

# Metal Glossary



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	<b><i>AMMUNITION</i></b>
	<b>The material fired, scattered, dropped, or detonated from historic weapons</b>
	Descriptors: Beveled, Decorated, Decorated, Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated, Tapered, Threaded


	<b><i>ANTHRO/ZOOMORPHIC</i></b>
	<b>Describes object with human/animal features.</b>





<p>Picture Pending</p>	<b><i>AWL</i></b>
	<b>A piercing tool used to perforate hides, etc. Awls will be tapered at one end.</b>
	Descriptors: Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated, Tapered

<p>Picture Pending</p>	<b><i>ADZE/CHISEL</i></b>
	<b>Used for cutting, shaping, carving. They are tapered and may have a bevel on the working edge. Proximal end may show battering.</b>
	Descriptors: Battered, Beveled, Grooved, Incised, Oxidized, Tapered


	<b><i>BEVELED</i></b>
	<b>A tool edge that has been modified by grinding to produce a desired edge angle.</b>


<p>Picture Pending</p>	<b><i>BARBED WIRE</i></b>
	<b>A wire or strand of wires having small pieces of sharply pointed wire twisted around it at short intervals.</b>
	Descriptors: Oxidized

	<b><i>BLADE</i></b>
	<b>A blade has parallel margins and is at least twice as long as it is wide.</b>
	Descriptors: Beveled, Decorated, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated, Tapered.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>BOLT</i></b></p> <p><b>Any of several types of strong fastening rods, pins, or screws, usually threaded to receive a nut.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Treaded, Oxidized, Maker's Mark</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>BOTTLE CAP</i></b></p> <p><b>A device for closing or sealing a bottle. A metal cover fitted tightly over the mouth of a glass or plastic bottle, held in place by crimping the edge of the cap over the lip or flange of the bottle.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Anthro/Zoomorphic Decorated, Decorated, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Threaded.</p>
<p>Picture Pending</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>BOWL</i></b></p> <p><b>Usually round dish used for holding liquids, food, etc.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>BUCKLE</i></b></p> <p><b>A clasp consisting of a rectangular or curved rim with one or more movable tongues, fixed to one end of a belt or strap, used for fastening to the other end of the same strap or to another strap.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>BUTTON</i></b></p> <p><b>Small perforated disk or knob for attaching to an article, such as clothing, that serves as a fastening device when slipped through a button hole or loop.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.</p>
<p>Picture Pending</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>CAN</i></b></p> <p><b>A container for food, or beverage storage, made from metal and designed to be sealed. Alternative Term: Tin</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Paper Label, Perforated.</p>

	<b><i>CHAIN</i></b>
	<b>A series of interlocking metal rings.</b>
	Descriptors: Embossed, Maker's Mark, Oxidized

	<b><i>CLOTHESPIN SPRING</i></b>
	<b>Used to apply tensile force along the axis of a fastener.</b>
	Descriptors: Oxidized


	<b><i>COIN</i></b>
	<b>Round, with raised relief.</b>
	Descriptors: Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.


<p>Picture Pending</p>	<b><i>CUP</i></b>
	<b>Round dish with handle used for holding liquids.</b>
	Descriptors: Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized.

	<b><i>DRILLED</i></b>
	<b>Manufacturing technique to pierce or bore into object. Will produce depression with parallel sides.</b>

	<b><i>EMBOSED</i></b>
	<b>Raised surface design</b>

<p>Picture Pending</p>	<b><i>FIGURINE</i></b>
	<b>An ornamental figure</b>
	Descriptors: Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.

<p>Picture Pending</p>	<p><b><i>FILE</i></b></p>
	<p><b>A long, narrow tool often made from steel, having a series of ridges or points on its surfaces for reducing or smoothing surfaces of metal, wood, etc.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Beveled, Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated, Tapered.</p>
	<p><b><i>FISH HOOK</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Made from metal. Can be barbed or barbless. Usually shaped to resemble the letter “J”.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Barbed, Oxidized, Perforated</p>
	<p><b><i>FORGED</i></b></p>
	<p><b>When metal is heated and then worked to a finished shape by hammering or pressing.</b></p>
	<p><b><i>FORK</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Eating utensil with two or more prongs or tines at one end.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Decorated, Decorated Anthro/zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Incised.</p>
<p>Picture Pending</p>	<p><b><i>GROMMET</i></b></p>
	<p><b>A metal-bound eyelet in cloth, sometimes used decoratively, as on a garment.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Embossed, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.</p>
	<p><b><i>GROOVED</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Describes a line in surface of object wider than 2mm.</b></p>
	<p><b><i>HAND WROUGHT</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Shaped by hammering or beating by hand.</b></p>
<p>Picture Pending</p>	<p><b><i>HANDLE</i></b></p>
	<p><b>A part of an object made specifically to be grasped or held by the hand.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Embossed, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.</p>

	<b><i>HINGE</i></b>
	<b>A jointed device or flexible piece on which a door, gate, shutter, lid, or other attached part turns, swings, or moves.</b>
	Descriptors: Embossed, Maker’s Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.

