

Do you know how to insert wedges into a timber replacement handle correctly?



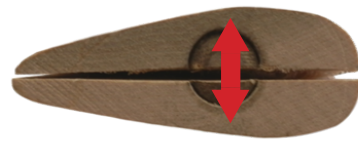
A common method in Australia is to simply insert a single metal wedge into the slot or kerf once the head has been placed onto the new handle.

The best and correct method is to use a Combination Timber/Metal Wedge.

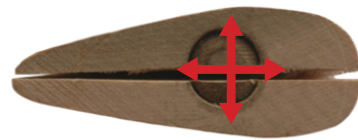
While it works ok to insert a single metal wedge, if you look at the images here comparing both methods, inserting a single metal wedge only exerts force in one direction; compared to the the timber/metal combination method which exerts force in both directions.



Single Wedge:
Force exerted
across handle
only



**Combination
Wedge:**
Force exerted
each way



Installing Combination Timber/Metal Wedges:

- After placing the head on your new replacement handle, insert the wooden wedge in the slot at the end of the handle and drive it in as far as it will go, using a mallet or hammer.
- Trim off any timber handle or wedge protruding from the metal axe head.
- Drive the metal wedge flush across, or at an angle to, the wooden wedge in the end of the handle.