

SOFT FACE AND NON-FERROUS HAMMERS AND MALLETS

Soft face hammers and mallets are made of various non-ferrous materials (wood, rawhide, rubber, plastic, copper, brass, lead, etc.). Heads are cylindrically shaped with two flat striking faces. Handles are usually wood or fiberglass.



Proper Uses. Soft face hammers are intended for striking blows where steel hammers would mar or damage the surface of the work. Wooden mallets are properly used for striking wood and plastic-handled chisels, gouges, wood pins and small stakes, and to form or shape sheet metal. Rubber and plastic hammers are used for setting stone. Plastic hammers usually have replaceable tips, available in varying degrees of hardness.

Abuse/Misuse. Never use these tools to drive nails or crews, or to strike sharp metal objects. Never use a hammer or mallet with loose or damaged handle.

When to Replace. Discard any hammer or mallet if it shows dents, cracks, chips, mushrooming or excessive wear. If handle only is damaged, replace it with an equivalent new handle.