

Forging Heat Colors

for low carbon steel

2,300°

welding

White

heavy forging

Bright Lemon

1,800°

forging
medium steel

Lemon

Bright Orange

Orange

refining work

Bright Cherry

final dressing

Cherry

1,400°

Dark Cherry

The heats indicated are approximate. Steel is no longer magnetic above 1,410°. Steel can be damaged when heated above 2,400°, or forged at too low a heat.