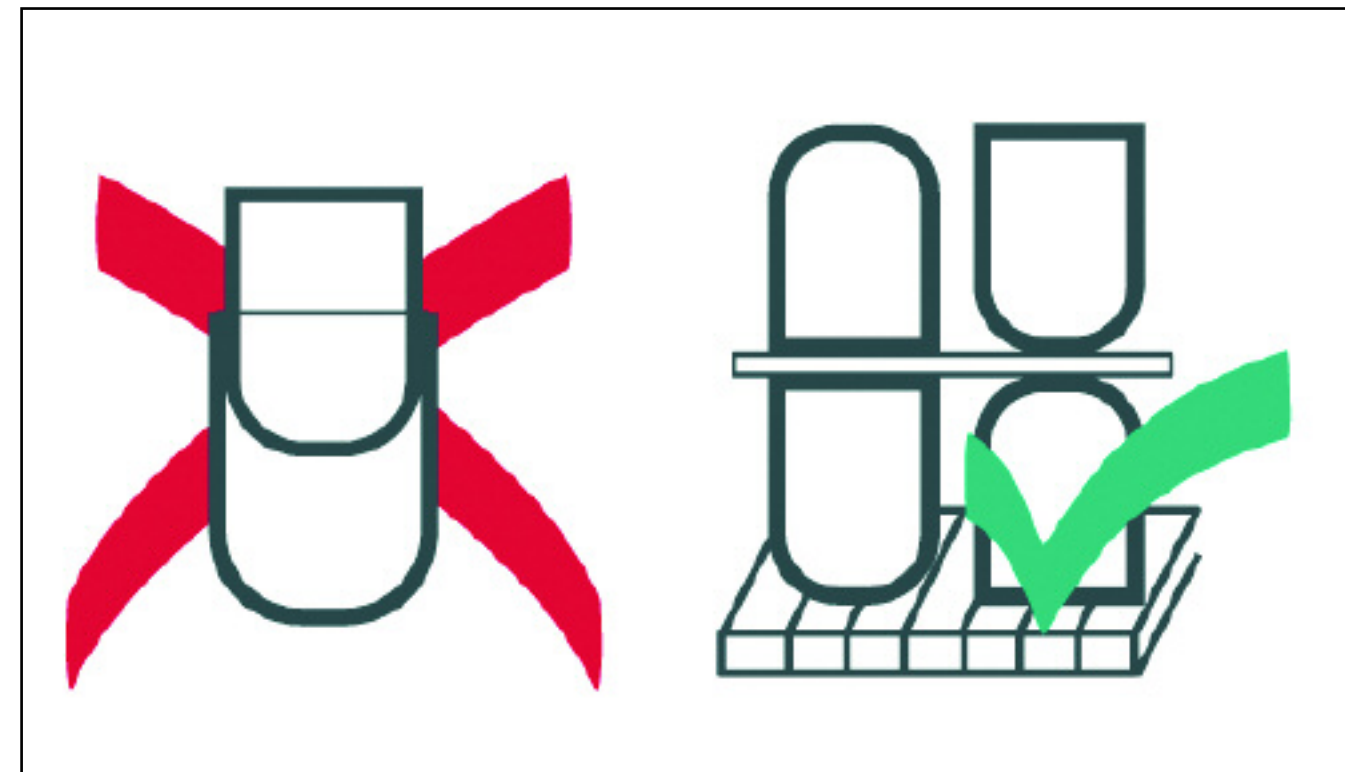
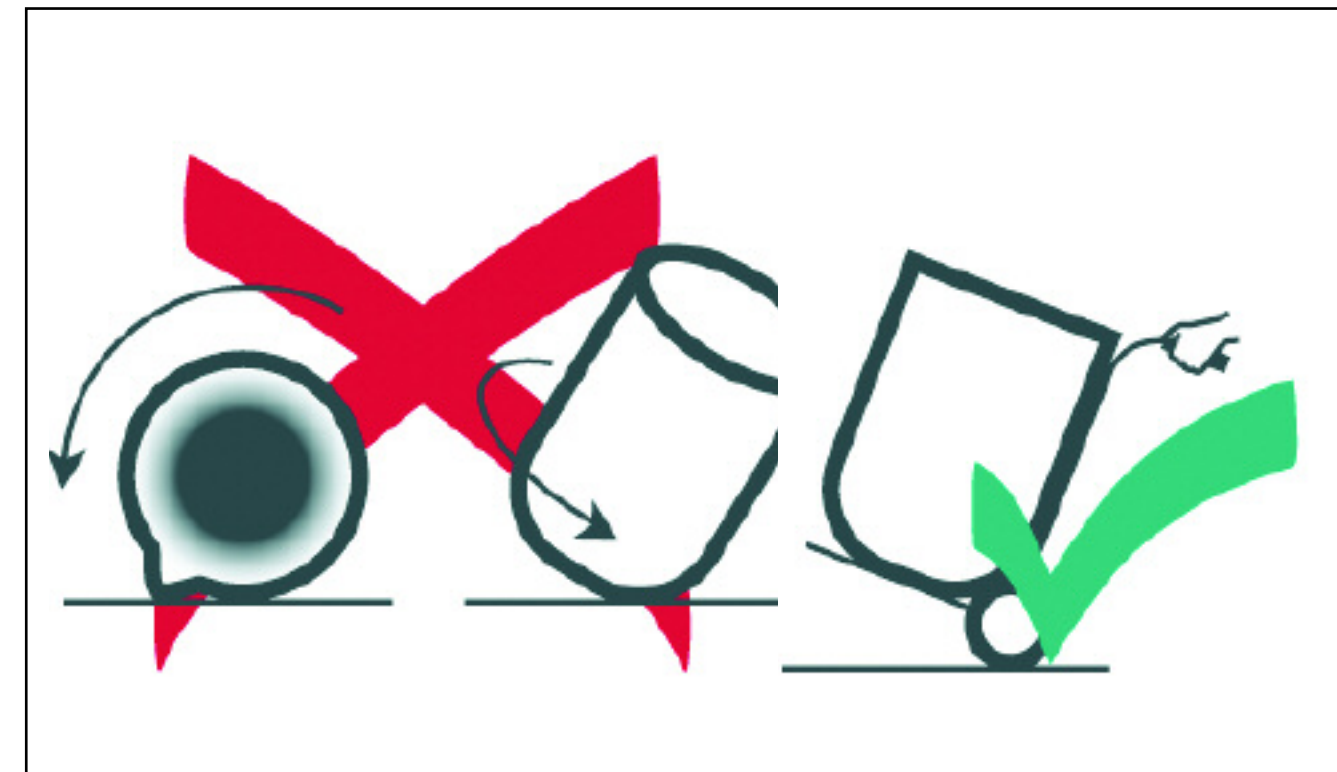


