BALL PEEN HAMMERS

Ball peen hammers are one of the most commonly used hammers. They have a rounded, slightly crowned striking face with bevelled edges and a round, ball-shaped peen. Handles may be wood, solid steel, or fiberglass. The solid steel and fiberglass types are generally furnished with rubber-type grips which are occasionally used on wood handles.

Proper Uses. Ball peen hammers of the proper size are designed for striking chisels and punches, and for riveting, shaping and straightening unhardened metal. When striking a struck tool (chisel or punch), the striking face of the hammer should have a diameter approximately 3/8" larger than the struck face of the tool.

Abuse/Misuse. Never use a hammer with a loose or damaged handle. Avoid glancing blows to minimize chipping of the hammer. Never strike with the side or cheek of the hammer.

WRONG

When to Replace. Discard any hammer if it shows dents, cracks, chips, mushrooming, or excessive wear. If handle only is damaged, replace it with an equivalent new handle.