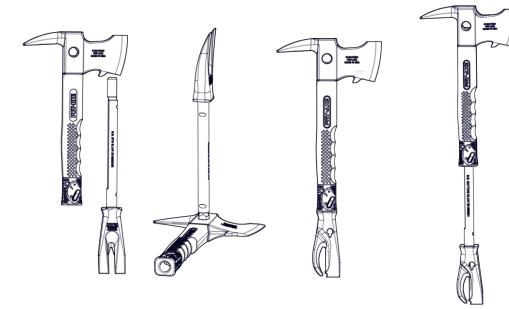
# PARATECH<sub>®</sub>

# **PRY-AXE OPERATING INSTRUCTION**



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CLOSED CHOPPING-PRYING METAL CUTTING

### INTRODUCTION

The PRY-AXE is designed to be an ergonomic light, wearable (using available Sheath or Tactical pouch) multipurpose fireman's personal tool that can be employed instantly without any preparations and used for multiple purpose forcible entry and rescue. Alloy steel construction with stainless steel claws.

#### **EXTENDED IN LOCKED POSITION**

To extend the PRY-AXE, move positive locking lever toward unlocked position and pull out the claw shaft to the stop point without rotating the claw. Move the locking lever to the locked position. This will lock the claw in the fully extended position. The PRY-AXE can now be used as a **short stroke chopping** tool or a **full length prying** tool. Extending the tool offers added leverage for prying and twisting off locks or hasps. With the PRY-AXE locked in the extended position it gives the operator greater reach, increased prying power and bracing capability.

#### SEPARATING PIECES

To completely separate the claw from the handle, turn the positive locking lever to the unlocked position, pull claw shaft to the stop point, turn 180°, pull claw again and separate. Separating the pieces offers two-tool efficiency. One person can chop/pry; another can pry using the claw. In the head of the axe there is a hole that was designed for the handle claw to be inserted (see drawing above) and used in the **right angle pry** configuration when twisting or securing a safety space in case of collapse.

EXTENDED & LOCKED FOR ADDED LEVERAGE PRYING

#### PRYING AND CHOPPING

The pike and axe blade can be used as prying surfaces. To enlarge a punched hole, rotate the tool to either side.

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#### **METAL CUTTING**

To use the PRY-AXE with the **metal cutting claw**, drive the pike through the metal to gain access opening. Insert the cutting (curved) part of the claw into the opening and with brisk up-and-down strokes of the handle, cut the metal as required.

#### SLAM & RAM

The PRY-AXE is also designed for **ramming**. Move the positive locking lever to the unlocked position. This will prevent the tool from locking in the closed position. Hold claw BELOW the shaft with one hand. Hold axe head assembly with the other (this piece acts as the ram). Extend the head assembly and slam with moderate force. KEEP FINGERS AWAY FROM RAMMING POINT AND OUT OF HOLE IN THE AXE HEAD. This procedure works well for forcible entry, getting behind window and door trim, baseboard, etc.

#### MAINTENANCE

Minimal maintenance for the PRY-AXE is required. To remove debris, wash thoroughly. Periodically, oil the inside of the tubular handle to prevent any rust build up for easy slide action of the claw shaft. The axe blade and pike and claw ends can be sharpened as needed. The PRY-AXE is electroless nickel plated.\*

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Visible and functional inspection should be performed on an annual basis to ensure that the locking lever is working properly and the tool is in working condition.

(\*The tactical version of the PRY-AXE is black chrome plated.)

## **RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION**

- 1. All personnel using and assisting with the tool should wear safety clothing (helmets, eye protection, gloves, etc.)
- 2. Clear the area of all bystanders and personnel not directly involved in the operation.
- 3. Clear fingers, hands, feet, etc. away from striking, prying and cutting areas.
- 4. Watch for flying objects such as bolts, pieces of glass, masonry and metal.
- 5. Do not be careless. Use common sense and training to protect yourself, victims and those in the operation.

# PRY-AXE WARRANTY

Each **PRY-AXE** or component thereof, manufactured by Paratech Incorporated, has been thoroughly inspected and properly adjusted before shipment to insure the highest quality and the greatest possible reliability.

Paratech Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as "Seller") hereby warrants the **PRY-AXE** or component thereof to the original retail buyer only against defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service, for life. This warranty shall constitute the sole warranty of the Seller with respect to the **PRY-AXE** or component thereof. **THE SELLER HEREBY DISCLAIMS AND EXCLUDES ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OR MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.** The Seller neither assumes nor authorizes any other person to assume for it any other obligations or liabilities in connection with the sale or use of this product.

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