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Please note Although we may often refer to ferro rods “fire starters”, even the best rod on earth won’t actually make fire....ferro rods make SPARKS. Making a fire out of sparks can be really tricky at first, so it’s important for you to understand the basics and practice before you head out into the field. The small size of this rod makes it even trickier so we recommend this more as an emergency tool rather than a primary firestarting tool.

Before you start, you will need to spend some time gathering and preparing your tinder. Tinder is the material you will be trying actually ignite with the sparks you generate, and the key is VERY DRY and FLUFFY tinder material such as dry grass, fine wood shavings, frayed jute rope, pocket lint, etc. If the tinder is even the least bit damp it will make getting a fire ignited much more difficult (but not necessarily impossible). Be sure to also gather additional fuel such as small twigs, sticks etc so that once your tinder bundle is lit you won’t have to scramble to keep it fed. With the tinder you’ve selected, try to make a fluffy “birds nest” out of it on a dry solid surface, and in a location that is shielded from wind, rain, etc.

Step 1.

Rest the rod across the first joint of your forefinger and lay the lanyard strings down over your other fingers. In your other hand, grip the scraper firmly between your thumb and forefinger



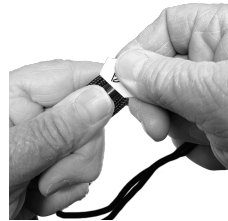
Step 2.

Grasp the lanyard strings tightly with your lower fingers and push on the back of the rod with your thumb. The rod should now feel very secure in your hand.



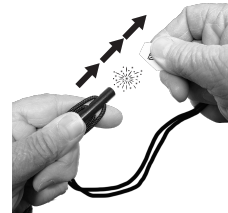
Step 3.

Next, align the scraper at a 45-degree angle toward the top of the rod. Position the tip of the ferro rod directly above and close to your tinder “bird nest”.



Step 4.

Using firm pressure, quickly move the scraper down over the top of the ferro rod. (The intent is to scrape off small shavings of the rod which will ignite into sparks.) Sparks should rain down on your tinder and hopefully light it. This will likely take numerous strikes, so keep going until you get a flame.



Fire making truly is a skill so don’t be discouraged if it takes a little time for you to get the hang of it. We recommend practicing with different types of tinder, especially ones you’d be able to acquire in wilderness survival situations. Like any other survival tool, It is always better to practice at home before you need to use it in an emergency.