

Frequently Asked Questions – AWLS & BLADES

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Yes, we sell our awl blades separately. I don't know the Rockwell hardness but would guess they're somewhere in the 50s. I've never had them tested. I buy new Osborne blades and re-grind and polish them to a razor sharpness and mirror shine.

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Unfortunately, that is something that is virtually impossible for me to teach as I have a custom built, highly specialized grinder that I use for this process. Therefore, since the machine is the key component to the process doing a video would be an effort in futility.

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Preheat a toaster oven to about 200-degrees - make sure it's stable at 200. Once it's stable at 200 put the haft in the toaster oven for about 5-10 minutes. Then take it out, and while it's still warm try and loosen it. That should work.