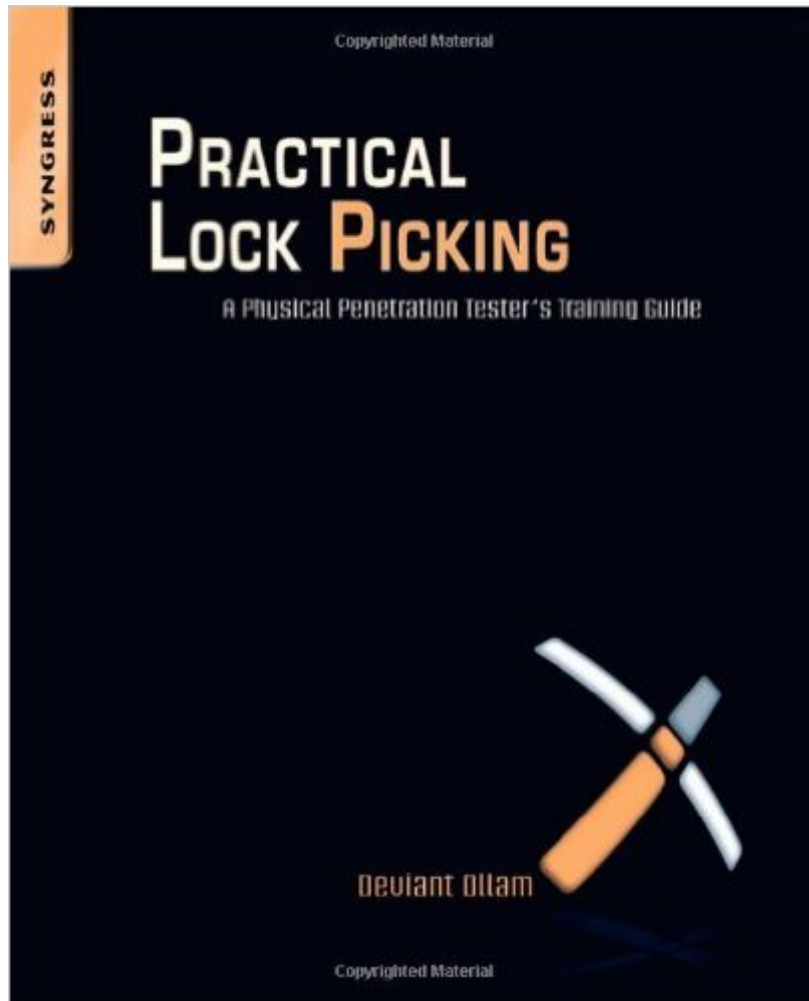


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# Practical Lock Picking: A Physical Penetration Tester's Training Guide



## Synopsis

Practical Lock Picking: A Physical Penetration Tester's Training Guide provides an introduction to the basic principles of lock picking. It combines both easy-to-follow, step-by-step lessons, and tutorials that will help security-conscious people learn how to open most of the locks they may encounter during auditing or assessment work. The text covers the fundamentals of pin tumbler and wafer locks; the basics of picking; beginner and advanced training; and quick entry techniques. The discussions focus on pin tumbler locks, with several diagrams provided to illustrate the construction and function of these locks. Guides and exercises demonstrate the use of basic lock-picking tools in order to manipulate and open these locks. The text also describes the most common alternative designs of pin tumbler locks and summarizes the tools and techniques that can be effective against them. The book can be a valuable resource for both beginners and those seeking advanced, professional training in lock picking. Individuals working in the field of penetration testing can use the book to enhance their repertoire of skills. Detailed photos make learning as easy as picking a lock. DVD is filled with indispensable lock picking videos and color photos. Extensive appendix details tools and toolkits currently available for all your lock picking needs.

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The whole concept of locksport or the competitive, hobby activity of picking locks was totally unfamiliar to me until I read Robert Vamosi's book - *When Gadgets Betray Us* - that discussed gadgets and technology and its vulnerabilities. It mentioned Deviant Ollam and included a lengthy

discussion of the vulnerability of locks. After reading about Ollam, I decided to see what was available as an introduction to lock picking. Which led me to this how-to guide on lock picking by Mr. Ollam. As the title states, the emphasis is on the practical side. This book is ideal for the novice locksmith, for the curious, but also for those who are involved in physical security. The text is informal and easy to understand. I was a bit wary when approaching the subject but there are so many diagrams and designs that it was not long before I had the difference between driver and key pins completely clear in my head. The interesting thing to me was how useful the information is from a personal privacy standpoint. I finished the initial chapters that talked about key biting and how the depth of the key notches are sometimes written on your key with a number. I pulled out my house key and there was a 5 digit number, which makes it easy for a locksmith to replace my key. Or someone else to figure out how each digit corresponds to a pin in the lock and speed access to picking it! That is what I liked about this text. By the end, I understood much more about what my keys and locks represented as well as the things I should look for in purchasing locks for my house or business. I thought of Simon Singh's The Code Book as I read Ollam's lock picking information.

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