



Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Perdix Spring Trap. The trap was developed to meet modern humane trapping standards, including the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS), while being easy to use, effective and suitable for as many trapping scenarios as possible.

Target species

In England and Scotland the Perdix Spring Trap is legal for trapping grey squirrels, rats, stoats and weasels.

Conditions of use

The Perdix Spring Trap must be used according the conditions of use set out in the Spring Trap Approval Orders for England and Scotland.

England

‘The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose’.

Scotland

‘The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is suitable for minimising the chances of capturing, killing or injuring non-target species whilst not compromising the killing or taking of target species’.

Legal References

England

The Spring Traps Approval (Variation) (England) Order 2021

Scotland

The Spring Traps Approval (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020

General Licences

The Perdix Spring Trap is listed as a permitted trap on the general licences issued in England and Scotland that allow stoats to be trapped.

England

GL38 – Licence to trap stoats to conserve wild birds.

GL39 – Licence to trap stoats to prevent serious damage to livestock.

Scotland

GL14/2021 – To use certain traps to kill stoats for the conservation of wild birds or for prevention of serious damage to livestock.

IMPORTANT: Please read these instructions before use of the PERDIX Spring Trap. These instructions contain information that will help you get the best from this product and provide important information on how to use the trap correctly and safely. If you have any queries or concerns when you read the following instructions, please contact us on +44 (0) 1789 336123.

Keep these instructions in a safe place for future reference. Always ensure anyone intending to operate the PERDIX Spring Trap is fully conversant with these instructions prior to use.



WARNING! This symbol indicates there is a danger of serious personal injury if you do not observe the warning. This symbol appears in these instructions where information is provided as to any steps you need to take to operate the trap safely.



This symbol indicates a prohibited action. You must ensure you adhere to these instructions.



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WARNING! Before assembling the PERDIX Spring Trap, inspect the trap for signs of damage. **DO NOT USE IF YOU SEE ANY SIGN OF DAMAGE.** Failure to follow these instructions and warnings may result in serious injury.



WARNING! Read these instructions carefully. The PERDIX Spring Trap is only intended to be used in accordance with the legislation set out below. Do not allow children, persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge or people unfamiliar with these instructions to use the trap, local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.

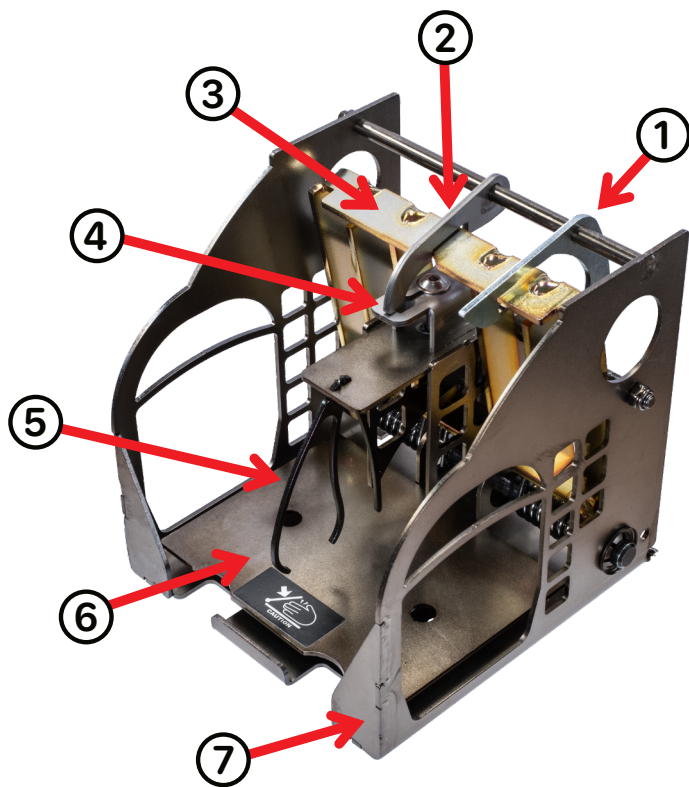


WARNING! Always wear gloves when operating the PERDIX Spring Trap.



WARNING! To avoid damaging your trap, test firing should only be done when safety is in place.