<p>Picture Pending</p>	<b><i>HOOK</i></b>
	<b>Having a sharp curve, bend, or angle at one end.</b>
	Descriptors: Beveled, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker’s Mark, Oxidized, Perforated, Tapered.

<p>Picture Pending</p>	<b><i>HOESHOE</i></b>
	<b>U-shaped metal plate, plain or with calks, nailed to a horse's hoof to protect it from being injured by hard or rough surfaces.</b>
	Descriptors: Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Oxidized, Perforated.



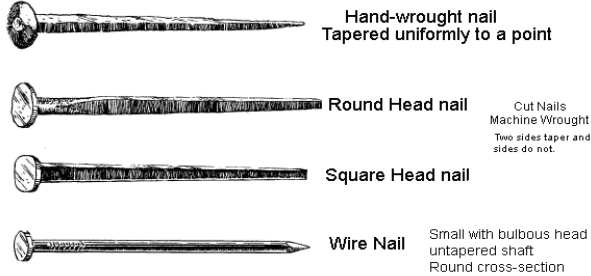
	<b><i>INCISED</i></b>
	<b>A fine line cut into the surface of an object that is less than 2mm wide.</b>

<p>Picture Pending</p>	<b><i>KEY</i></b>
	<b>A small metal instrument specially cut to fit into a lock and move its bolt.</b>
	Descriptors: Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.

	<b><i>KNIFE</i></b>
	<b>An instrument for cutting consisting of a thin sharp, sometimes serrated edge.</b>
	Descriptors: Beveled, Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.


Picture Pending	<b><i>LANTERN BASE</i></b>
	<p><b>A portable lighting device.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Perforated, Oxidized.</p>
Picture Pending	<b><i>LID</i></b>
	<p><b>Used to close a vessel</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Appliqué, Burnished/Polished, Burnt, Cord Impressed, Corrugated, Decorated, Anthro/Zoomorphic, Excised, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Perforated, Raised Relief.</p>
	<b><i>MACHINE WROUGHT</i></b>
	<b>Shaped by machine.</b>
Picture Pending	<b><i>MAKER'S MARK</i></b>
	<b>A letter, number, or symbol placed on an object by its maker to identify its creator or origin.</b>
	<b><i>MOLDED</i></b>
	<b>A manufacturing technique by which a form is used to mold material into desired shape.</b>
	<b><i>MUSICAL INSTRUMENT</i></b>
	<b>Example: Harmonica</b>
	Descriptors: Beveled, Decorated, Decorated Anthro/zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated, Tapered, Threaded.



 <p><b>Square Nail</b> Tapered on one side (left photo) Not tapered on the other (right photo).</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>NAIL</i></b></p> <p><b>A slender, typically rod-shaped rigid piece of metal. One end is pointed and the other enlarged and flattened. See Appendix E for measuring.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Beveled, Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Round, Upholstery, Wire.</p>  <p>Hand-wrought nail Tapered uniformly to a point</p> <p>Round Head nail</p> <p>Square Head nail</p> <p>Wire Nail</p> <p><small>Cut Nails Machine Wrought Two sides taper and sides do not.</small></p> <p><small>Small with bulbous head untapered shaft. Round cross-section</small></p>
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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">Picture Pending</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>NECKLACE</i></b></p> <p><b>A piece of jewelry consisting of a string of stones, beads, jewels, or the like, or a chain of gold, silver, or other metal, for wearing around the neck.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Beveled, Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Oxidized, Perforated.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">Picture Pending</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>NEEDLE</i></b></p> <p><b>A slender, rodlike instrument, usually made from steel, tapered at one end and perforated to hold thread at the other.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Grooved, Incised, Oxidized, Perforated, Tapered</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>NUT</i></b></p> <p><b>A block, usually of metal and generally square or hexagonal, perforated with a threaded hole so that it can be screwed down on a bolt to hold together objects through which the bolt passes.</b></p> <p>Descriptors: Embossed, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated, Threaded</p>
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	<b><i>OXIDIZED</i></b>
	<b>The corrosion that occurs when exposed to air. This reaction, accelerated by the presence of moisture, forms rust.</b>


	<b><i>PAINTED</i></b>
	<b>When solid colouring matter is applied to an object.</b>


Picture Pending	<b><i>PEN NIB</i></b>
	<b>The writing point of a pen.</b>
	Description: Beveled, Embossed, Maker’s Mark, Oxidized, Perforated

Picture Pending	<b><i>PENDANT</i></b>
	<b>Small, hanging ornament. Usually used for personal adornment.</b>
	Description: Beveled, Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated

	<b><i>PERFORATED</i></b>
	<b>Describes an object that has a hole all the way through.</b>

	<b><i>PULL TAB</i></b>
	<b>The opening device on a metal can that is detachable.</b>
	Description: Embossed, Maker’s Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.

