tool or method of attack. The beauty of having a number of different tools is to provide a greater range of options and this includes the times when one particular tool doesn't work.

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OTHER TOOLS FOR THE BASIC KIT

4.1 mica

Sometimes described simply as flexible plastic.

If you have ever seen a television programme or film where someone opens a door with a credit card then you will know how this is to be used.

This little tool works in exactly the same way – although often much more reliably and effectively than a credit card would.

In essence this is all that this is. A plastic card.

However, there are many important differences between the mica and a normal credit card. The plastic is much thinner than a credit card and also comes in a much larger size to assist with reaching the latching mechanism and the size also helps with gripping and manoeuvring the plastic. It is tough and durable.



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=29>

The material works very simply. You push it into the gap between the door and the door frame so that it can retract the locking bolt.

Although this does not always work, and that will depend on the type of bolt and lock, this is still a very reliable method of entry and avoids having to

tackle the lock itself. When it works it works very quickly and entry can often be gained within 30 seconds.

The sets that you buy will usually contain 5 or 6 sheets of plastic. Sometimes they will be of varying thicknesses and flexibility. The reason for this is so that it provides the best option for you as the plastic must be able to fit between the door and the frame.

If you don't have a set of Mica cards within your tool kit obtain a set soon.

4.2 THE LOCK GUN

If you are not sure as to what this tool is take a look at the photo below.



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=30>

I did consider whether or not I should include a discussion of this tool within this book. As this book is mainly about building the basic tool kit I was not sure whether it was right to include it.

The main reason why I did was simply because of its ease of use and this is therefore ideal for a beginner. I think that it can often become very frustrating for a beginner if a lock does not yield. Although the Lock Gun will not always be effective it does work consistently well at most times.

Therefore, to open a lock with this I feel helps a beginner to progress and keeps the interest level high in this fascinating subject.

However, I would not recommend that the basic tools, i.e. the normal picks are neglected. I would suggest that picks are always chosen first when practicing lock picking techniques and that a Lock Gun is not simply used as an easy alternative.

2 IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

When using a Lock Gun it is worth remembering these important points:

- 1) The use of a Lock Gun requires practice just like you would practice with a normal set of lock picks. It is easy to neglect practice with the Lock Gun but your success will increase with the more practice you put in with it.

2) The correct sized tension tool is again important as is the application of the correct amount of tension. Make sure you have chosen the right sized tension tool so that the actual pick of the Lock Gun will not be restricted. Don't apply too much tension either or the pins will bind within the lock.

Remember these points and you should have success in the use of the Lock Gun.

5

CAR ENTRY

The tools designed for entry into cars increase in their complexity as car designers continue to improve on their security features.

However, there are still a number of tools that should be in even the most basic of tool kits due to the large number of cars still on the roads which will succumb to these basic tools.

5.1 CAR KEY JIGGLERS

These are simply a larger size to the ones discussed in the padlock section of this manual.

The keys being of a size which allows them to effectively open a large variety of car locks using the double sided wafer mechanism.

[Please note again that the purpose of this guide is not to explain individual opening techniques or to describe lock mechanisms. For details of a free manual that you can download detailing lock mechanisms and techniques of picking and bypassing locks visit this site:

<http://www.withoutakey.co.uk/infos.html>

KNOW THEIR LIMITATIONS

The keys will not work on cars with a more complex lock. For example the Ford Tibbe lock requires a different tool to open. For a discussion of other tools required for opening car locks, including the Ford Tibbe, take a look at the 'Keep On

Building' Section of this manual for information about Book 2 available from the author.

Although there are newer locks being developed which cannot be opened with this tool there are still many vehicles that utilise the double sided wafer locking mechanism. Therefore, these keys are certainly a worthwhile addition and not hugely expensive. A definite must for any lock enthusiast.

5.2 SLIM JIM

The tool that you will no doubt have seen used to open a car more than any other.

This is a long flat piece of metal that is used to locate the internal locking rods within a car door.

Instead of attacking the actual lock itself the Slim Jim is used to move the part of the mechanism that the lock would move if the key were inserted.

The picture below shows a typical Slim Jim.



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=31>

Essentially, the Slim Jim either pulls or pushes the locking rod within the door.

These can also be purchased in a compact and foldable design to allow it to fit in a small tool box.

There is always a danger of using this on newer cars and affecting the internal electrics within the car door. New cars also have inbuilt additional security housing the locking linkages within the door to prevent the Slim Jim reaching them.

5.3 WANT TO LEARN MORE?

If you are particularly interested in this area of lockpicking and wish to take your study further then a good manual on car security is:

'The Best Damn Car Book



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=21>

Although costly it provides a very good education on opening car locks. The book has colour photographs showing the internal working of the door and describes exactly what tools are needed for specific makes and models of cars.