Components of the PERDIX Spring Trap



- ① SAFETY CATCH
- ② TRIGGER CATCH
- ③ KILL BAR
- ④ TRIGGER PORT
- ⑤ VERTICAL TRIGGER
- ⑥ TRIGGER PLATE
- ⑦ TRAP BODY



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Figure 1

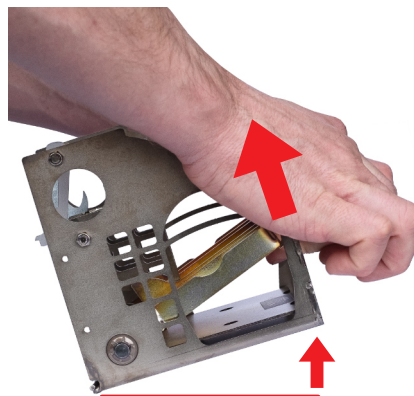


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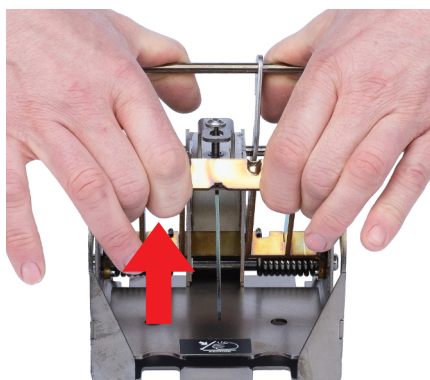


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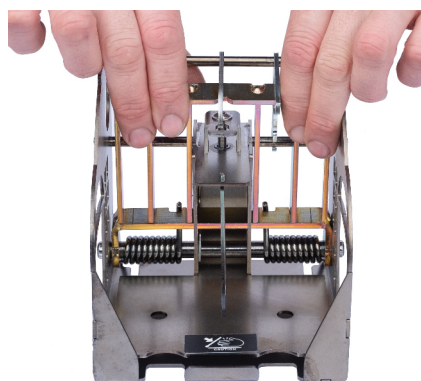


Figure 4

Setting the PERDIX Spring Trap

1. Place trap on a flat surface facing away from you.
2. Move safety catch along bar until located halfway between the side of the trap and treadle upright (Figure 1). Ensure trigger catch is also pointing outside of the trap.
3. While tilting trap on its back edge, place index fingers under front of kill bar at cut outs in front of trap body.
4. Carefully raise kill bar until it passes under safety catch. Slowly release the kill bar so that it sits into the safety catch.
5. Rotate trigger catch so that it is resting in the central groove of the kill bar and on the trigger port (Figure 4).
6. Placing hands either side of the kill bar, pull it back until you hear a click (Figure 5). The trap is now set.



Figure 5



DO NOT place fingers through any of the holes in the side of the trap body when setting the trap.



WARNING! There should never be a reason to place fingers or hands within the zone between the kill bar and the treadle plate when the trap is set.



