

Physical Match

Firearm and Toolmark Section

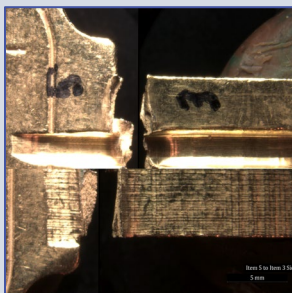
(207) 624-7100 / <https://www.maine.gov/dps/msp/investigation-traffic/crime-lab/lab-services>

What is Physical Matching?

- To determine if two or more objects were, at one time, physically connected or one piece.

Examples of Items:

- Plastic car parts
- Catalytic Converters
- Glass / Bottles
- Metal (pipes, keys, etc)
- Rope
- Wood
- Paper
- Tape



Packaging and Labeling

- Place the entire object, cast of the object, or cut area, in a box of appropriate size
 - Ex) One (1) broken key taken from Jane Doe's front door lock
- Items collected from the same scene or individual may be packaged together.
 - Do NOT package evidence items from different scenes or individuals in the same container.
- Be mindful of DNA or Latent Print Evidence.

Checklist:

A. Item (entire object(s))

B. Item cutting(s)

C. Item cast(s)

