

## My Home Foundry: metal casting info for the hobby foundry worker.

Notes from issue 01: **The Hot Metal Ezine.**

As a novice metal caster, what would you use to fuel your furnace?

Discarded engine oil?

LP or Propane Gas?

Diesel fuel?

Charcoal?

Full marks if you picked charcoal.

This is about as cheap a fuel that can be provided, (if you make it your self) the heat output attainable from this fuel is excellent...the drawback with charcoal, is that it's not readily available in all countries or regions.

OK, if you can't buy it, you can make it, providing you have access to some old dry hardwood, and a couple of old large size oil drums, you can make any amount you like. It is actually quite simple.

**This process is called beehive charcoal.**

I know that people want to know about making charcoal because the autoresponders on my web site have gone crazy delivering info; it works day and night...(a real tireless worker, thanks to sendfree.com)

Making charcoal is not a job to do in your backyard, you need to do it out in the bush or the forest, get to know a farming family, and use scrap hard wood on their property to make your charcoal.

The next step is to actually make it...quite a few ezine readers have already accessed the **\*free\*** how to make charcoal info from our web site.

To learn how to make charcoal, click on the web site link:

<http://www.myhomefoundry.com> (This info is included in the **Old Time Workshop Hints** ebook.)

Charcoal is not difficult to make, you could make quite a large quantity over a couple of weekends.

### **Charcoal can be used in:**

The charcoal furnace.

The blacksmith forge.

The cupola furnace.

For down to earth instruction ebooks on hobby metal casting, visit our web site at <http://www.myhomefoundry.com>

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