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STRIKING TYPE TOOLS

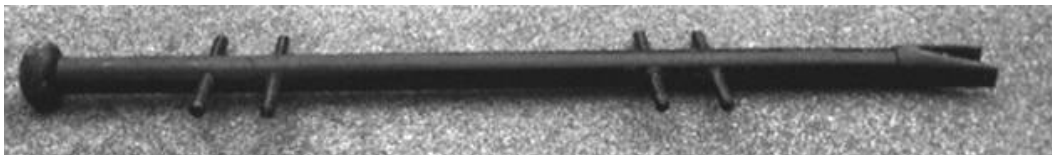
This section includes the following tools and/or equipment:

- Battering Ram
- Sledge Hammer
- Claw Hammer

BATTERING RAM

Description:

The battering rams are large, heavy, metal devices with hand holds on each side used to force entry into hard to enter areas. It usually has a blunt and forked end to allow for the most flexibility.



Use and/or Operation:

Used to:

- Breach walls
- Force Doors (when other means of entry don't work)

To breach a wall

- Use an axe to remove a brick approximately (3) feet above the ground
- (2) FF's grasp the handles of the battering ram, one on each side, with the forked end toward the wall. In unison, swing the arm back to arms length and then thrust against the wall.


To force a door:

- Hold and operate similarly to when forcing a door
- Use the blunt end to force doors

Maintenance:

- Keep clean and free of rust. Paint as needed.



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SLEDGE HAMMER



Description:

Carried on all ladder companies, this tool is capable of delivering tremendous striking power.

Use and/or Operation:

The sledge hammer is used effectively to break concrete, tile, floors, roofs and other hard materials.

When using, be cautious not to break the head from the handle by missing the target on the attempts.

Maintenance:

The head should fit tightly on the handle. If the handle doesn't fit properly in the head, it should be sent to Central Stores for repair.

Keep the sledge hammer head clean and free of rust. The handle should be kept free of splinters.

CLAW HAMMER

The claw hammer is equipped with a hammering end for driving nails and a forked end for removing nails and other associated prying. It is primarily used for applying plastic and tar paper during overhaul and salvage.