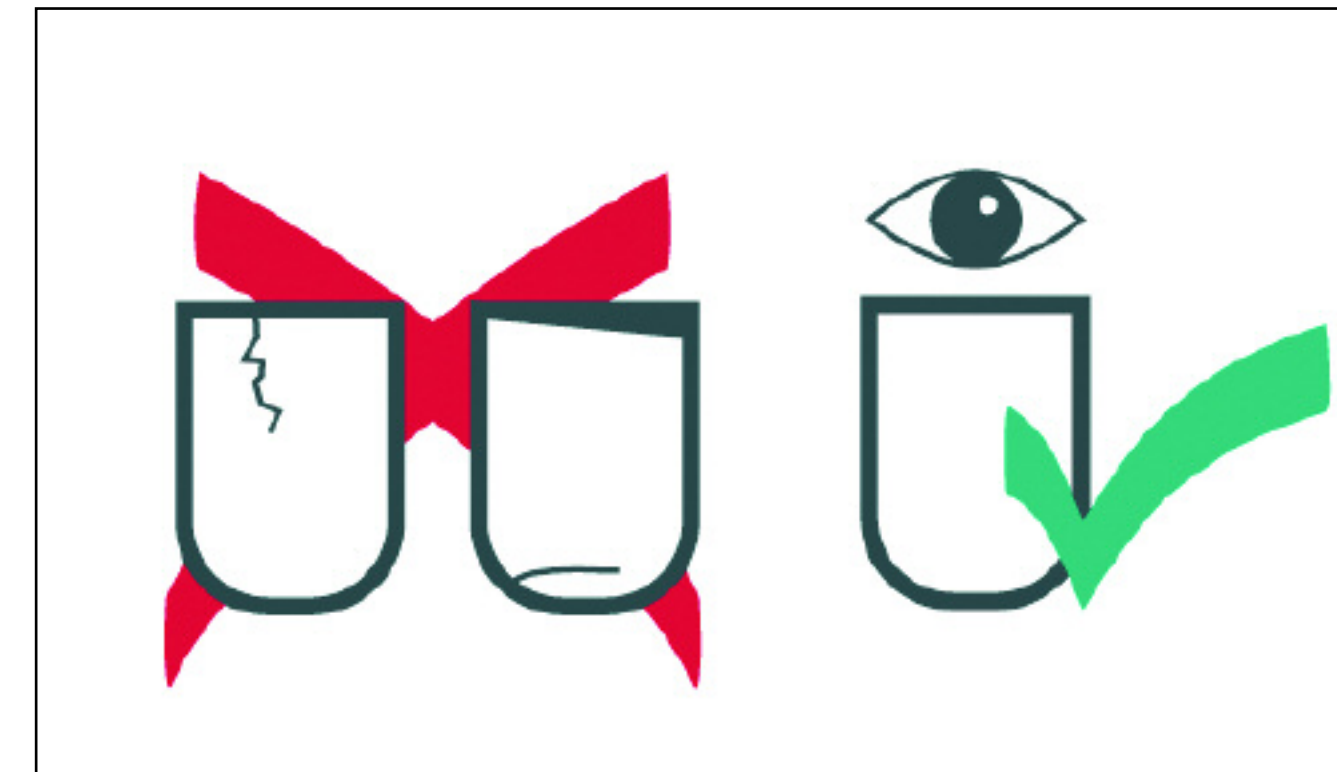
Store crucibles in a dry, warm area.



