

Some common hand files types. Always buy Swiss files if you can afford it, Vallorbe or Grobert. These are used for general filing work on non ferrous metals* Length is usually 100 or 150mm. Cuts (the number of teeth on the cutting faces) are usually between 0 (the coarsest) & 4 (the finest)



Half Round



Round



Pillar



Crossing



A wooded file handle. This needs to be fitted to the pointed end of the file which is called the “Tang”.

* Non Ferrous metals: Copper, Brass, Silver, gold.
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