Metal Working Processes, Tools, and Machines

(sheet and small section steel)

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"Raw" Materials

- Plain steel sheet
- Galvanized steel sheet flat, corrugated, d-rib
- Stainless steel sheet
- Plain steel rod, rebar, bar, angle
- Slotted angle
- Expanded metal
- Hardware cloth
- Steel pipe, conduit

Why Steel?

- Cheap
- Durable
- Takes high temperatures
- Not too difficult to work
- Stainless takes heat better but is harder and much more expensive and less heat conductive

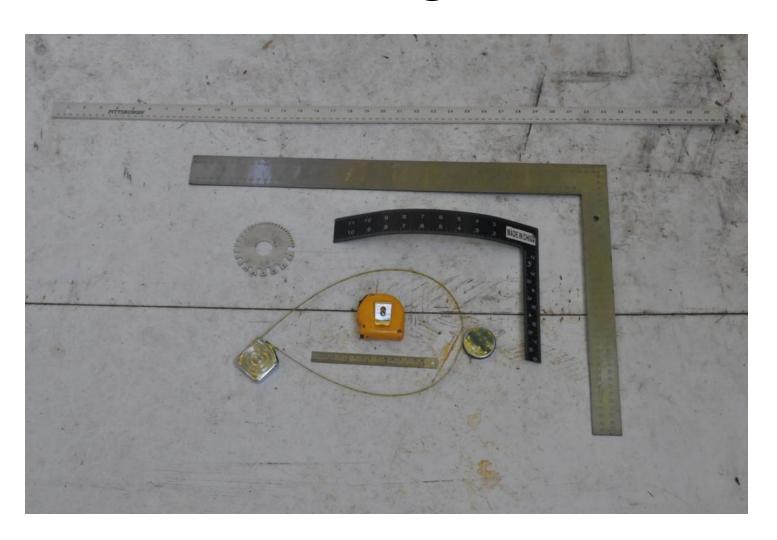
"Processed" materials

- Stovepipe
- Steel buckets
- Steel drums/barrels
- Stainless steel "Cornys"
- Pots and bowls
- Cast iron grates

Measuring and Marking

- Scale/ruler
- Tape measure (length and diameter)
- Square
- Protractor
- Scribe (w or w/o blacking and bluing)
- Pens, pencils
- Dividers/compass
- Snap punch
- Center punch
- Sheet metal gauge

Measuring tools



Marking tools



Making Holes

- "Church key" can opener
- Twist drills (lousy in sheet metal)
- Step drills (great in sheet metal) –small
- Hole saws (bimetal and carbide teeth) large
- Hollow punches
- Hand punches
- Knockout punches
- Foot lever punches

Twist drills

Step drills





Hole saws

Bimetal Carbide

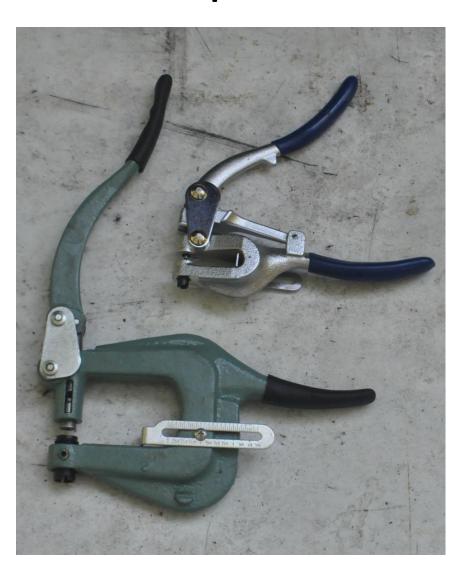




Hollow punches

Hand punches





Knockout punches



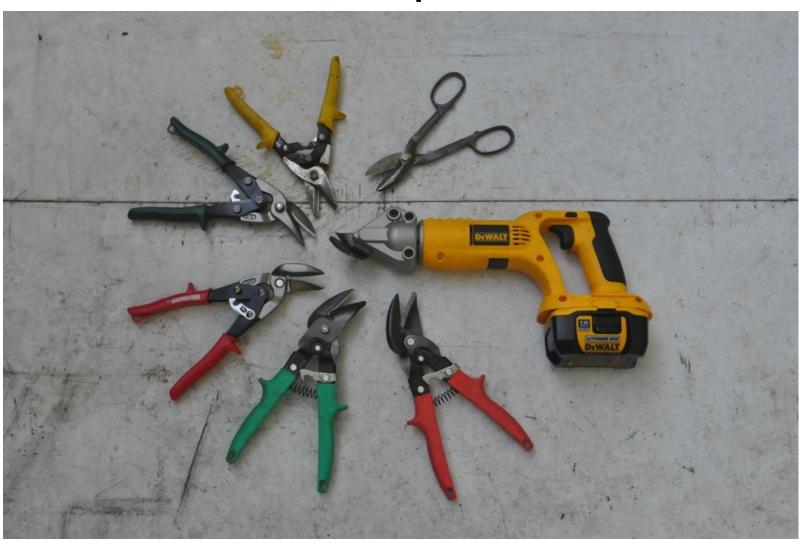
Foot lever punch



Cutting

- Hammer and chisel
- Hand and power snips
- Hand and power nibblers
- hand notchers
- Hand and foot lever notchers
- Slotted angle shear
- Angle shear, notcher
- Circle cutter
- Circle shear
- Hand lever shear
- Foot shear
- Rotary can openers
- Drum deheader
- Angle grinder
- Hand and power saws (hack, jig, circular, chop, ...)