Do not stack inside another.



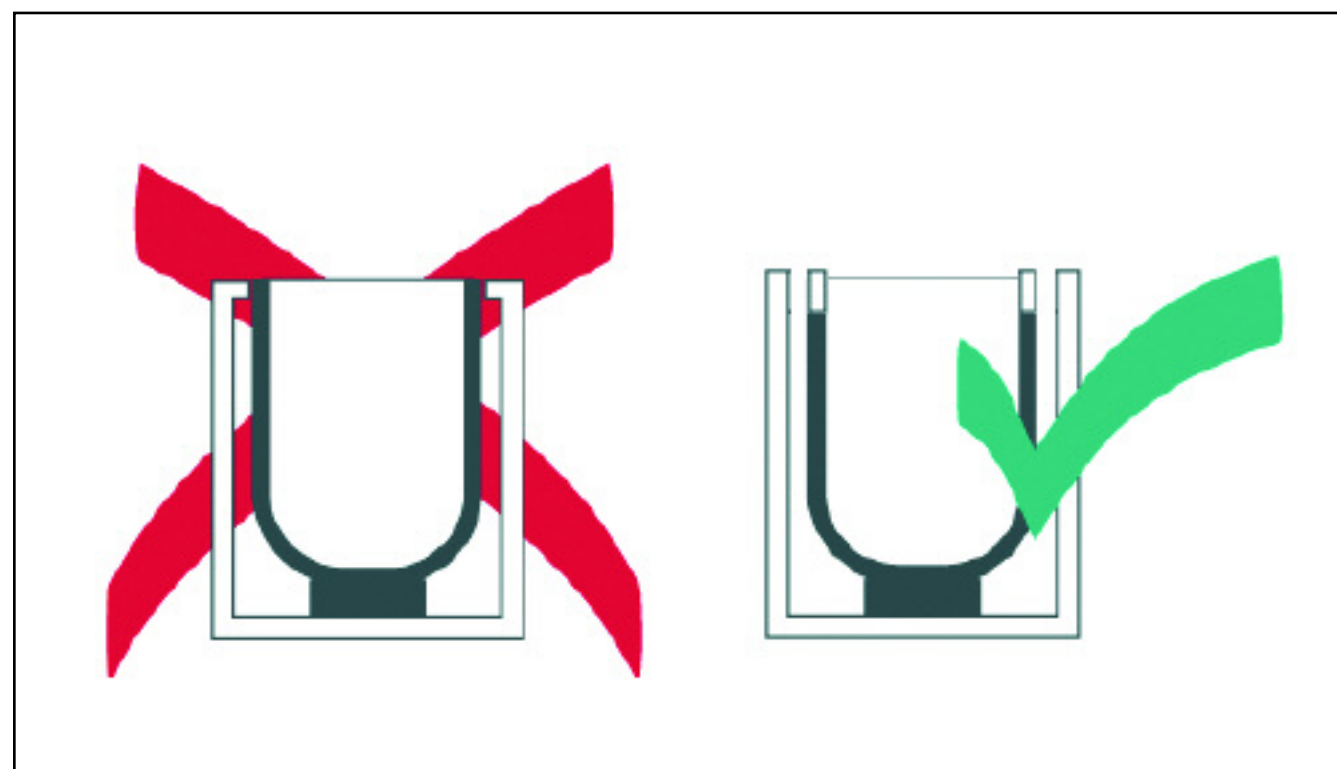
Do not roll crucibles.



