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## Assembly Instructions: Pick Mattock, Cutter Mattock, and Pick Axe

**Your new pick or mattock has been adjusted in our shop to insure a good snug fit between the metal head and the wooden handle.**

This is accomplished by assembling the tool to find areas of interference between the head and the handle. These areas are then ground or sanded off. This procedure is repeated until the head and the handle fit together tightly.

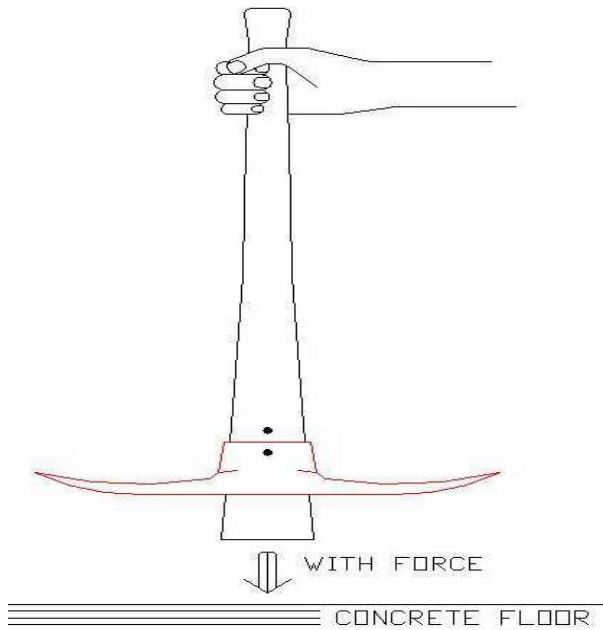
All you have to do is re-assemble your tool so that the **black dots line up**, and the numbers match.

**Step 1.** Locate the black dots on both tool head and handle. If you have purchased more than one pick, they will have different letter/number pairs on each. Only assemble heads and handle with matching letter/numbers.

**Step 2.** Slide the head onto the handle so that the black dots line up. (See the picture below)

**Step 3.** Hold the thin end of the handle and bang the wide end of the handle straight down onto a smooth concrete surface. (See the picture below)

**Step 4.** Repeat these forceful blows until the head firmly grips the handle.



**REMINDER:** During use you must occasionally check to insure that the head is still tight. If loose, repeat Steps 3 and 4 to tighten the head.

*Disassembly:* To remove the tool head, hold the metal head with both hands and bang the thin end of the handle down against a wooden board laid on a concrete surface until the head moves far enough down the handle to separate. The wooden board protects the end of the handle from damage.

**WARNING** – Always wear safety glasses. Any striking tool may chip if struck against another hard surface, resulting in damage to the tool and possible serious bodily injury.

**Beware of sharp edges. Keep away from children.  
Use extreme caution to protect hands and feet.**

### Tool Care Instructions

Blade:

1. Clean soil off the blade after each use.
2. Keep the blade sharp using a metal file to sharpen only the inner edge. On the Cutter Mattock also sharpen the axe blade.
3. Before storing for winter, oil the blade to prevent rust.

Handle:

1. Clean soil from the handle after each use.
2. Check the handle occasionally during use and re-tighten as needed.
3. Once a year re-oil handle using a penetrating wood oil finish like Linseed, Tung, or Danish Oil.