



What we suggest for economical ladder repair:

The air hammer is the most common and practical way of repairing orchard ladders. We recommend this tool to anyone doing less than several dozen repairs at a time. Although it is slower and a little harder on the hands than the compression riveters that we use, it has many other advantages that make it attractive to the seasonal user. No maintenance or special requirements. Compression Rivet guns should be used with pressure regulators and water removal systems. They also require routine adjusting, cleaning, oiling, and so on to keep them working properly. No additional training To use a compression rivet gun properly takes some initial training, and a considerable amount of practice. Very Economical It cost \$184.00 for a good one with all of the accessories, rivet guns range in price from \$1495.00 used to \$1960.00 for rebuilt models. No special tooling Rivet guns, depending on where you purchase them and what the original use of the tool was, can often require different yokes and rivet sets than the ones provided. The replacement parts for rivet guns are quite often more than the gun is worth making improper use of these guns extremely expensive. In addition, they can be difficult to work on, often having to be brought in for repair. The air hammer will work in almost any application including fixing other brands of ladders. They are also very forgiving when misused; require no adjusting, and little if any maintenance.

Proper use:

Place air hammer vertically over rivet head being careful to keep it as straight as possible, place bucking tool (included when purchasing air hammer kit from us) against bottom of rivet also being careful to keep it as straight as possible. Engage the hammer in spurts until rivet is sufficiently compressed. It is very important that you keep equal amounts of pressure on the gun and bucking tool. The best way to assure that the rivet is compressed enough is to measure it against the lip on the inside of the step material. When doing ladder repair the rivet should be compressed to about the same height as the lip.

Other important info:

The air hammer is \$184.00 with proper rivet set, and bucking tool included. Tool should be oiled and cleaned as needed.

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