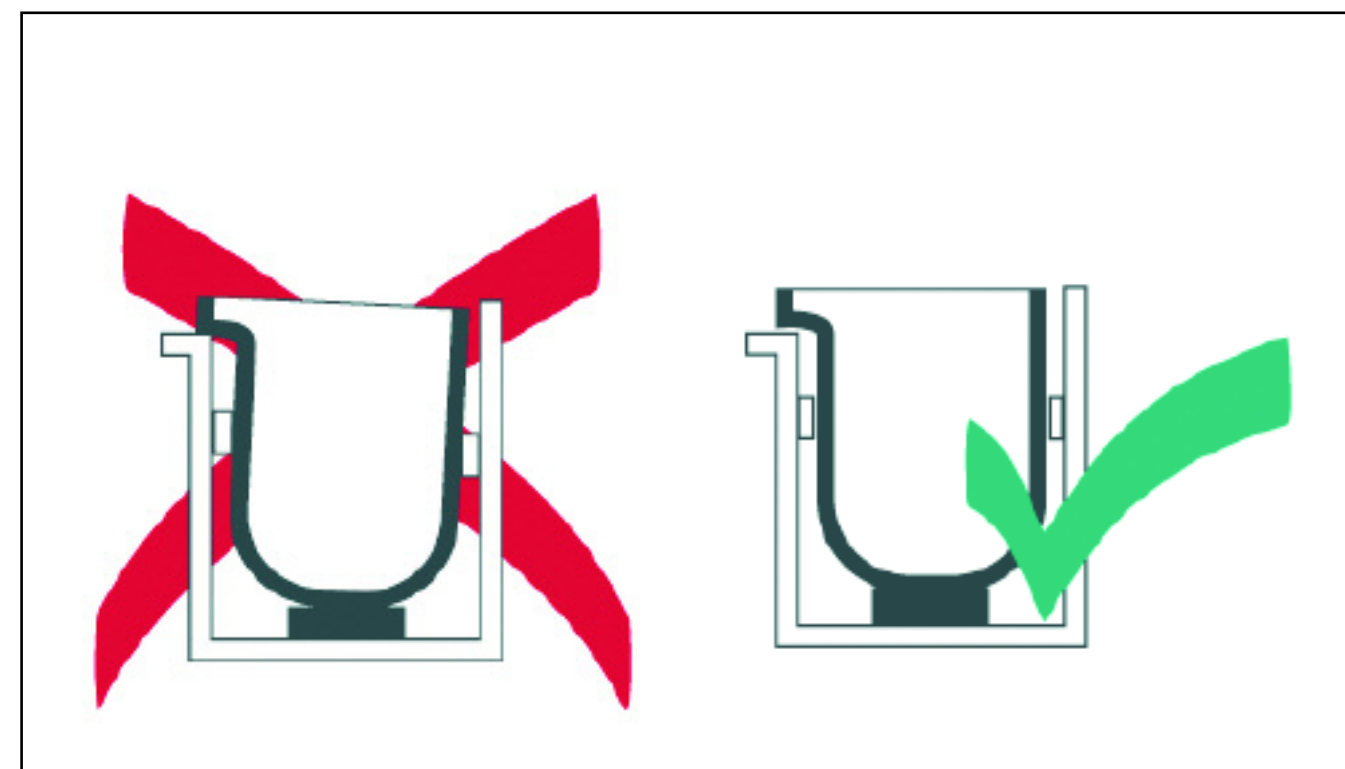
Check for cracks or transport damage before use.