A cheaper alternative giving a basic and general instruction of the various tools available can be found here:

The Auto Tool Booklet



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=20>

6

MAKING PRACTICE EASIER

There are now a number of items available which are aimed at assisting you with learning the techniques of lockpicking. What I am referring to are practice boards and clear locks and, if your budget allows, obtaining these might assist you with your learning.

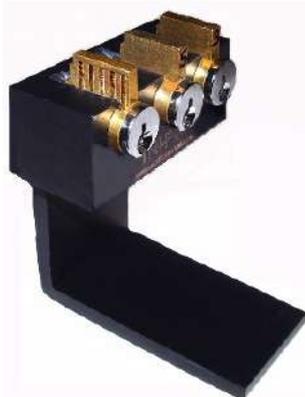
6.1 PRACTICE BOARDS

Practice Boards are essentially boards which will allow lock cylinders to be clamped in place.

These will often be designed to hold more than one lock at a time and can often hold up to 5 locks.

If you are used to practicing lock picking whilst holding the lock cylinder in your hand it is always useful to mount the cylinder in the same position as it would be in a door. It is often a very different feeling when you are not actually holding the lock yourself and therefore well worth getting used to working in a lock which is in a mounted position.

Below you can see an example of one type of mounting board.



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=32>

Some of these can be purchased with cylinders already mounted ready for you to begin practicing on.

6.2 LOCK SCHOOL

Taking the idea of the mounted board one step further there are boards available which are designed to help the beginner to build their skills picking locks. You can see an example of this below.



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=33>

The idea here is that not only do you get the board but also several practice locks. The locks are not ordinary locks as not all will contain a full set of pins. Instead they are designed to allow the beginner to build up to a 5 pin lock by first beginning with a one pin lock, then a two pin lock and so on. Each lock will therefore get

progressively more difficult to open helping the beginner to build on their skills.

6.3 CLEAR LOCKS

Clear locks are simply designed so that the locking mechanism, for example the pins, can be seen. This is often helpful as it takes the guess work out of how the pins are responding to your picking techniques allowing you to equate what you see with what you feel.

You can then learn to adapt your technique to what is actually happening within the lock and therefore begin to build your skills as a lock picker.

There are many different types of locks available that offer the ability to view the inner workings.

As well as assisting with the techniques of lock picking these locks do of course provide a great tool for learning what the inner mechanisms actually look like for each type of lock.

I have seen locks of this type available for pin tumbler, lever locks, tubular locks and even combination padlocks.

7

KEEP ON BUILDING

If you have taken a browse through the online pages of a lock picking supply website (if not take a look at the resource section of this book) you will see that there are literally hundreds of tools that you could obtain.

The aim of this book has been to provide the beginning enthusiast and hobbyist with information as to the best items to get to begin to build your own box of tools.

There are many items that I could have included in this book but which after some thought didn't get included. Some tools are for locks that a hobbyist might never come across or at least very

occasionally. Other tools are clearly more advanced and perhaps also very specialist and costly. Other tools, although useful, I decided not to touch upon in this work as I wanted this book to simply be the basic tool kit that I thought a beginner should begin with and I did not want the book to simply list every tool available. The idea was not to detail every useful tool in this book but instead to detail the ones that constitute a basic tool kit.

7.1 ONCE A BASIC KIT HAS BEEN MADE

The aim should always be to gain entry in a non-destructive way and having the right tool for the job can often mean the difference between success and failure.

It is therefore always helpful once a basic kit has been made to keep adding to it. In this way you will always have options when lockpicking. Also, if one tool and method does not work you will then have others to try.

7.2 BOOK 2 : ADDING MORE TOOLS TO THE KIT

I am currently planning the release of a second book in which I aim to discuss the following tools plus other useful topics:

- Bump Keys
- Comb Picks
- Tools for Opening Lever Locks
- Padlock Lever Lock Tools
- Tubular Lock Picks
- Bypass Tools
- More Car Opening Tools
- Plus other topics

Book 2 will carry on from where this book ends detailing further tools to build up your tool kit.

For more information and to check on the availability of Book 2 please visit:

www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/book2

It is therefore always good to continue to build your tool kit and keep up-to-date with the tools available.

*New tools are always being developed
and old ones improved.
Keep on Building.*

8

RESOURCES

Continuing your learning in Lock Picking is very easy nowadays with the many resources available through the internet. This not only includes the use of downloadable eBooks, websites offering information but also lock picking tool supply shops that are happy to sell to the general public tools that were once only available to registered locksmiths.

