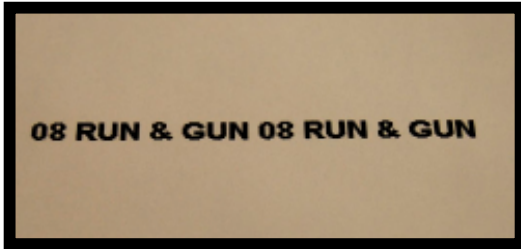


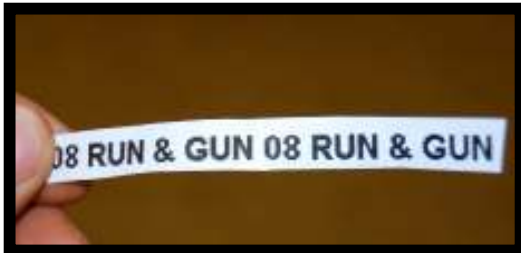
Engraving Metal Bands

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To start for lettering I use the computer. I pick a font type that I like and a size that will fit the band. Then you will have to space the lettering to fit the band. This will take some time to get it laid out.



I keep printing test sheets and cut out the lettering in strips and test fitting around the band.

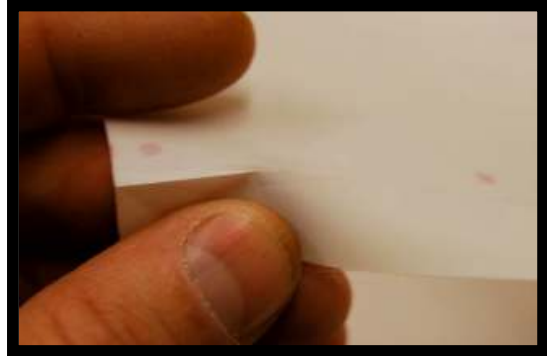


Once you get it to fit.

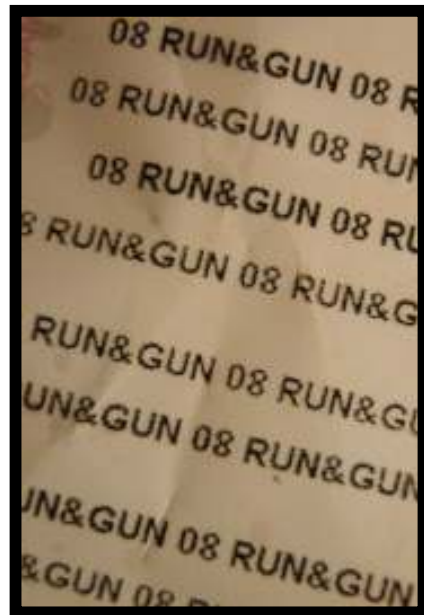


Now it is time to print this on stencil film. I use SCM's stencil film it has a adhesive back.

(note – you can also order Stencil Film from www.TreeLineUSA.com they are affiliated with CraftSuppliesUSA)



Once you get it printed on stencil film you are almost ready to start engraving.



The next thing you need to do is cut out your lettering in a strip and put it on your band. You can measure it out but I just eye it.



Once you get your letters traced out, you can remove the stencil film



Once you get it lined up you can start engraving.



You now need to make the letters stand out to do this we will be relief cutting. You just need to remove a small amount of metal around the lettering then you need to feather it out so there is not a ledge.

I use a SCM engraver and the bit I will be using is a # 2016 fine point. You will need some magnifying glasses and something to hold the band. I use a wood clamp, I also fill a ziplock full of sand to rest my arm on.



To start you just want to trace out the letters you don't have to cut deep.

After you get it relief cut all you have to do is stipple it.



All stippling is using the tip of the bit and going in small circles with no pattern. But you will need to go over it a few times because you will see areas you missed.



After you are done with the stippling all need to do is buff on the buffing wheel

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