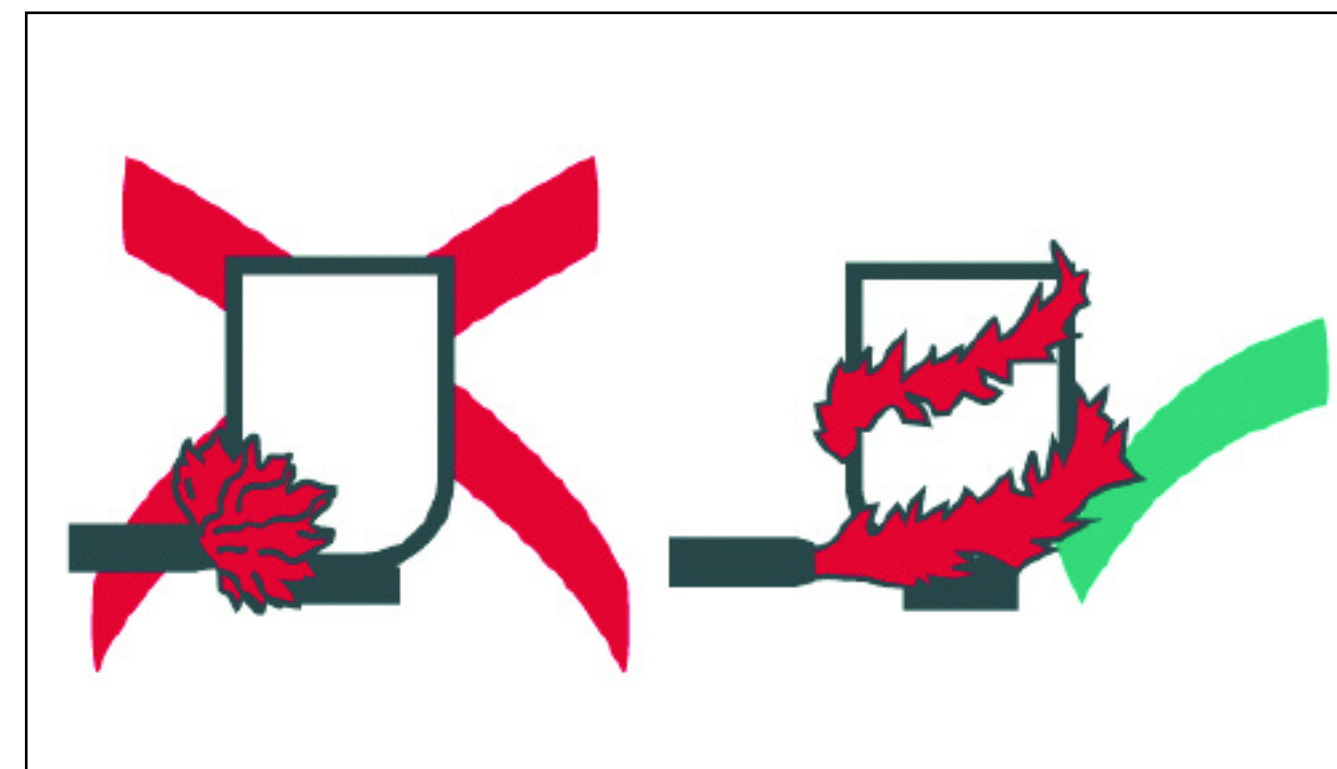
Base block must be flat, larger than crucible bottom and centered.