8.1 eBOOKS

EBooks are an excellent way of improving your learning. Usually available as an immediate download.

MANUAL OF LOCKPICKING

Now available as a Free Book To Download.

Visit this site to obtain your free copy:

<http://www.withoutakey.co.uk/infos.html>

This book provides a general overview of the mechanisms of the following locks:

- Warded Locks
- Pin Tumbler
- Wafer
- Lever
- Combination

The book then moves on to a discussion of the various tools and lockpicking techniques to open each type of lock.

THE LOCK PICKER'S BIBLE



This is an excellent resource of information for anyone interested in lockpicking.

Available here:

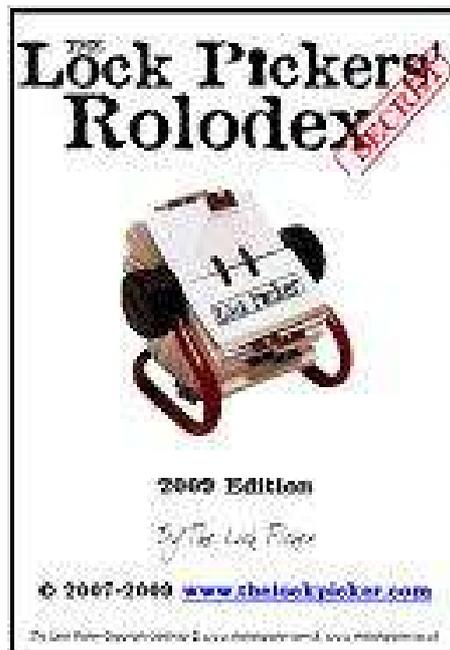
<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=18>

The aim of the book is to be read whilst connected to the internet and is full of clickable links to free information on the internet covering lots of lockpicking related topics. There are also many links to online videos so that you can learn by watching as well as reading!

The downloadable book comes with 3 additional bonus eBooks which also provide a good overview of each of the topics. The Three bonus books are on the following topics

- 1) Making Your Own Lock Picks
- 2) How To Open Combination Padlocks
- 3) How To Get Into Cars Without Keys

LOCK PICKER'S ROLODEX



<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=19>

Created by the same author as the 'Lock Picker's Bible' this is again a downloadable EBook with many, many links to the internet.

Available here:

<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=19>

The aim of this book is to give you a definitive resource to the useful links on the internet.

This book gives links to over 40 downloadable PDFs available on the internet, 30 online How-To Guides, Links to Shops selling lockpicking tools, links to professional bodies on the internet, links to 15 online forums, sites with video links, links to manufactures own websites plus many links to further lockpicking websites.

Essentially, if you are looking to explore the internet and the information it holds you will save yourself hours of wasted internet searches if you have this book. If the site exists and is connected

with lock picking then it is probably within this book.

8.2 WEBSITES

There are many websites on the internet and far too many to include here. I have however, provided details of a good selection to get started.

WITHOUT A KEY

This site provides a resource of information on lockpicking – including forums, shops and how-to guides.

<http://www.withoutakey.co.uk/index.html>

THE LOCKSPORT GUIDE TO LOCK PICKING

This is a very simple but very informative guide to explain the way in which pin tumbler locks work and how they can be opened.

<http://www.lockpickguide.com/support-files/lsguide.pdf>

The way this information has been prepared is very nice and makes understanding these locks very easy.

LOCKS & SECURITY BY MATT BLAZE

This is a nice website detailing the way in which pin tumbler locks work and methods of opening them.

<http://www.crypto.com/papers/notes/picking/>

This site has some nice informative photos and includes tutorials for improving your lock picking technique.

USING LOCK PICK GUNS

A useful guide on how to use this tool.

<http://www.libertylib.com/lock-pick-guns.shtml>

8.3 ONLINE SHOPS

At one time it was difficult to buy from shops selling lock picking equipment if you weren't a locksmith. However, with the advent of the internet it is now much easier to obtain lock picks and other equipment.

The shops detailed here should all sell the equipment described within this book.

AMERICAN SHOP

LOCKPICKSHOP.COM

<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=22>

This is an excellent shop. It has an excellent range of products and the website is easy to navigate too. There is ample information on each product.

They also ship to the U.K.

UK SHOPS

UK BUMP KEYS

<http://www.ukbumpkeys.com/>

Selling much more than just Bump Keys!

This is an excellent site that is always adding to its already large product range. The site is also active in developing new products and seeks to ensure that its prices are competitive.

Well worth checking out!

