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STRUCTURAL FIRE - **TOOLS**

Halligan bar for forced entry

USES

- It is a multi-purpose bar used to penetrate, twist, cut, force or hit. It consists of sharpened claws or a recessed nail puller, a duckbill (chock or adze) and a conical pike, which is especially useful for quickly opening many types of doors.
- Designed by Hugh A. Halligan, Chief U.S. Fire Department, this hand tool has become one of the most versatile hand tools used in the last six decades for a number of tasks in the field of fires. It is a tool that has a long tradition among structural fire firefighters.
- The adze end or the sharpened claws end of the tool can be used to break locks or force doors open. The firefighter can also perform a "baseball bat-type movement " to stick the pike into the door frame near the lock or the door handle and then force the door open.

  The tip or the sharpened claws can be placed into chains links or padlock shackles and twisted up until breaking them.
- The bar can also be used on sloping roofs. By sticking the tip into the roof, the bar provides a point of support to firefighters involved in vertical ventilation.

Duckbill and conical pike

Recessed nail puller

DESIGN AND MATERIALS

- The bars are made of heat-treated steel. They have high hardness and ductility and resist impact, avoiding internal fractures that weaken the piece. They have low transmission of vibration. The central axis has a grip that allows the tool not to slip when force is used, avoiding injuries or bruising.
- The finish consists of an anti-corrosive electrolytic treatment and baked paint coverage. Chrome plating is offered as an option.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length	Weight	Material
36" (91cm)	4.5 kg	Chrome steel alloy (40Cr Alloy steel) with nickel chrome plating.

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