Blacksmiths' round and backing out punches are made from a solid piece of steel. The punch end of the round punch is tapered from point to body, whereas the punch end of the backing out punch is the same diameter from point to body. Both types are fitted with handles.

**Proper Uses.** Blacksmiths' round punches are designed for drifting holes, aligning and driving pins. Blacksmiths' backing out punches are designed for backing out bolts, rivets and pins.

**Abuse/Misuse.** Never use a punch with a mushroomed struck face or a chipped or deformed point. Never use a punch with a loose or damaged handle.

**When to Replace.** Discard any punch if it is bent or shows dents, cracks, chips, mushrooming or excessive wear. If point end is deformed, it may be redressed as instructed in Section V. If handle only is damaged, replace it with an equivalent new handle.