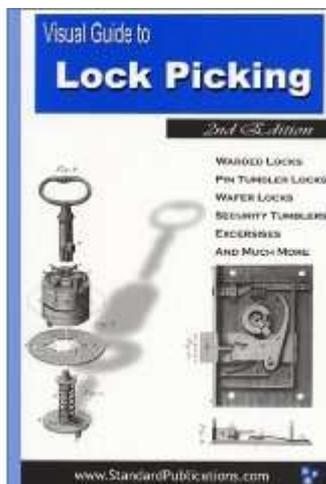
DEVON LOCKS

<http://www.devonlocks.com/>

Well worth a look although their range of products is not that extensive.

8.4 BOOKS

Below are a number of books that can be easily bought from Amazon.



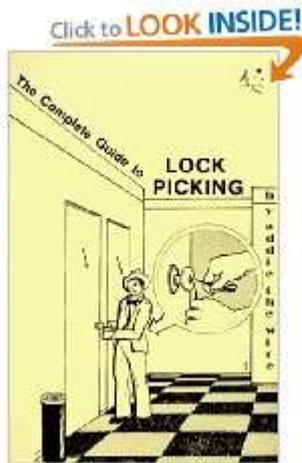
A nice basic book showing the internal workings of many locks.

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US:

<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=4>



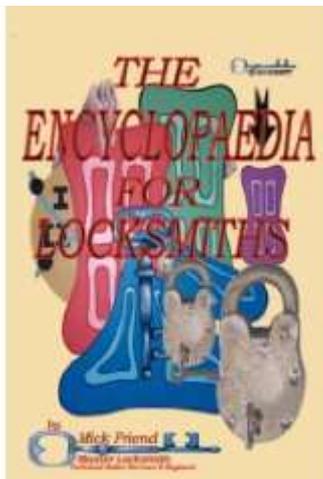
Learn how to open all kinds of locks, plus how to thwart tampering with locks to protect your valuables. This book is intended for legal entry only, but you'll gain confidence knowing that you can get in through any door without a key!

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<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=5>

US:

<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=6>



For the first time since 1958 an English writer has produced a book for the UK security market. Entitled 'The Encyclopaedia for Locksmiths' the book contains over 250 pages of definitions, clear diagrams and helpful information. Intended for all level of skill the book sets definitions on many aspects of the security industry, Locks, Alarms, Access control and much more. The diagrams have been specially drawn for the book.

UK:

<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=7>

Practical, real-world solutions to lockouts. Learn to open doorknobs, deadbolts, car doors, padlocks, handcuffs, et cetera. This book sold out as "Lock Bypass Methods," and has proven to be the best manual on keyless entry available.

Since your resources are usually on the other side of the door when you're locked out, it shows how to improvise tools from garbage and common, everyday items. Multiple entrance options are provided in case of stubborn doors or limited materials. Thousands of people have successfully opened doors using techniques they learned in "Lock Bypass Methods." This expanded edition has more illustrations and new techniques.

This book will not waste your time trying to explain how to pick sidebar locks, or activate magnetic-stripe readers without a key card. It DOES explain how to open doors protected by these locks, simply and without damage, through bypass techniques. A latch holds something shut, and a lock is a gateway to that latch. This book teaches ways to climb over the fence and ignore the gate. You will learn how to pick locks, a skill that works 60-70% of the time. More importantly, you will learn methods to trip actuators, move linkage rods, take advantage of mechanical design flaws, exploit tolerances in a lock's setting, and other practical means of entry.

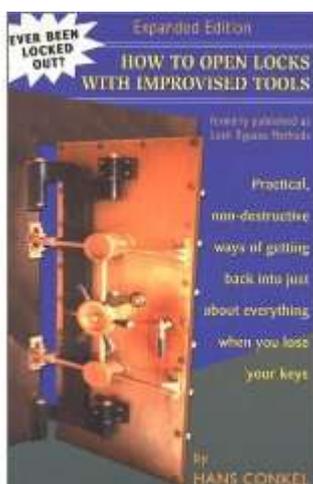
The book's focus is on problem solving, not presenting methods that are too difficult to accomplish. Many other books in this field suffer from too much theory and too little delivery. If it doesn't work, it isn't in here. This book is designed to give the reader skills that open locks without keys or damage. It is not a whitewashed or glossed-over set of instructions that leave a reader feeling as if failure is his fault and he just hasn't developed some special esoteric talent. Difficulties encountered in opening methods are identified, explained, and solutions are given to cope with them. The book is clearly written and illustrated, and covers problem solving, how locks work, picking, bypassing, and tool making. If you are interested in opening locks without keys, you should have this book.

