

WAC 296-806-43008 Make sure tongs meet these requirements. You must make sure tongs used with hammers, presses, upsetters, and forging equipment used in boltheaded and rivet making, meet the following requirements:

- (1) They are long enough so the worker can use the tongs without standing behind them, in order to avoid injury, in case of kickback.
- (2) The handle ends are not sharp.

Note:

1. The worker should be instructed about proper body positions when using tongs.
2. Tongs should be checked periodically to see that they remain at the proper hardness level for the job.
3. Rings or equivalent devices that are used for locking tongs should be inspected periodically to make sure they are safe.

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