

# When To Anneal

I prefer to anneal cases before I modify their forms, especially if their new shape is going to be drastically different from the original. Some handloaders neck their cases up or down, or force the shoulder back, then anneal them before they load them. The more I'm going to change them, the more I like to anneal them before I reshape them. If I'm only slightly necking them up or down, without changing the shoulder, I can probably anneal either before or after I cold-work the brass (which does harden it a bit).