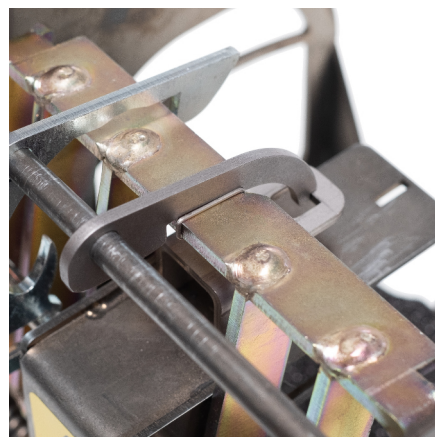
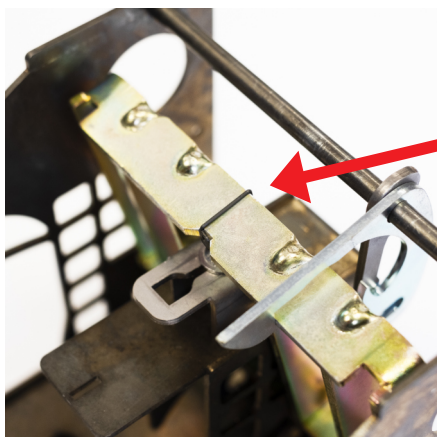
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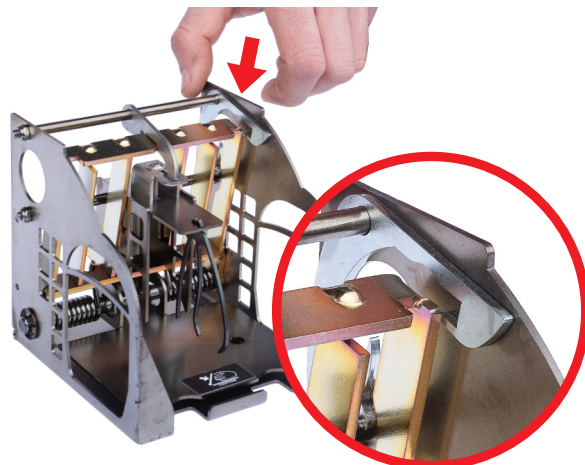
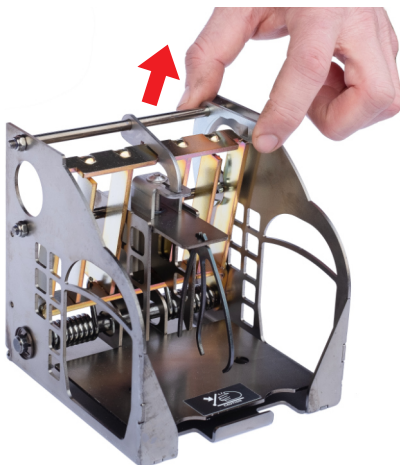
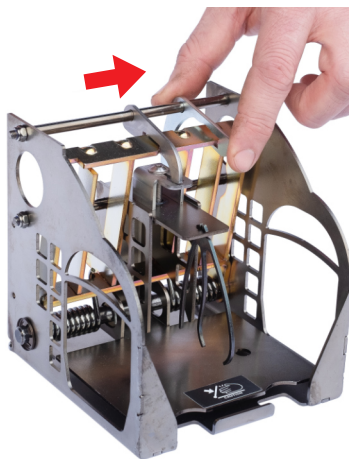
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The kill bar is now fitted with a stainless steel clip which has been designed to improve the functionality and performance of the Perdix Spring Trap. The clip should sit at right angles to the kill bar. The trigger can now be placed next to the raised part of the clip for accurate central setting.



Removing the Safety Catch



Depending upon the type of trap-enclosure being used, the safety catch can either be removed from above or through the circular hole on the side of the trap body. Either way, it is a three step process: 1) slide to edge of kill bar 2) tilt forward to raise through gap in top of kill bar 3) slide to edge of trap and release (Figures 6-8).

Repeat this process in reverse to re-engage the safety catch when the trap is set.



DO NOT remove the safety catch prior to placing a trap in a tunnel or other enclosure unless using the Perdix Spring Trap tunnel tool.



WARNING! Once the trap has been set and the safety catch removed, do not tilt the trap backwards to prevent accidental firing.



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Before Field-Use

Vertical trigger

When using your Perdix Spring Trap, the vertical trigger **MUST** be fixed in place with the barbed bait prong located at the back of the trap. To do this, push the trigger clip through the slot located just in front of the trigger port (Figure 9). The trigger should then be fixed in place by opening the clip using a flat headed screwdriver (Figure 10).

PLEASE NOTE: THE FITTING OF THE VERTICAL TRIGGER BEFORE USE IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT.



NEVER place bait onto the baiting prong after the trap has been set.

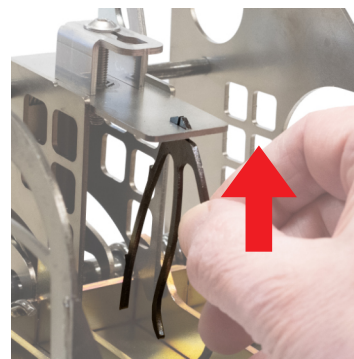


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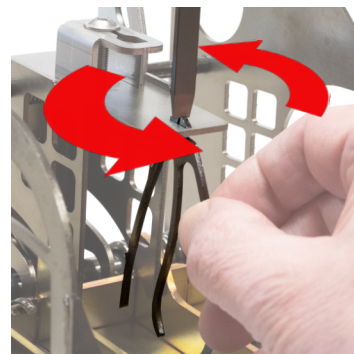


Figure 10

Tunnel Tool

The Perdix Spring Trap tunnel tool is designed to allow a user to safely insert a trap into an enclosed tunnel and also help remove the safety catch through the side of the trap body. Please see instructions for tunnel tool for further details.

