

Recommended Clearances for Punching Mild Steel

Thickness of Material	Total Clearance between Punch & Die
3/4" and over	3/32"
1/2" through 23/32"	1/16"
3/16" through 15/32"	1/32"
3/32" through 5/32"	1/64"
15 gauge through 13 gauge	.010"
16 gauge and lighter	.006"