



Instruction for Opening a Toolcase Combination Lock (Forgotten Combination)

Combination locks are preset at 0-0-0. Instructions for setting new combinations are shipped with the case. Simply, the procedure is: With the combination set at 0-0-0, push the lever on the back of the lock to the left and up. (This can only be done if the lock is set on the combination.) With the lever in set position, dial in the combination of choice, and return the lever to original position. Test the new combination by looking down into lock and rotating one wheel off combination. When wheel is turned off combination, the locking bar will be seen to move into the locked position. After verifying this, put lock back on combination, close the case and again move one wheel off combination and insure case is locked. Then put lock back on combination and insure case will now open. Lock must be on combination before it is closed, otherwise the hasp will be forced past the locking bar and probably jam the lock. When this happens, the case usually has to be pried open even though the combination is set correctly. This action can permanently damage the lock. Remember, you cannot reset new combination unless the old combination is known, lever will not move into position unless lock is on combination.

If you cannot open the case because the combination will not unlock, there are a couple of ways to get into the case. If the wheel turns freely, you can start at 0-0-0 and proceed to 9-9-9, one digit at a time attempting to open case with each digit change. This will generally take a good couple of hours. The alternative to this procedure is to find a shim or feeler gauge material approximately .004" thick (a paper clip can be flattened if nothing else is available.) Next a blunt point approximately 1/32" is required on the end of this material. Now, insert the pointed shim along the right hand side of the first wheel of the combination lock until the shaft is touched. Holding the shim in place against the shaft turn the wheel one digit at a time until a notch in the shaft is located. Now, do the same with wheels 2 and 3. Once the notches are found and lined up, that is the combination of the lock and it should open.