Setting Tool

The Perdix Spring Trap setting tool is designed to allow a user to raise the kill bar when the trap is fixed to a wooden base or rail. It can also be used to assist in setting the Perdix Spring Trap when in general use. Please see instructions for setting tool for further details.

Test Firing

The Perdix Spring Trap uses a unique trigger mechanism to provide the required sensitivity (aka spring-off weight) for trapping its target species. Because this mechanism is built from precision laser-cut materials and high grade carbon steel springs, the trap may appear 'stiff' when initially set. However, once the components have been 'bedded in' the trap will set and fire consistently and smoothly.

To prepare your trap for use in the field, make sure the trap is on safety and test fire approximately 5 times or until the sensitivity becomes consistent. In some instances, you may find that the kill bar does not initially release from the trigger. This will stop once the trap has been forced to test fire a number of times as described above.



NEVER file a component to adjust sensitivity.



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Sensitivity

The sensitivity of the Perdix Spring Trap can be altered. If wanting to increase sensitivity after the trap is set, cock the trap as normal and then gently move the trigger port downwards using your thumb and index finger (Figure 11). The change in sensitivity can be gauged by the amount of trigger that can be felt underneath the trigger port.



WARNING! Always ensure the safety catch is on prior to changing the sensitivity and never adjust sensitivity via the treadle plate.

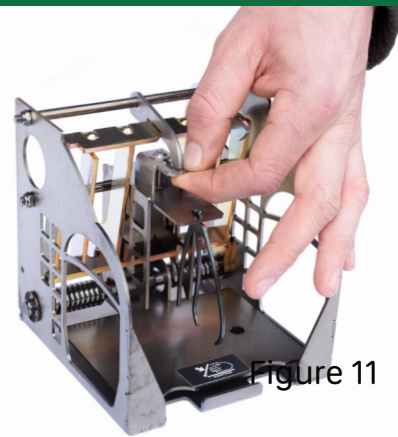


Figure 11

To ensure reliable trap-activation, it is important that the contact point between the trigger and kill bar are kept as clean as possible (Figures 13 & 14). Dirt or other debris in this area may significantly reduce the sensitivity of the trap or prevent it from firing. We recommend test firing your trap onto the safety to check that the trigger system is functioning correctly prior to setting.

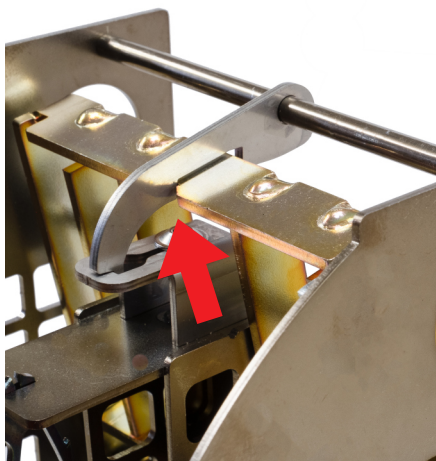


Figure 13



Figure 14

Materials and Finish

Component	Material	Finish
Safety Catch	Hardened Steel	Zinc Plated
Trigger Catch	316 Stainless Steel	N/A
Kill Bar	Mild Steel	Zinc Plated with Yellow Passivate
Trigger Port	316 Stainless Steel	N/A
Vertical Trigger	Mild Steel	Zinc Plated with Brown Passivate
Trigger Plate	Mild Steel	Zinc Plated with Brown Passivate
Trap Body	Mild Steel	Zinc Plated with Brown Passivate



