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## File Facts

New methods of manufacture have improved all modern tools but none have benefited more than the File.

Simonds Files are the product of the most efficient production machinery plus the skill of men long associated with the file-making trade. The modern File is an efficient cutting tool when properly used and handled. They are used in practically every industry but few people understand their correct application. The small cutting teeth are razor sharp and can easily be destroyed by careless handling. The purpose of this booklet is to explain the care and use of files, one of the basic tools of all trades.

There are hundreds of shapes and sizes of files used today. However, the most common are known as American Pattern Files, which include those used in machine shops and for sharpening saws. These are furnished in a wide variety of shapes and cuts to fit the needs of the exacting jobs they must do.

The two main classifications of American Pattern Files which are discussed in this book are the single cut and the double cut varieties. Single Cut Files have a series of parallel, con-


## Single Cut



Double Cut
tinuous teeth running diagonally across the width of the surface. The group of Single Cut Files includes Mill, Saw, and Lathe Files. These Files are used when a smooth surface is desired or where hard materials are to be finished. As the teeth become clogged quite easily they should not be used for removing a large amount of stock from soft materials. For this purpose a Double Cut File should be used.

Double Cut Files have two rows of teeth. The first row is usually the coarser, and is called the "over-cut." The other row crosses the "overcut" and is called the "up-cut." These two cutting operations produce hundreds of sharp cutting teeth which make for fast removal of stock and easy clearing of chips.

Some Single Cut Files and all Double Cut Files have three different degrees of coarseness.

Bastard


Second Cut
Smooth


10-INCH FLAT FILE, DOUBLE CUT


8-INCH MILL FILE, SINGLE CUT

The three, Bastard, Second Cut and Smooth, are used to designate the relative size and spacing of the teeth. Bastard Files are the coarsest, Second Cut are intermediate, and Smooth have the finest tooth space.

As the length of the File increases, the number of teeth decrease so that a Bastard Cut on a small file would be similar to a Second Cut or a Smooth Cut on a larger file. Saw Files usually have but one degree of coarseness for each length of file.

## File Definitions

The following are the descriptive terms which are most commonly used:

LENGTH. The length of a file is the distance between the point and the heel. The tang is not included in the length.

POINT. The point is the end of the file opposite the tang.


HEEL. The heel is that part of the file that comes next to the tang.

TANG. The tang is the pointed part that is inserted into the wooden file handle.

BACK. The rounded side of the Half Round, Pit Saw, and similar shaped files is known as the back.

SAFE means that the side, back, or edge, to whichever it refers, is smooth with no teeth.


BLUNT FILE. A file that has the same width and thickness from heel to point.

TAPER. This term is applied to a file having tapering sides, to distinguish it from the blunt file.

SET. Blunting the sharp edges or corners of file blanks before and after the over-cut to prevent weakness of the teeth.

DRAW FILING. Filing smooth surfaces by holding file at right angle to work and moving sidewise.

PACKING. All Simonds Files 10 inches in length and under are wrapped and packed one dozen in a box.

All over 10 inches are packed one-half dozen in a box.

Exceptions: 10 -inch Flat, Hand, and Half Round Files are packed one-half dozen in a box.

## Care of Files

The fact that a File is one of the sharpest and hardest of all hand tools makes it easy to damage if not properly used. Files should not be allowed to rub against each other. A file rack saves Files much abuse which occurs when files are kept loose in a drawer. Also, a File should not
be used as a pry or hammer. When file teeth become clogged with chips, use a file card. Do not knock files on a vise or other hard object as this is apt to break teeth. Hard spots and corners on iron castings dull new file teeth quickly. On such work first go over it a few times with an old file before putting a new file to work.

## Hints on File Use

The proper use of files requires considerable skill on the part of the operator. But a few suggestions will help the beginner to get the most from his file.

Be sure that enough pressure is exerted on the File to make the teeth cut. Teeth that slide over the work without cutting are very quickly ruined. In order to file a flat surface it is often very helpful to change the direction of the stroke so that the operator can see where the teeth are cutting. Care should be taken to see that no pressure is applied to the File on the return stroke as this dulls the teeth very rapidly. File teeth are so constructed that they will only cut on the forward stroke.

Stripped teeth are often caused by using a coarse tooth file on thin material and by filing
work which is insecurely held. Always use a coarse tooth file on soft materials; fine teeth become clogged and will scratch the work. Simonds makes special files for such soft materials as brass, aluminum and babbitt metal. The teeth on new files are razor sharp and if too much pressure is applied at first, their teeth are liable to break off. It pays to break in a new file carefully.

Draw filing is a convenient means of bringing small surfaces to a smooth, square edge. The method consists of holding the file at right angles to the work and drawing the file back and forth parallel to surface to be finished. The hands are spaced on either side of the work.


File Terminology


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## PILLAR



TAPER SAW


BLUNT BAND


MILL


WARDING
$\square$

SQUARE
ROUND


KNIFE


HALF ROUND



Enlarged section of RED TANG File showing metal saw teeth.

