

## Anvil Cleanup/Stand

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So I finally got around to cleaning up my anvil and building a stand. I worked it over with a wire brush, and couldn't reveal much. I got a little more aggressive with a 3M bristle Scotchbrite wheel on my right-angle grinder, and revealed a few numbers and markings, but nothing to indicate a brand. From what I can gather there is a "1" followed by a dot, a number I can't make out in the middle, another dot, and "25". If these are measurements in the old English hundredweight scale, that means the first number represents 112 pounds, the middle number represents quarters of that (multiples of 28), and the last is straight pounds. That makes my anvil somewhere inbetween 1-0-25 and 1-3-25 or between 137 and 221 pounds. I'll need to break out a scale, I guess.

I then took a 36 grit flap disk to the anvil face and horn to smooth it out and reduce the rust, scale, and pock marks since I've read every surface on your anvil face will get transferred to your hot metal. Here's the finished product:

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