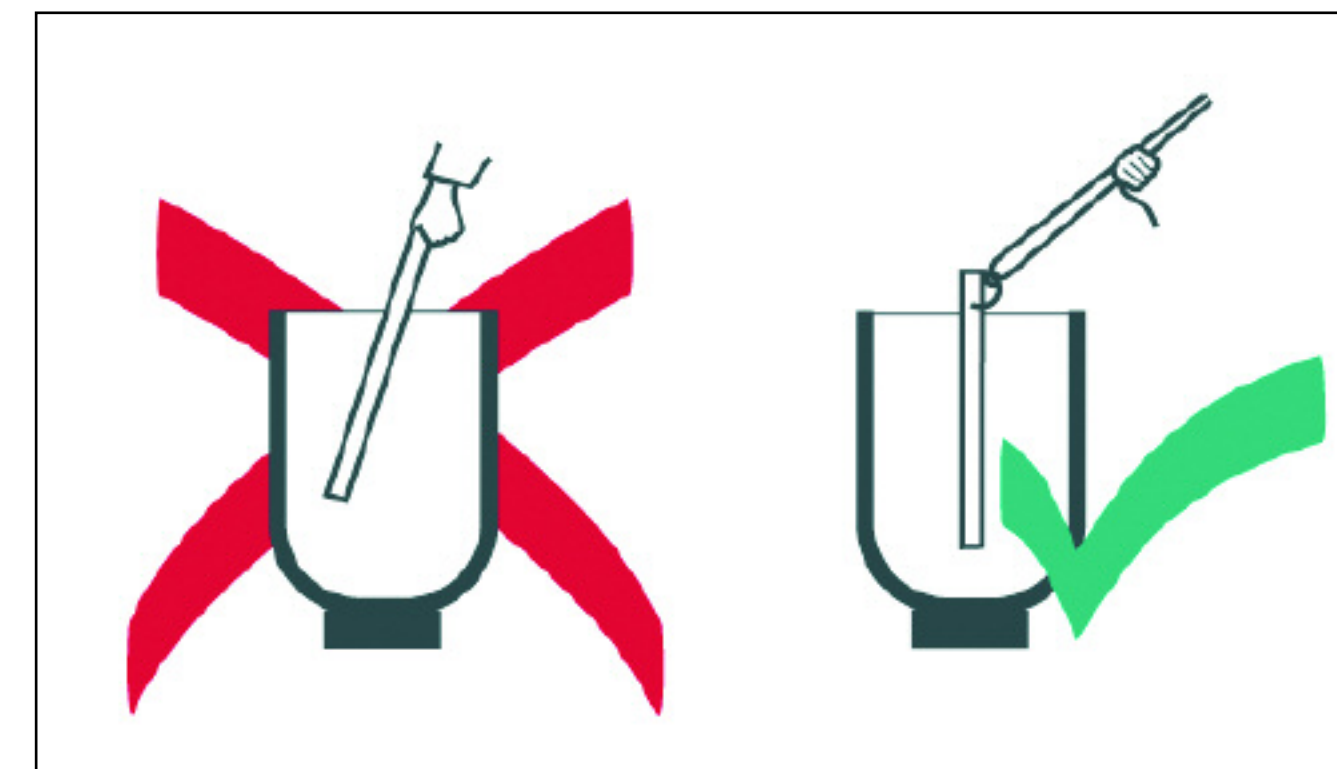
Use a ceramic fiber blanket to seal. Allow space between top and sides of furnace.



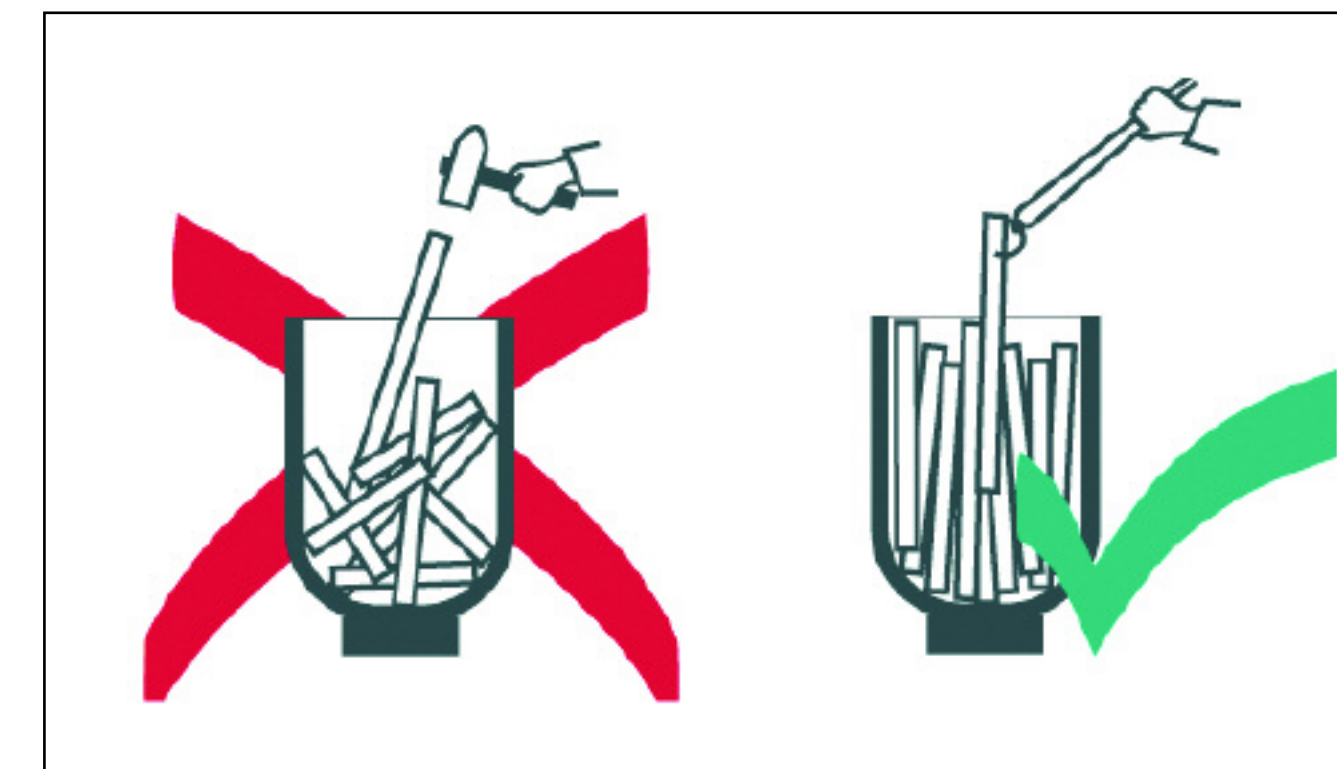
