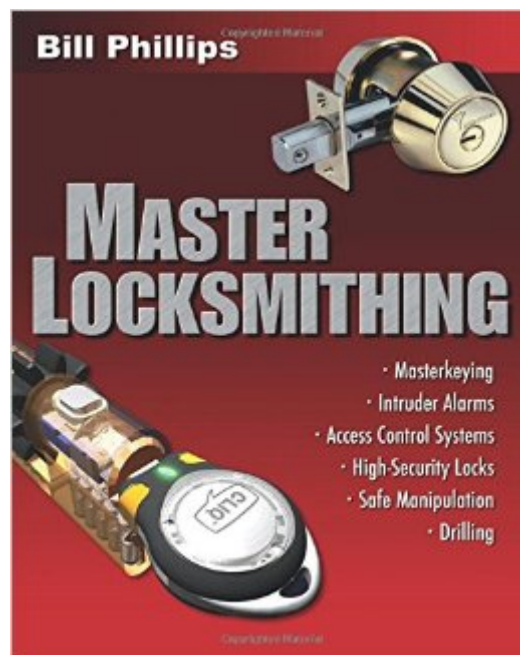


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# Master Locksmithing: An Expert's Guide To Master Keying, Intruder Alarms, Access Control Systems, High-Security Locks...



## Synopsis

Boost Your Career Potential with Today's Most Complete Guide to Advanced Locksmithing Skills, Techniques, and Systems! Turn to Master Locksmithing for clear, nontechnical guidance on the full range of advanced locksmithing skills, techniques, and systems. Written by the renowned locksmithing author Bill Phillips, this career-building resource provides hard-to-find material on such important topics as masterkeying, intruder alarms, access-control systems, cutting-edge automobile locks, high-security locks, and safe drilling. Packed with at-a-glance information and 120 detailed illustrations, Master Locksmithing features:

- Expert accounts of all the skills required to become a master locksmith
- A sample Registered Professional Locksmith Test
- Listings of locksmithing suppliers, distributors, and monitoring stations
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- Automobile Locks
- Getting Licensed as a Locksmith
- Hiring Locksmiths
- Making Your Locksmithing Business More Profitable

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## Customer Reviews

It was with great anticipation that I ordered an advanced copy of this book, Master Locksmithing. As I have worked my way through this volume, I have become more and more disappointed with the content and lack of writing skills pertaining to this work. I had expected at least the level of technical writing found in "Locks and Locksmithing" book where there was both meat and potatoes, and I increased my level of knowledge considerably. Sadly my expectations were not nearly met and had I had the opportunity to review this book prior to purchase, I certainly would have thought three times before selecting this book as a must have. It certainly did not meet the hype and prerelease advertising, and I would hazard to say that more than 50% of the content is a collection of manufacturers handbooks and information sheets that all locksmiths have easy access to. I certainly expected more from an expert in the field of Locksmithing and do not agree that this book provides "everything you need to become a master locksmith" in fact it falls far short of that target.

40% of this book is simply copies of manufacturers manuals and locksmith supply houses available free online. (google "kwikset master key manual" and you'll have chapter 6 or go to Adams Rite Mfg. and order for free chapter 10 "electric strike handbook" etc.) The rest is just a quick overview of the locksmith trade, nothing in depth and definitely not Master Locksmithing. I am returning mine tomorrow.

Having read the author's previous works, I looked forward to the release of "Master Locksmithing". Unfortunately after receiving my copy I found that the book lacks depth, with about half of it being nothing more than copies of lock manufacturers product information sheets. Even the parts of the book that are not copies of some product sheet fail for lack of substance. For example, we are told that the book contains a sample "Registered Professional Locksmith (RPL)" exam. While there is an "exam" contained in the book, the RPL certification does not seem to be recognized by anyone. A search on the internet for Registered Professional Locksmith Certification does not return any group or organization offering or recognizing this program. The book lists the author, Bill Phillips, as the president of the International Association of Home Safety and Security Professionals. However attempts to locate this association online only finds a defunct website / domain name. "Master Locksmithing" offers nothing to anyone with more than a basic understanding of locks and locksmithing. It certainly does NOT provide the information one needs to become a master locksmith. Disappointing! Lacking in substance and depth.

After reading The Complete Book of Locks and Locksmithing, 6th edition, one would think that this book continues the study of locksmithing to a higher level. In fact, it really offers little information at all other than spec sheets from other sources. For instance, Chapter 18, Drilling and Manipulating Safes is just six pages long. Paragraph 3 says "To learn about safes, read all you can about them, and take classes when you can." This book was a real letdown. Save your money.

This book would be ok for the novice but if you have any experience at all do not expect too much. I grabbed one of these to find the title was misleading. Re-printed info you can find on the web. It would have been better titled beginning locksmithing.

This is part of our home schooling skills reading for Locksmithing and Security Design. After getting through a lot of the basic work this is a great follow on piece for advanced learning.

a lot of pictures, information is clear to understand, straight forward, I like it !!

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