

Title (en)

Rock breaking method and tool.

Title (de)

Verfahren und Werkzeug zur Gesteinszertrümmerung.

Title (fr)

Méthode et outil pour briser des roches.

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Abstract (en)

A method of breaking rock and a rock breaking tool for use therein in which a hole (8) is drilled in the rock, and substantially filled with water, and a barrel (1) of a rock breaking tool is inserted into the hole, the tool being operable to discharge a cartridge from a firing chamber (4) down the barrel, and discharging the cartridge down the barrel to cause an impulsive energy shock in the water to break up the rock, the barrel being short so as to be inserted in the entrance portion only of the hole and a blast absorbing mat is located over the tool to retain it substantially in position in the hole during discharge of the cartridge.

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