

SoftDrill™

by LockTec Tools

Let's face it, to forget is human nature. We lose our car keys, we forget appointments, and, yes, some of us even forget the combinations to our locks.

As locksmiths know, manually opening a combination lock requires either special skills or drilling. Locksmiths use autodialers that automatically dial all possible combinations until the lock is opened. Unfortunately, this could take up to 30-hours. Another method for opening the lock is drilling and replacement, which could cost a customer up to \$3,000 and take as long as 72 hours. Furthermore, restoration of the safe's integrity is uncertain, often requiring additional time and expense.

Fortunately there is new technology available that combines

sophisticated electronics, powerful software and a conventional laptop computer. This new technology, SoftDrill™, uses computer algorithms and a sensitive listening device to profile a mechanical lock's combination. *(See photograph 1.)* SoftDrill™ has a powerful electronic transducer microphone to listen to the wheels, gates, fence and lever of a combination lock. This new process can be complete, and the lock opened in as little as 20 minutes. This is done without damaging or destroying the integrity of the safe. The product was developed in response to requests from safe technicians and professional locksmiths for a time saving product.

SoftDrill™ works with most popular laptop computers. Its powerful software operates under Windows

95/98 and comes ready with the capability to open two of the most popular mechanical combination locks - the S&G 6730 and the LaGard 3330.

SoftDrill™ is easy to install. In fact, the five-step setup takes only 5 - 10 minutes; here is how simple it is:

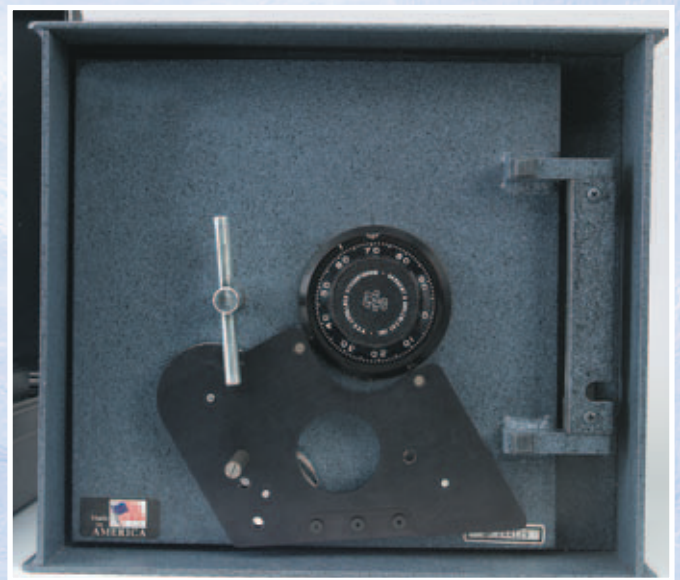
1. First attach the magnetic mounting bracket to the safe's door. *(See photograph 2.)* The bracket has a unique shape that assures compatibility with a wide range of safe doors, lock and handle arrangements.

2. Press the pulley onto the dial (a selection of pulleys is included to cover a variety of dial styles) and tighten the setscrews. *(See photograph 3.)*

3. Attached the precision stepper motor to the mounting bracket and slip the belt over the pulley. *(See photograph 4.)*



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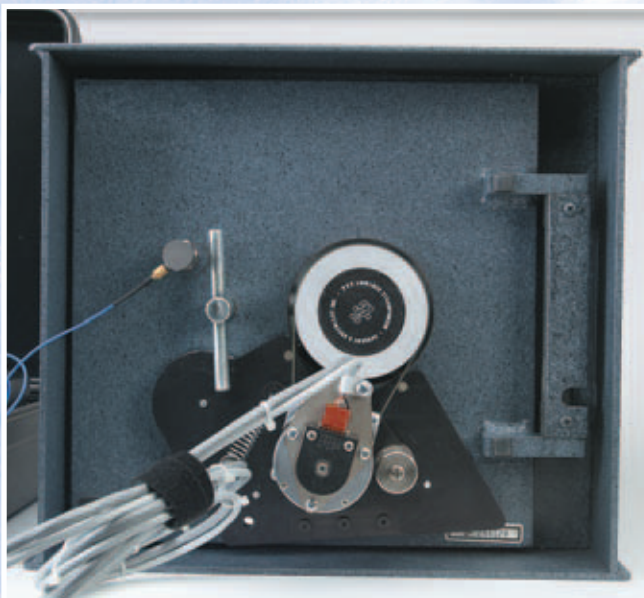
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Once set up, simply start the software, select the lock type, and let it run. SoftDrill™ does the rest.

SoftDrill™ is manufactured by LockTec Tools, Inc., a subsidiary of the Mas-Hamilton Group. While the current software opens only the most popular locks, additional software modules will be available in the future to permit the SoftDrill to open additional mechanical combination locks.

"We set out to give professional locksmiths a state-of-the-art tool and came up with a product that exceeds even our own expectations," said

John Brown, president of LockTec Tools. "SoftDrill™ provides a faster solution and protects the safe from being damaged or destroyed."

LockTec Tools will limit distribution of SoftDrill™ by selling the product only to safe manufacturers, government agencies and through a certified locksmith distributor. Each machine has its own serial number. The product will be available later this year and is expected to retail for about \$7,000.

Mark Bates, president of MBA USA, Inc. is currently the exclusive worldwide distributor of SoftDrill™. "This is a great tool for the lock industry," said Bates. "Drilling a safe

can cost anywhere from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars depending on the container. It can also take a long time. The importance of this device goes beyond its ability to open mechanical locks. SoftDrill™ provides a wake-up call for safe owners. Most people do not know that the technology used in today's mechanical locks is the same that was used in mechanical locks manufactured during the Civil War. Hopefully SoftDrill™ will make the public realize that it is time for 19th century technology to go and make room for 21st century technology."

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