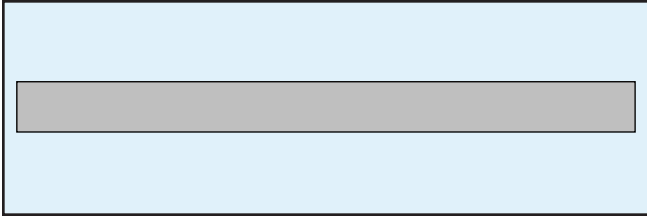
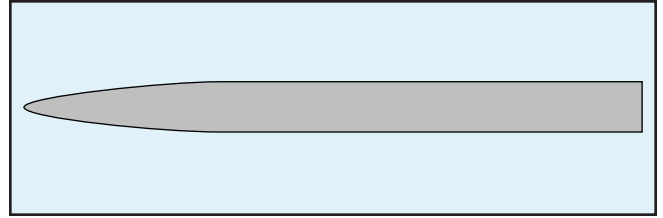


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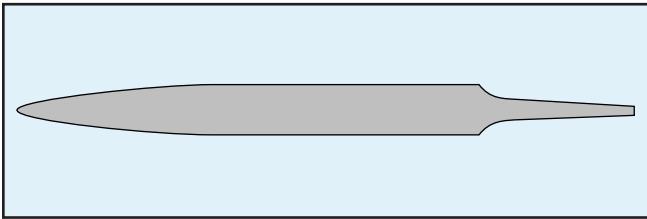
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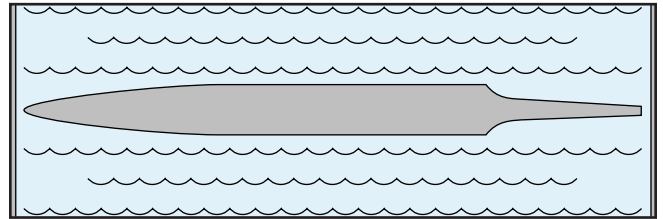
1) Steel cut to size.



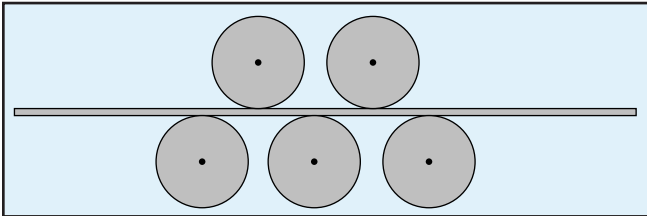
2) Steel is heated to forge point.



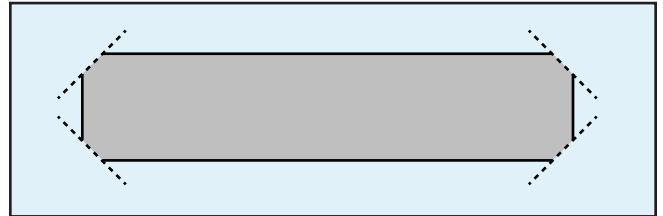
3) Steel heated to forge tang.



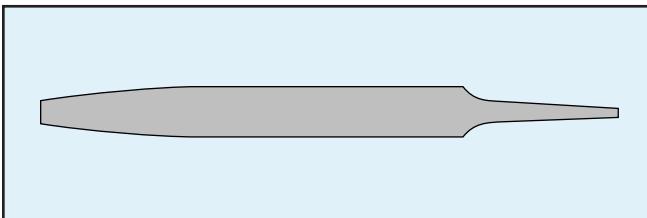
4) Formed file blank annealed in furnace.



5) File blank is now straightened.



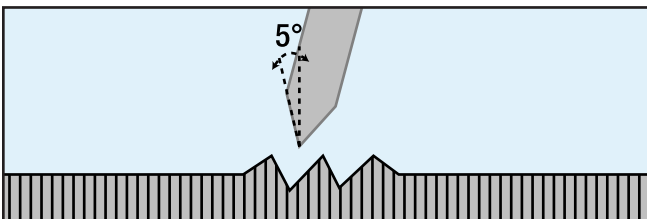
6) Edges and sides are ground.



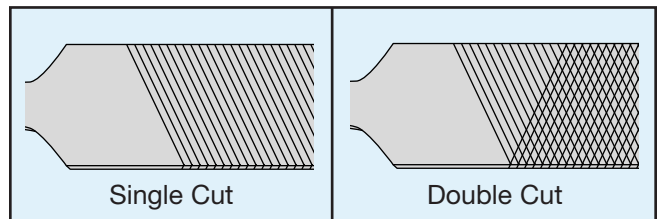
7) Point edge cut.



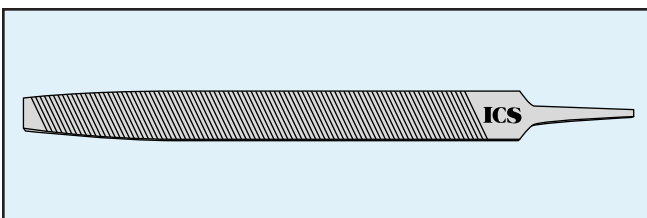
8) Edges cut and burs on sides are "stripped".



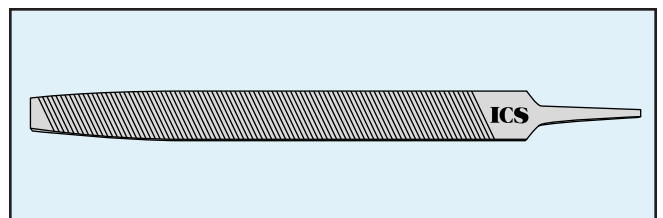
9) Teeth are formed by striking with chisel.



10) Teeth are either single or double cut.



11) Files are straightened, cut to size and marked.



12) Files are hardened and finished.