

Temperature Equivalent Chart for Orton Pyrometric Cones (° F) Cone Numbers 022-14



Cone	Self Supporting Cones						Large Cones			Small		
	Regular		Iron Free		Heating Rate ° F/hour (last 180° F of firing)		Regular	Iron Free	Regular	Iron Free	Regular	Iron Free
	27	108	270	108	270	108	270	108	270	540	540	
022		1087	1094			N/A	N/A			1166		
021		1112	1143			N/A	N/A			1189		
020		1159	1180			N/A	N/A			1231		
019	1213	1252	1283			1249	1279			1333		
018	1267	1319	1353			1314	1350			1386		
017	1301	1360	1405			1357	1402			1443		
016	1368	1422	1465			1416	1461			1517		
015	1382	1456	1504			1450	1501			1549		
014	1395	1485	1540			1485	1537			1598		
013	1485	1539	1582			1539	1578			1616		
012	1549	1582	1620			1576	1616			1652		
011	1575	1607	1641			1603	1638			1679		
010	1636	1657	1679	1600	1627	1639	1675	1623	1636	1686		
09	1665	1688	1706	1650	1686	1702	1702	1683	1699	1751		
08	1692	1728	1753	1695	1735	1755	1749	1733	1751	1801		
07	1764	1789	1809	1747	1780	1800	1783	1805	1778	1846		
06	1798	1828	1855	1776	1816	1828	1823	1852	1816	1825	1873	
05½	1839	1859	1877	1814	1854	1870	1854	1873	1852	1868	1909	
05	1870	1888	1911	1855	1899	1915	1886	1915	1890	1911	1944	
04	1915	1945	1971	1909	1942	1956	1940	1958	1940	1953	2008	
03	1960	1987	2019	1951	1990	1999	1987	2014	1989	1996	2068	
02	1972	2016	2052	1983	2021	2039	2014	2048	2016	2035	2098	
01	1999	2046	2080	2014	2053	2073	2043	2079	2052	2070	2152	
1	2028	2079	2109	2046	2082	2098	2077	2109	2079	2095	2163	
2	2034	2088	2127				2088	2124			2174	
3	2039	2106	2138	2066	2109	2124	2106	2134	2104	2120	2185	
4	2086	2124	2161				2120	2158			2208	
5	2118	2167	2205				2163	2201			2230	
5½	2133	2197	2237				2194	2233			N/A	
6	2165	2232	2269				2228	2266			2291	
7	2194	2262	2295				2259	2291			2307	
8	2212	2280	2320				2277	2316			2372	
9	2235	2300	2336				2295	2332			2403	
10	2284	2345	2381				2340	2377			2426	
11	2322	2361	2399				2359	2394			2437	
12	2345	2383	2419				2379	2415			2471	
13	2389	2428	2458				2410*	2455*			N/A	
14	2464	2489	2523				2491*	2530*			N/A	

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Cones are made from carefully controlled compositions. They bend in a repeatable manner (over a relatively small temperature range - usually less than 40° F). The final bending position is an indication of how much heat was absorbed.

Behavior of Pyrometric Cones

Typically, it takes 15 to 25 minutes for a cone to bend once it starts. This depends on the cone number. The cone bends slowly at first but once it reaches the half way point (3 o'clock), it bends quickly. When the cone tip reaches a point level with the base, it is considered properly fired. This is the point for which temperature equivalents are determined. Differences between a cone touching the shelf and a cone at the 4 o'clock position are small, usually 1 or 2 degrees.

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temperature. The temperature will be higher for faster heating rates and lower for slower heating rates.

Cone bending may also be affected by reducing atmospheres or those containing sulfur oxides. Orton recommends the use of Iron-Free cones for all reduction firings (cones 010-3). If a cone is heated too fast, the cone surface fuses and binders used to make cones form gases that bloat the cone. If cones are to be fired rapidly, they should be calcined (pre-fired) before use. Cones should be calcined to about 850° F (455° C) in an air atmosphere.

If a cone is soaked at a temperature near its equivalent temperature, it will continue to mature, form glass and bend. The time for the cone to bend depends on several factors and as a general rule, a 1 to 2 hour soak is sufficient to deform the next higher cone number. A soak of 4 to 6 hours will be required to deform two higher (hotter) cones.

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	Regular		Iron Free		Regular	Iron Free	Regular	Regular	
	Heating Rate °C/hour (last 100° C of firing)								
	15	60	150	15	60	150	60	150	300
022		586	590		N/A	N/A			630
021		600	617		N/A	N/A			643
020		626	638		N/A	N/A			666
019	656	678	695		676	693			723
018	686	715	734		712	732			752
017	705	738	763		736	761			784
016	742	772	796		769	794			825
015	750	791	818		788	816			843
014	757	807	838		807	836			870
013	807	837	861		837	859			880
012	843	861	882		858	880			900
011	857	875	894		873	892			915
010	891	903	915	871	886	893	898	913	919
09	907	920	930	899	919	928	917	928	955
08	922	942	956	924	946	957	942	954	983
07	962	976	987	953	971	982	973	985	1008
06	981	998	1013	969	991	998	995	1011	1023
05½	1004	1015	1025	990	1012	1021	1012	1023	1043
05	1021	1031	1044	1013	1037	1046	1030	1046	1062
04	1046	1063	1077	1043	1061	1069	1060	1070	1098
03	1071	1086	1104	1066	1088	1093	1086	1101	1131
02	1078	1102	1122	1084	1105	1115	1101	1120	1148
01	1093	1119	1138	1101	1123	1134	1117	1137	1178
1	1109	1137	1154	1119	1139	1148	1136	1154	1184
2	1112	1142	1164				1142	1162	1190
3	1115	1152	1170	1130	1154	1162	1152	1168	1196
4	1141	1162	1183				1160	1181	1209
5	1159	1186	1207				1184	1205	1221
5½	1167	1203	1225				1201	1223	N/A
6	1185	1222	1243				1220	1241	1255
7	1201	1239	1257				1237	1255	1264
8	1211	1249	1271				1247	1269	1300
9	1224	1260	1280				1257	1278	1317
10	1251	1285	1305				1282	1303	1330
11	1272	1294	1315				1293	1312	1336
12	1285	1306	1326				1304	1324	1355
13	1310	1331	1348				1321*	1346*	N/A
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