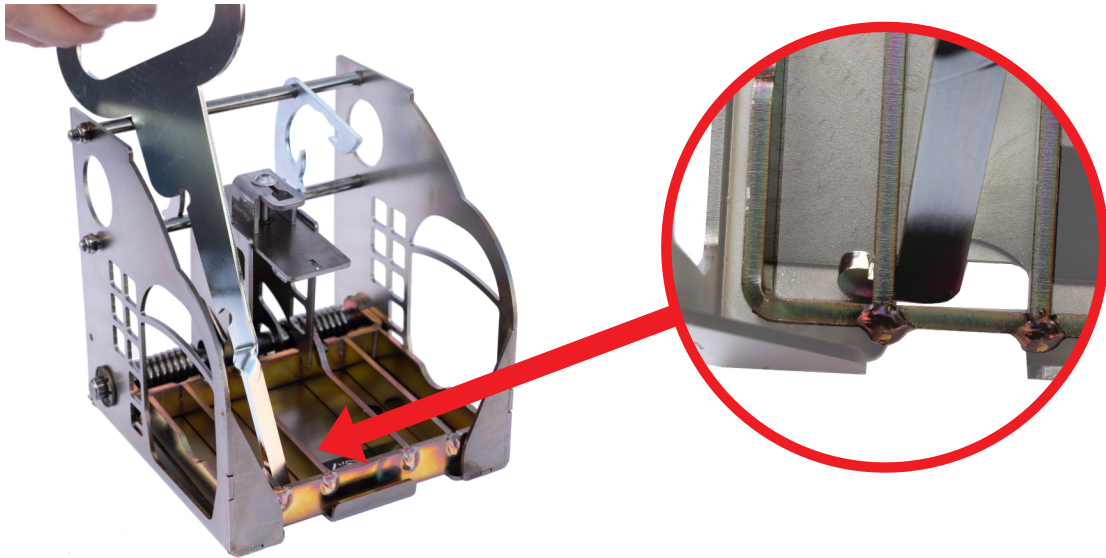
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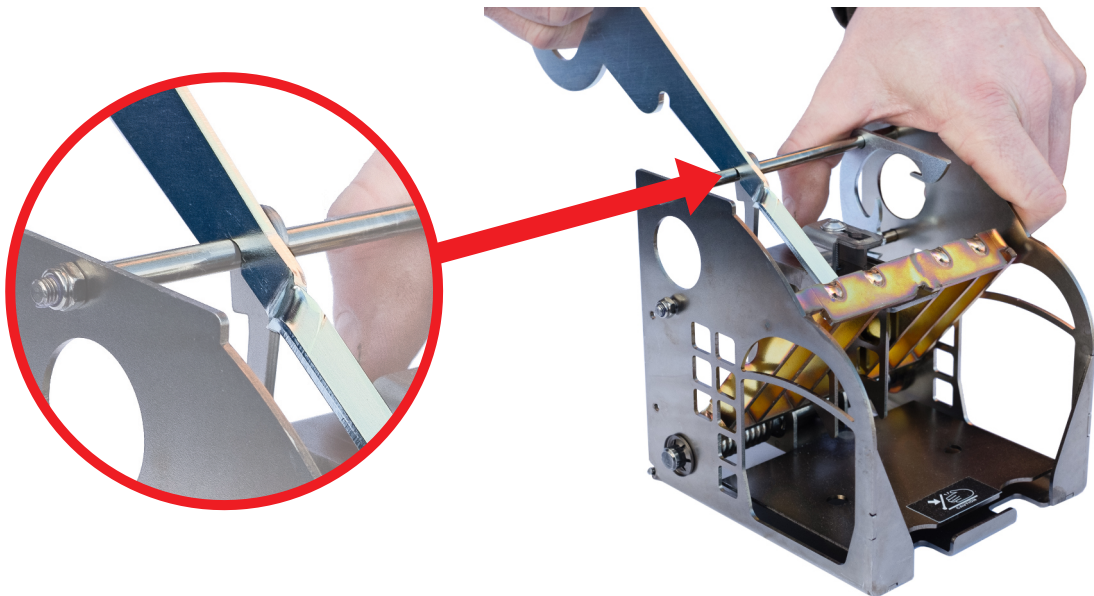
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The Perdix Spring Trap Setting Tool has been designed to allow the kill bar to be raised when the trap has been secured to a tunnel or rail base. It can also be used to help raise the kill bar in everyday trapping situations.

Instructions



1. Place the hook of the setting tool through the gap in the end of the 2nd bar.



2. Lift the kill bar until the required notch in the setting tool can be located onto the top bar of the trap.
3. The kill bar can now be pulled back by hand so that the setting tool can be removed and the safety catch engaged.