Use locating bricks in tilting furnaces, to allow for expansion.



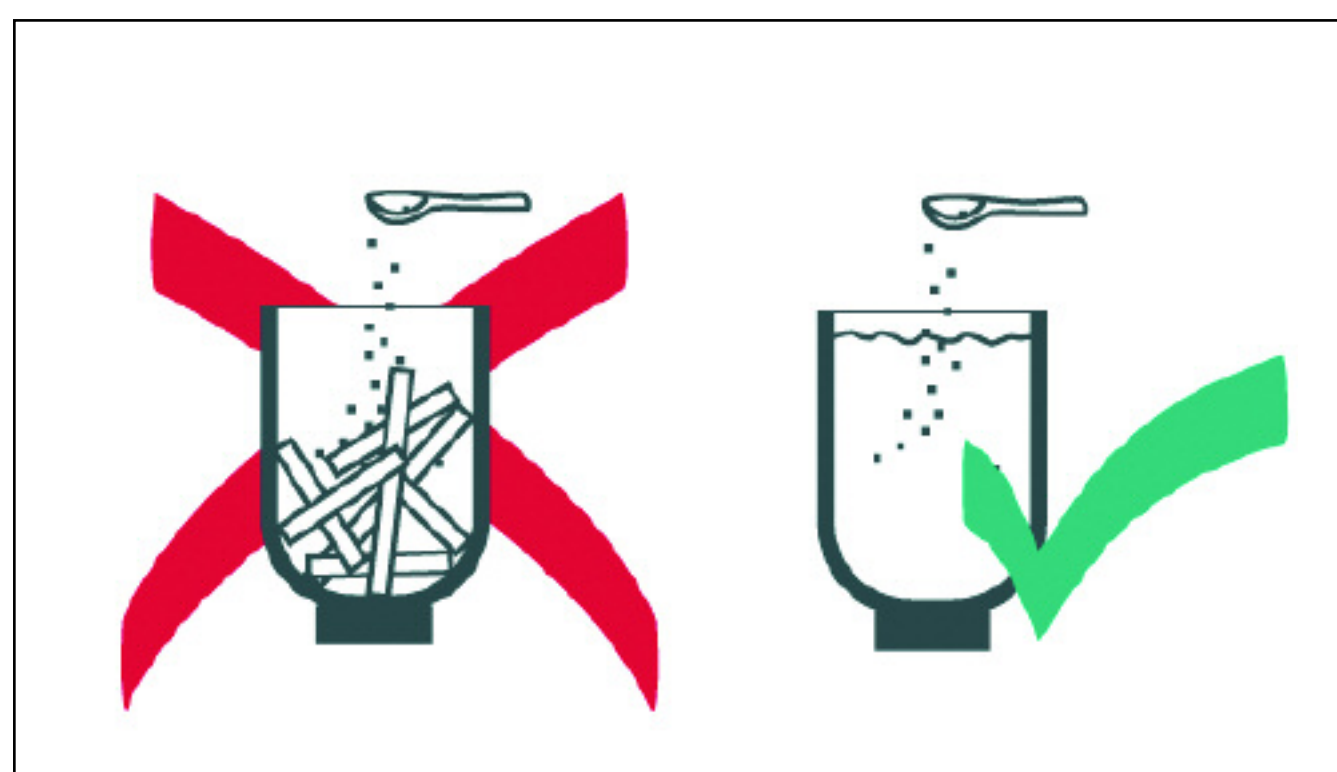
Tangential fire around crucible.



