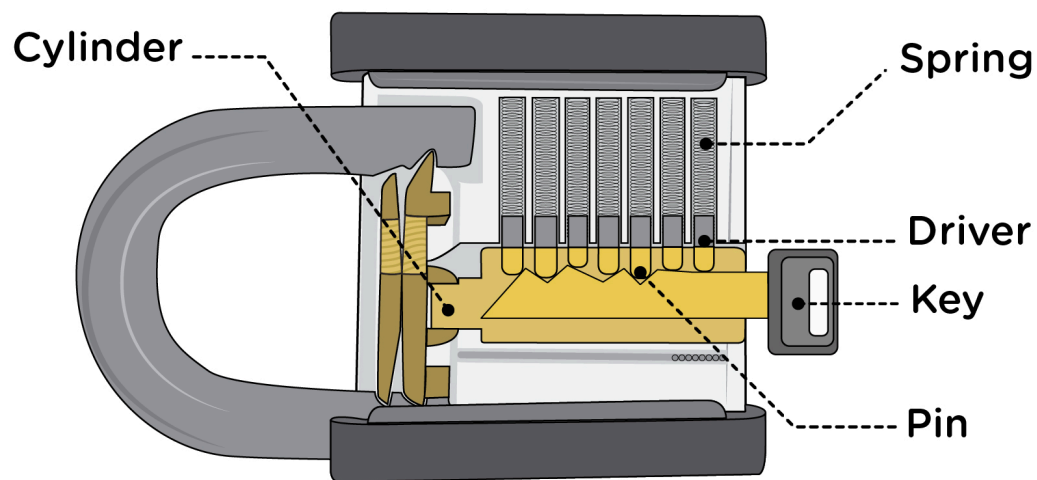


# How to lockpick

Pictures from:

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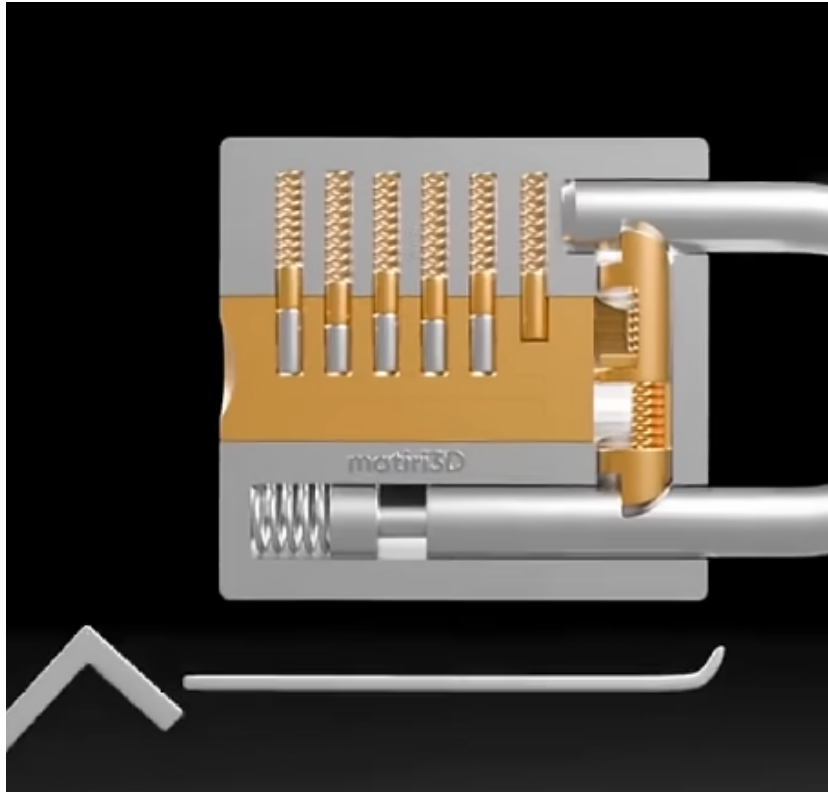
## The basics



*Figure 1: The situation when you insert a key in a lock.*

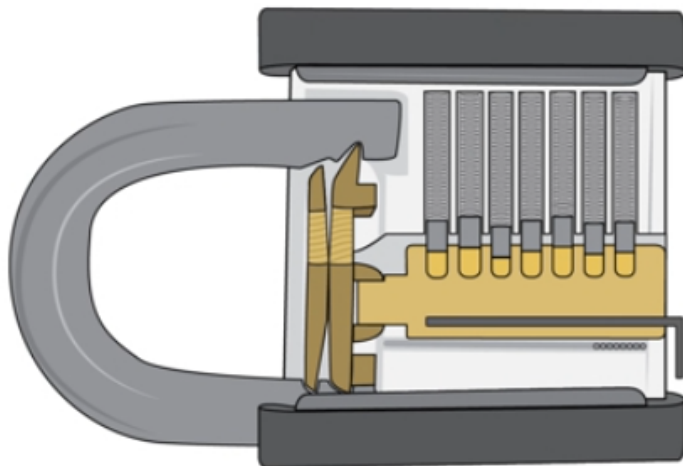
A lock consists of pins. If you insert a key, the pins will be pushed to the correct height. This allows the lock to turn.

When you look at figure 2, you see that when the key is not inserted in the lock, the pins will block the cylinder from turning.