	<b><i>RAZOR</i></b>
	<b>Sharp along one edge. Usually used for cutting/shaving hair.</b>
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Picture Pending	<b><i>RING</i></b>
	<b>Metal that forms a circle</b>
	Descriptors: Grooved, Incised, Oxidized, Perforated
Picture Pending	<b><i>RING, JEWELRY</i></b>
	<b>Formed into a circle. May have stones, beads, etc attached.</b>
	Descriptors: Decorated, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Oxidized, Perforated,
Picture Pending	<b><i>RIVET</i></b>
	<b>A metal pin for passing through holes in two or more plates or pieces to hold them together, usually made with a head at one end.</b>
	Descriptors: Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Tapered.
	<b><i>ROLLED</i></b>
	<b>Is a continuous metal forming process taking sheet, strip, or coiled stock and bending or forming it into shapes of essentially identical cross section by feeding the metal between successive pairs of rolls that increasingly shape it until the desired cross section is completed adding both strength and rigidity to lightweight materials.</b>
Picture Pending	<b><i>SAW</i></b>
	<b>Metal blade that is unilaterally serrated.</b>
	Descriptors: Beveled, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated, Tapered
	<b><i>SCISSORS</i></b>
	<b>Consists of two blades that when pivoted together their sharp edges work one against the other in order to cut.</b>
	Descriptors: Beveled, Decorated, Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.

Picture Pending	<b><i>SCREW</i></b>
	<b>A threaded cylindrical pin or rod with a head at one end. A screw works by engaging a threaded hole and is used as a fastener.</b>
	Descriptors: Embossed, Maker’s Mark, Oxidized, Threaded.

	<b><i>SHELL CASING</i></b>
	<b>Thin hollow cylinders that are the discarded casings from bullets. Also known as cartridges.</b>
	Descriptors: Embossed, Maker’s Mark, Oxidized.

Picture Pending	<b><i>SHOT</i></b>
	<b>A small ball or pellet of lead.</b>
	Descriptors: Grooved, Incised, Maker’s Mark, Oxidized

Picture Pending	<b><i>SINKER</i></b>
	<b>A weight for sinking fish lines. Can be in many shapes. Must have perforation or other means of attaching line.</b>
	Descriptors: Embossed, Grooved, Incised, Maker's Mark, Oxidized, Perforated, Tapered.

	<b><i>SOLDERED</i></b>
	<b>When an alloy is used to fuse a join between metal objects to unite them without heating the objects to the melting point.</b>

Picture Pending	<b><i>SPIKE</i></b>
	<b>A nail that is greater than four inches. They have a square shank and rounded head. An example is a railroad spike.</b>
	Descriptors: Beveled, Embossed, Maker’s Mark, Oxidized, Tapered

Picture Pending	<b><i>SPINNER</i></b>
	<b>A lure is designed to revolve and makes noise in the water when pulled. They are attached to lines and used for fishing.</b>
	Descriptors: Grooved, Incised, Maker’s Mark, Perforated, Oxidized.


Picture Pending	<b><i>SPUR</i></b>
	<b>A U-shaped device that slips over and straps to the heel of a boot and has a blunt or pointed projection at the back.</b>
	Descriptors: Embossed, Maker’s Mark, Oxidized, Perforated

Picture Pending	<b><i>STAMPED</i></b>
	<b>A metal fabricating process that presses a metal blank into a predetermined shape (or pattern).</b>

Picture Pending	<b><i>STAPLE</i></b>
	<b>A short piece of metal that is bent so as to bind together. Ends will be pointed and may be bent or straight.</b>
	Descriptors: Galvanized, Grooved, Incised, Oxidized Tapered.

	<b><i>THREADED</i></b>
	<b>When an object exhibits a helical ridge that runs throughout most of the object. E.g. Screw</b>

***TIN: SEE CAN***

	<b><i>WASHER</i></b>
	<b>A flat ring or perforated piece of metal used to give tightness to a joint, to prevent leakage, and to distribute pressure. Located under the head of a nut or bolt.</b>
	Descriptors: Embossed, Maker’s Mark, Oxidized, Perforated.

Picture Pending	<b><i>WIRE</i></b>
	<b>A slender, string like piece or filament of relatively rigid or flexible metal, usually circular in cross-section.</b>
	Descriptors: Oxidized