Enlarged photograph of the chips cut with a RED TANG File. Chips roll off in coils as they do from a cutting tool on a lathe.


For Best Results...use


Designed, cut, hardened, and factory tested to give the best service, Simonds Saw Tooth Files remove more metal with less effort, do not scrape, fill up, or clog.

Look for the File with the Bright RED TANG

Simonds famous Red Tang Files cut fast and free.... stay sharp longer than ordinary files . . . . are available in sizes, kinds and cuts for every purpose.
"RED TANG" FILES


EXTRA SLIM TAPER-Single Cut
Same as Slim Taper except that they are made of narrower stock. Used for filing fine tooth Hand Saws. 5
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## DOUBLE EXTRA SLIM TAPER-Single Cut

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By using Simonds Special Cross-cut Saw File, because it is uniform in width, the same amount of perfect work

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HAND FILE - Double Cut
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THREE SQUARE FILE-Double Cut

WARDING FILE-Double Cut

KNIFE FILE - Double Cut


ALUMINUM FILE-Double Cut

Smooth, fast cutting files on this type of material. Teeth do not fill up with chips or scratch the work. Made


Width and Thickness, Inches




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## SIMONDS RED TANG FILES

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|  | 2nd Cut |  | 400 |  | 490 | 6. 40 | 8.60 | 12.20 | .... | .... |
|  | Smooth |  | 4.30 | +7. | 5.40 | 7.00 | 9 | 13.10 | .... |  |
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| Blunt | Bavtard |  | 3.90 | 4.30 | 4.90 |  | .... | .... |  |  |
| FLAT | Bastard | 3.70 | 4.30 | $\ldots$ | 5.30 | 7.00 | 9.70 | ${ }^{13} 30$ |  | 23.90 |
|  | 2nd Cut | 430 | 4.80 |  | 6. 10 | 8.10 8.70 | 11.00 12.10 | 1530 16.70 | 20.10 22.30 | ..... |
|  | Smooth | 4.70 | 5.304 | ... | 6. 60 | 8.70 | 12.10 | 16.70 |  | $\ldots$ |
| ROUND. | Bastard | 3.00 | 3.50 | 3.90 | 4.30 | 5.60 | 7.50 | 10. 70 | 14.70 | $\ldots$ |
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|  | Smooth | 3.90 | 4.50 | ... | 5.40 | 7.00 |  |  |  |  |
| SQUARE | Bustard | 3.80 | 4.60 | . | 580 | 7.40 | 10.20 | 13.90 | 18.70 | 25.10 |
|  | 2nd Cut | 4.60 | 5. 10 | ..... | 6.30 | 8.80 | 1150 | 16.10 | ..... | .... |
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Simonds products play a vital part in so great a number of different industries that it is impossible to give a specialized "Industry List." Here you will find lists of typical Simonds products which are used in four basic industries:

Lumber and Woodworking<br>Band Saws-Wide and Narrow Circular Saws<br>Solid Tooth (all types for sawmills and remanufacturing plants)<br>Inserted Tooth Rip (Head Saws-Edger Saws-Wing Saws)<br>Inserted Tooth Cut-off<br>Cross-cutSaws-Handles-Tools<br>Drag Saws<br>Files-Saw Sharpening and Machine Shop<br>Gang Saws<br>Grinding Wheels<br>Hack Saw Blades<br>Machine Knives-All types for woodworking<br>Metal Cutting Saws<br>Saw Bits<br>Shanks

## Steel and Metal Working

Band Saws-Hard Edge and Spring Temper
Circular Saws
Solid Tooth for Wood
Solid Tooth for Steel, Brass, Copper, Aluminum
Inserted Tooth for Metal
Tungsten Carbide Tipped

## Discs

Files
Flat Ground Stock
Grinding Wheels
Hack Saw Blades
Screw Slotters
Shear Blades, "Tungsweld"
Shears-Rotary
Slitting Saws

## Pulp, Paper and Printing

Band Saws-Metal and Wood
Circular Slitting Cutters and Segments
Doctor Blades
Electrotype Saws
Files
Grinding Wheels
Hack Saw Blades
Knives
All Types, for Pulp Mills, Paper Mills, Printing and Publishing Plants
Saws, Metal-Band and Electrotype
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Band
Circular, Solid Tooth
Cross-cut
Inserted Tooth Cut-off
Saws-Paper Core
Stop Cutters-Rotary

## Plastics and Rubber

Band Saws-Hard Edge and Spring Temper<br>Circular Saws<br>Solid Tooth and Tungsten Carbide Tipped<br>Circular Cutter Blades Files

Flat Ground Stock
Grinding Wheels
Hack Saw Blades
Machine Knives-Granulating, Celluloid, Sheeter and Band Knives
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Simonds Famous Family of Fine Quality Products is Easily Recognized by the Distinctive Ribbon Trade-mark



[^0]:    GREAT AMERICAN CROSS-CUT FILE
    A wedge-shaped single cut file with a rounded back. Used for filing Great American type Cross-cut Saws.

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