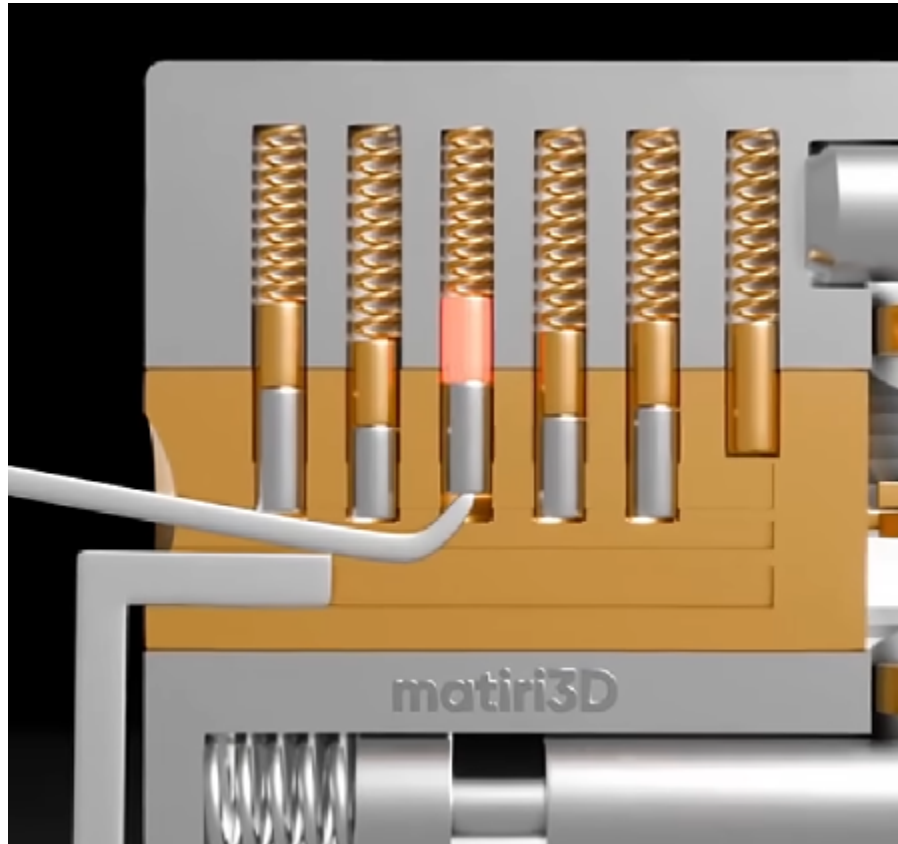
*Figure 2: The pins are blocking the cylinder from turning.*

So now you want to insert your tension wrench on the bottom of the lock. Next, apply a little bit of pressure by pressing on the part of the wrench that is outside of the lock. Depending on how the lock turns, you apply pressure clockwise or counter-clockwise.



*Figure 3: Insert your tension wrench into the lock.*

Now you are going to identify the binding pin. Insert your pick and push the pins upwards. There will be one pin for which this is slightly harder. This is your binding pin. Push this pin upwards until you hear a click.

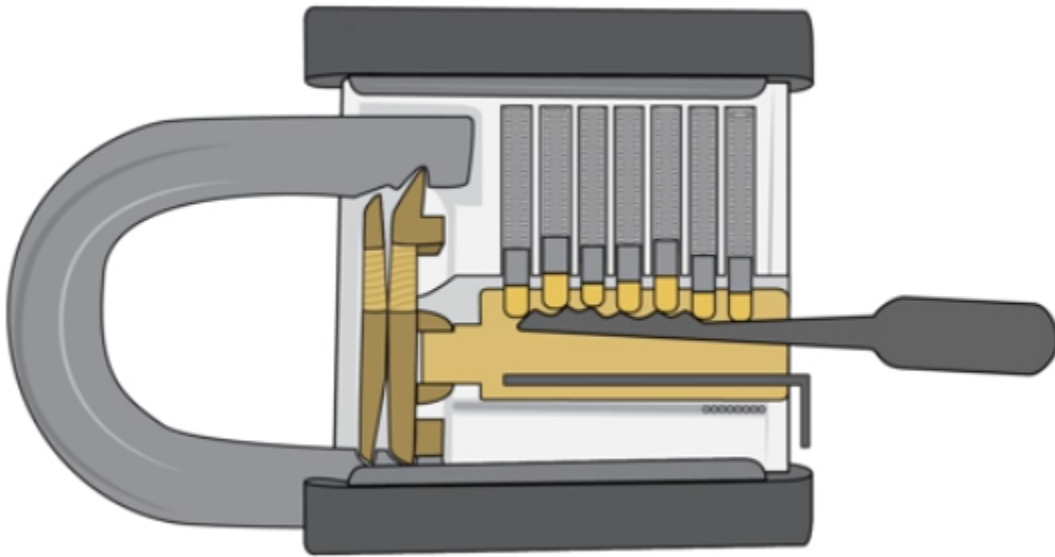


*Figure 4: Binding pin identified!*

Now repeat the process until all pins are pushed upwards. After which, you should be able to open the lock.

## Raking

Insert the tension wrench as mentioned earlier. Next, insert your raking tool. Apply upward pressure and push the raking tool in- and out of the lock. After doing this a few times, the lock should open.



*Figure 5: Move the rake tool in- and out of the lock.*