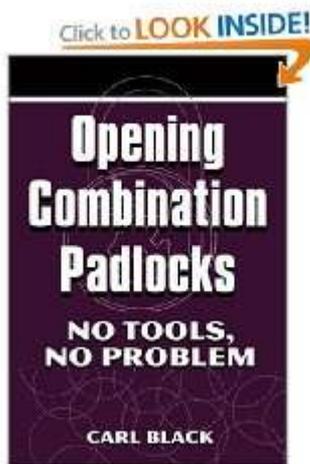
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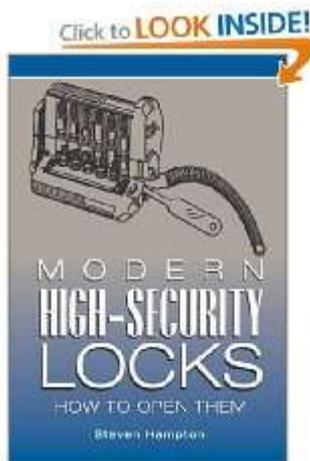
It is incredibly easy to forget the combination to padlocks on your own tool shed, gym locker or anyplace else these common locks are found. This handy guide teaches one thing: how to open a padlock whose combination is lost. Dissatisfied with books that showed methods that didn't allow entry into all locks or made it difficult to always accurately find the first or third number, usually the main basis for their technique, author Carl Black devised a foolproof system that allows quick entry into all combination padlocks in minutes without any guesswork or tools. He explains how it works with clear instructions and illustrations and gives problem-solving tips for difficult locks. For information purposes only.

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<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=11>



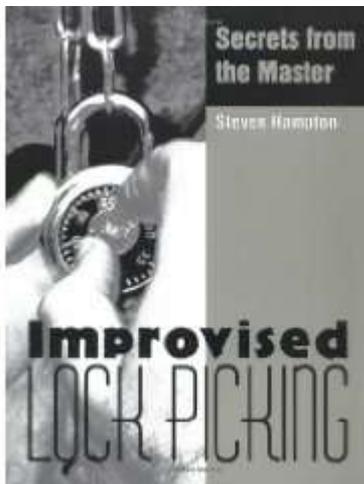
Master locksmith Steven Hampton, author of the best-selling *Secrets of Lock Picking*, takes the art of picking locks one step further with *Modern High-Security Locks*. Here, he collects some of today's most popular pick-resistant locks and sets out to see which ones hold up to their claims. However complex a lock gets, it must be durable, dependable and user-friendly. It has to be tough enough to endure physical attack, but it can't be machined too tight or it will jam up with just a breath of dust. It must be simple and easy to lock and unlock with its key, or the customer will not pay the higher price for it. It is this delicate balance between security and utility that allows the locksmith to open this new generation of locks. Hampton shows locksmiths how each lock is picked and how long it will take. He details the tools of the trade and includes patterns and instructions for making your own picks and tension wrenches. He even includes ancient Tibetan Buddhist tantric visualization exercises to help locksmiths learn to "see" the inner workings of the lock within the mind's eye. Veteran locksmiths or those new to the trade will find Hampton's latest book an invaluable sourcebook.

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<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=13>



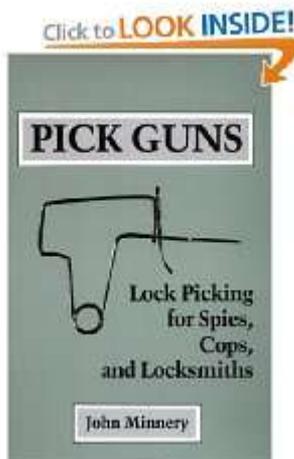
Master locksmith Steven Hampton has over 40 years of experience in designing different ways to open locks without keys and has personally taught dozens of today's most talented locksmiths. In this book, Hampton reveals little-known secrets for devising quick and easy lock-picking tools on the spot, using common household items found in the average home, office or garage. Through photographs and detailed exploded drawings, you'll see how these improvised tools can be used to open a wide variety of locks found all over the world. You will also find out how to get inside a front door with a safety pin, open magnetic card readers, defeat the extremely difficult Master combination padlock and much more. The key to never being locked out of anywhere is knowing how to instantly improvise the right tool for the right lock. This book will show you how.

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US:

<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=15>



This book tells how pick guns work and how to use them and traces their development from their inception to the revolutionary devices of today. Included are the original patents by Epstein, Segal, Moore, Cooke and others, as well as info on pick guns used by the FBI and intelligence agencies. Photos depict improvised devices made out of coat hangers and clothespins.

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<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=16>

US:

<http://www.lockpickingtoolkit.com/links.php?link=17>

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