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**New Council Tool's Combination Tool Handles  
Multiple Wildland Firefighting Needs**

LAKE WACCAMAW, N.C. – December 2004 – Council Tool has added a combination tool to its firefighting tool line. Ideal for fighting wildland fires or for general forestry work, the new tool is a combination of a shovel blade and a pick.

Used to dig up soil in order to construct fire lines on wildfires, the combination tool also can be used to control burn operations as well as construct or repair trails. This versatile tool can be used as a shovel/pick, a shovel only or a pick only. The tool also features a sharp cutting edge that can cut light brush.

The shovel's locking nut is a die-casting aluminum alloy that allows the tool to be fastened in several working positions. Strict specifications of the locking nut ensure that the thread is tight enough to allow no more than 1/64" movement, perpendicularly or horizontally. The combination tool conforms to NSN #5120-01-240-2120.

Both the shovel blade and the pick are constructed from 1050 carbon steel and have a Rockwell C Scale hardness reading ranging from 40 to 46. The tool's ash handle is sanded to a smooth finish and coated with lacquer for ease of use. Shipped already assembled, the combination tool folds compactly for convenient transport.

All Council firefighting tools are ready to ship and are backed by Council Tool's long-standing reputation for reliability. Fire departments and forest services can order direct from the Council Tool Web site: [www.counciltool.com/fire](http://www.counciltool.com/fire).

Founded in 1886, Council Tool offers an extensive line of high-quality hand tools, including axes, striking tools, forged bars, shrubbing tools, picks, mattocks, digging tools, wood-splitting tools, C-clamps and a variety of specialty tools.

For additional information on Council Tool's firefighting tools, please contact: The Council Tool Company Inc., 345 Pecan Lane, P.O. Box 165, Lake Waccamaw, N.C. 28450-0165. Telephone: 910.646.3011. Fax: 910.646.4414. Web: [www.counciltool.com/fire](http://www.counciltool.com/fire).

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