Snips



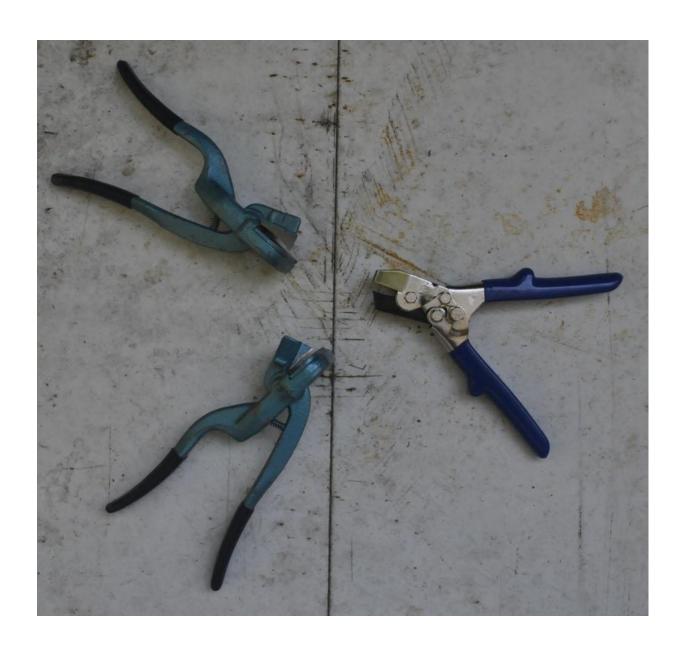
Nibblers





Hand notchers





Lever notchers

Hand lever notcher: 6"-152mm

Foot lever notcher: 3 1/8"-80mm





Slotted angle shear



Circle cutter – electric drill powered



Hand lever shears



Shear machines

Foot shear



Circle shear - manual



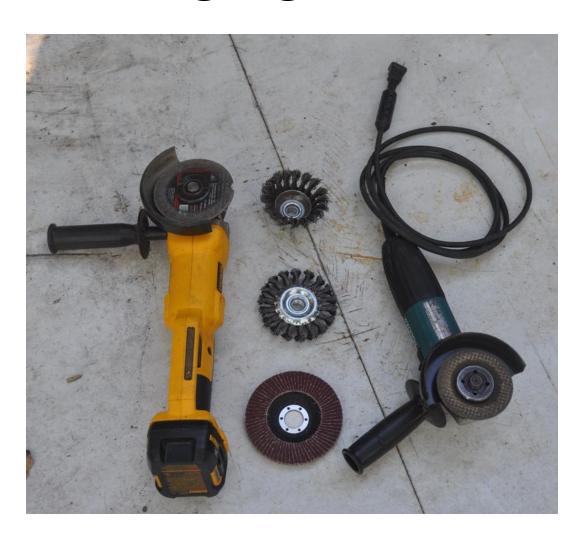
Drum deheaders



Grinding

- Stones
- Files
- Angle grinder (electric, pneumatic)
- Grinding wheel (hand, foot, electric)

Angle grinders

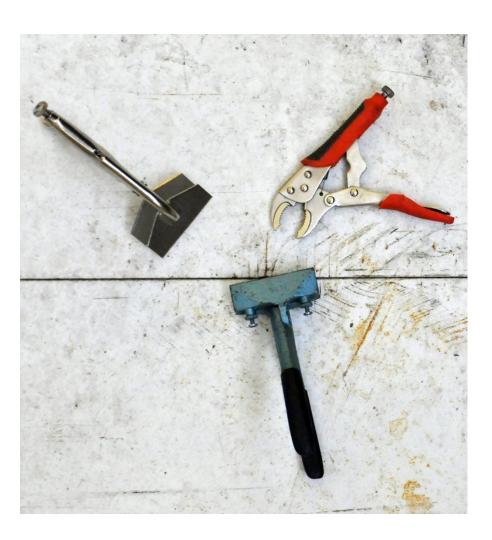


Bending

- Pliers benders
- Cleat bender
- Sheet metal brake
- Angle bender

Pliers benders





Bending machines

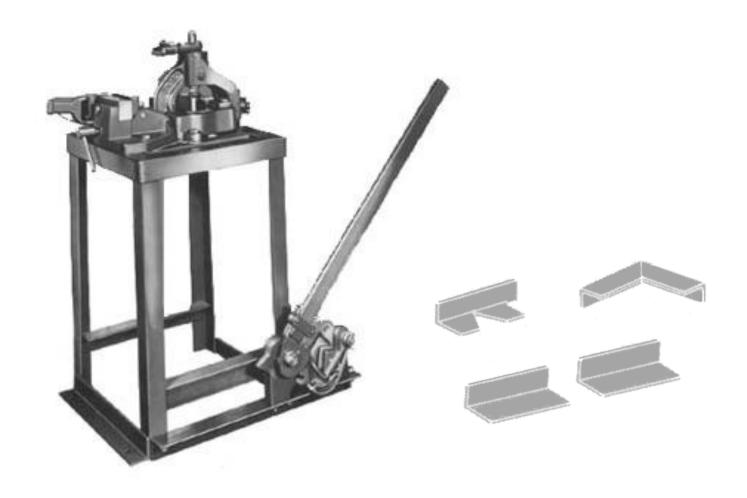
Cleat bender (1/2" (12.5mm) 180° fold)

Sheet metal brake (bender)





Angle iron cutter, notcher, bender



Rolling (making cylinders and rings)

- Hand rolling
- Slip roller sheet metal
- Bead roller, edger, flanger
- Ring roller bar/angle/rod

Manual rolling machines

Slip roll

Bead roller

Ring roller







Joining

- Crimping
- Bending (tab and slot)
- Riveting
- Screwing
- Bolting
- Spot welding
- Welding

Rivet gun



Spot welder