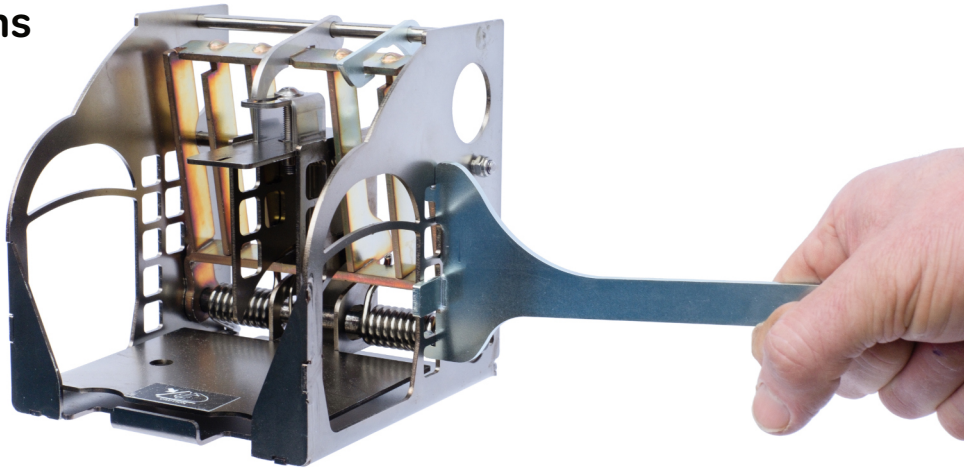




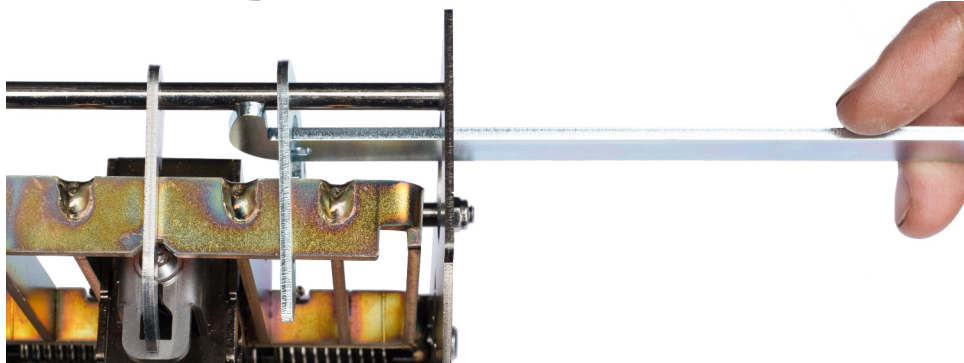
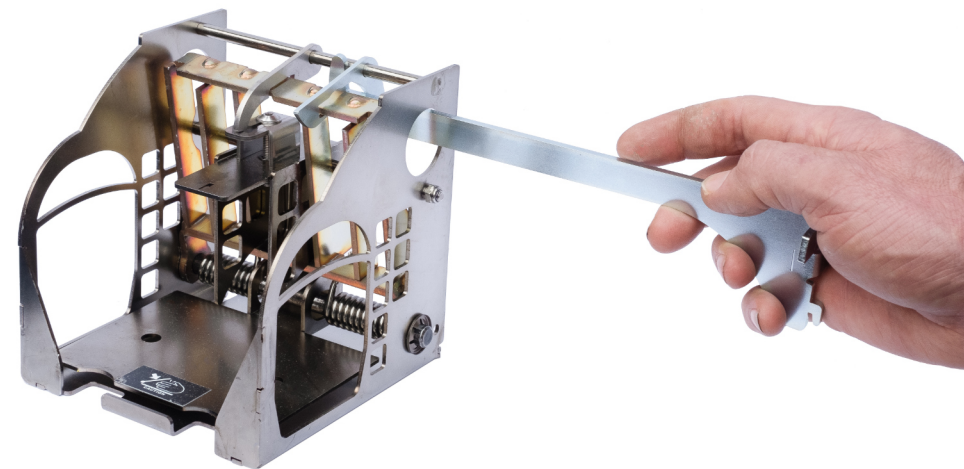
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The Perdix Spring Trap Tunnel Tool has been designed to help users place the trap into a tunnel without touching it. In addition, there's a hook to help remove the safety catch once the trap has been placed in the tunnel.

Instructions



1. Once the trap has been set, hook the trap via the square holes on the side of the trap and place into the tunnel.



2. Once the trap is positioned in the tunnel, hook the safety catch through the round hole in the side of the trap and remove safety as described in the main trap instructions.

