Spindle Roughing Gouge
General Use

Tool

Spindle Roughing Gouge – sometimes referred to as simply a Roughing Gouge.
NOT RECOMMENDED FOR USE ON BOWL BLANKS.

Function

Used for taking square (non-round) spindle stock to round and for reducing spindle stock to smaller diameters. Baseball bats are a good example of a spindle. Available in several widths the most popular Spindle Roughing Gougeis ¾" to 1" wide followed closely by the jumbo size at 1-1/2" wide.

Presentation

This is a cutting tool not a scraping tool. The bevel should be ground at 35 deg off zero or 55 deg off 90 resulting in a very sharp skew-like cutting edge. Begin by rubbing the bevel high on the piece, then pull the tool back and raise the handle until the tool is making the cut you desire. Once the tool starts cutting, stop raising the handle and move side to side to finish the cut.

Warning:

Most Spindle Roughing Gouges are forged from a flat piece of HHS steel bent to something resembling a half pipe shape. The handle attachment method is a flat tang on the handle end of the tool. While sufficiently strong when used correctly, this design is prone to failure when used improperly and may result in damaging the tool or injury. Never use a Spindle Roughing Gouge on a bowl.

Using this tool on a bowl blank (grain orientation perpendicular to the bed ways - across) is prohibited as it is extremely likely to catch. Catches in this circumstance are usually severe and often violent. Such catches may result in personal injury or even damaging and possibly snapping your Spindle Roughing Gouge.

Improper Use by Operator

When such use results in tool breakage, it is NOT covered by the manufacturer's warranty. It is considered improper use by the operator and voids any manufacturer's warranty expressed or implied.