

## LINKED UP

**01** The chain links are made from 10mm hardened alloy steel, which is highly resistant to cutting, and even blunted our saw blade.

## AT ANCHOR

**02** The ground anchor is made from one of the toughest commercially available steels so once this 2.92kg unit is fitted it's not going anywhere.

## NO ENTRY

**03** The padlock has a drill-proof lock barrel and its six-pin design offers in excess of a quarter of a million key combinations.



## WHY YOU WANT...

# SQUIRE STRONGHOLD 50 LOCK & CHAIN AND SQUIRE GROUND ANCHOR

**£109.99, £94.99** » Ultimate home security combination

**S**quire first started manufacturing padlocks back in 1780 so, as you'd expect, it's learnt a thing or two over the intervening 240 years. At the heart of the Stronghold chain is Squire's 50mm super-tough steel padlock with its combination of a closed, solid hardened steel body and 10mm diameter hardened Boron alloy steel shackle. The lock barrel is a six-pin design offering over 250,000 different key combinations. The lock barrel is also anti-drill protected and the body is encased in thick rubber to protect it from the elements. The whole lock is coated with an anti-corrosion treatment.

This Sold Secure Gold-rated padlock is teamed with a 900mm long (10mm diameter, 70mm long links) hardened alloy steel chain, which is also rated Gold. At 2.36kg this combo is seriously hefty so care needs to be taken when locking up your pride and joy. Rest assured, however, you won't find safer for home-security duties. In our testing, a Tungsten-bladed handsaw took over a minute to cut through one side of a chain link, blunting the blade in the process. That means double that time (and a spare blade) if a thief wanted to sever the lock completely.

However, a lock is only as good as what it's attached to and a chain this tough needs a strong anchor to go with it. That's

where the Squire Ground Anchor comes in. This 2.92kg solid lump of case-hardened steel is rated 60 on the Rockwell scale, which tops out at 65. An RC60 rating is hard enough to blunt saws and chisels so this anchor can take a beating. The base plate is 9mm thick, the bridge is 4.5mm thick and with enough clearance to fit the largest of chains (it'll take two Stronghold chains side by side). The anchor comes complete with four security fixing bolts that sit flush into the counter-sunk holes; the bolts come with steel ball bearings to hammer into the bolt heads once fitted, making them nigh-on impossible to remove and earning this anchor its Sold Secure Gold-rating.