

# Diagnostic Tip of the Month

**Re-pointing Forceps**  
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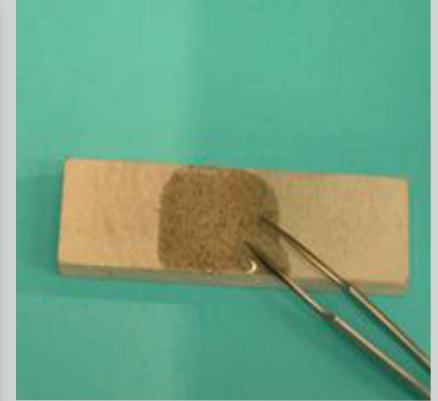
The pair of fine pointed forceps that accidentally dropped nose down on the floor may never be the same again, but in only a few minutes you can extend their useful life.



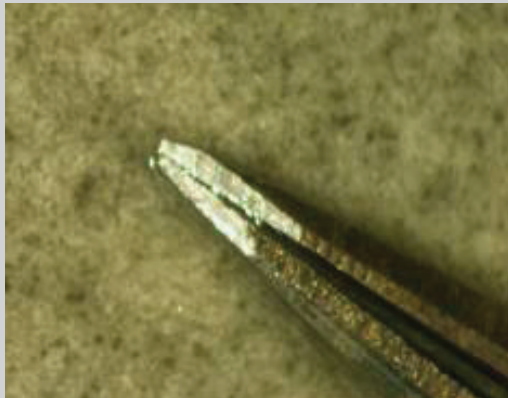
Damaged forceps.



Straighten the points as much as possible with a pair of needle nosed pliers. Extremely bent bits will probably break off when straightened.



Place a drop of oil on a fine oilstone.



Hold the points together; grind new points. It is nearly impossible to hold the points exactly evenly while you are grinding, so be sure to rotate the forceps and change their position in your grip often so the points will meet precisely when you are finished.