

Hand cutting light gauge steel with tin snips

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1 We recommend using left-offset and right-offset aviation snips. The term 'offset' refers to the blade being offset to the handle – allowing you to work above the material being cut. The red handled snip is the left cut snip. The green handled snip is the right cut snip.



2 Both left (red) and right (green) snips allow you to cut in a straight line. Mark your line with a marker and ruler before cutting.



3 Left cut snips (red) allow you to cut in a curved direction to the left. Right cut snips (green) allow you to cut in a curved direction to the right.




4 When cutting with snips, make sure the scrap is peeled away. This will make it easier on the blades and will make it easier for you to accurately guide the snips.



5 When cutting, don't take large bites. Cut with small cuts (approximately 5–10mm) moving the blades forward to create a neat and continuous cut.



6  Be careful not to damage the snips if the section you are cutting cannot easily be peeled away.

Work safely with steel

BlueScope Steel recommends safety precautions are taken when working with steel – protect yourself with long sleeves, steel-capped boots, gloves and safety glasses and ensure you have the right tool for the job.

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