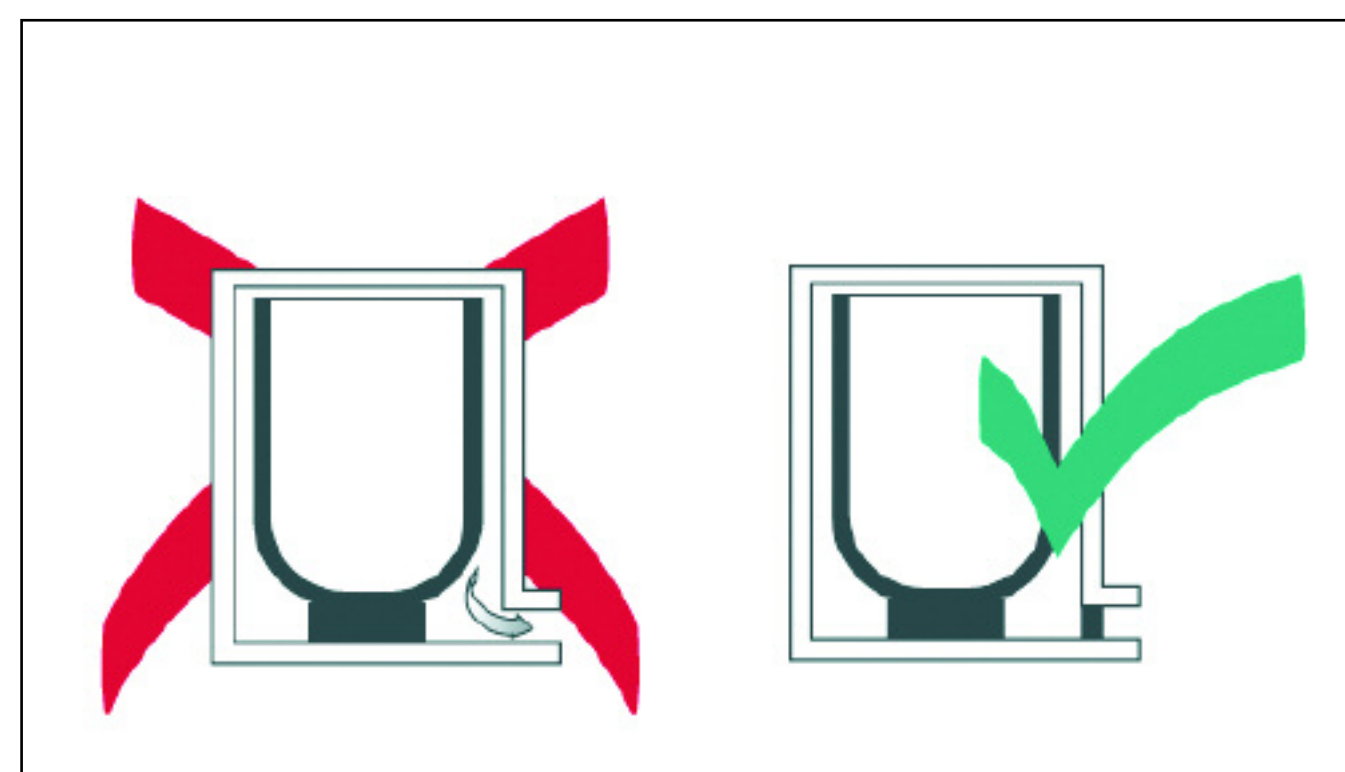
Do not drop charge—slowly lower in with tongs.



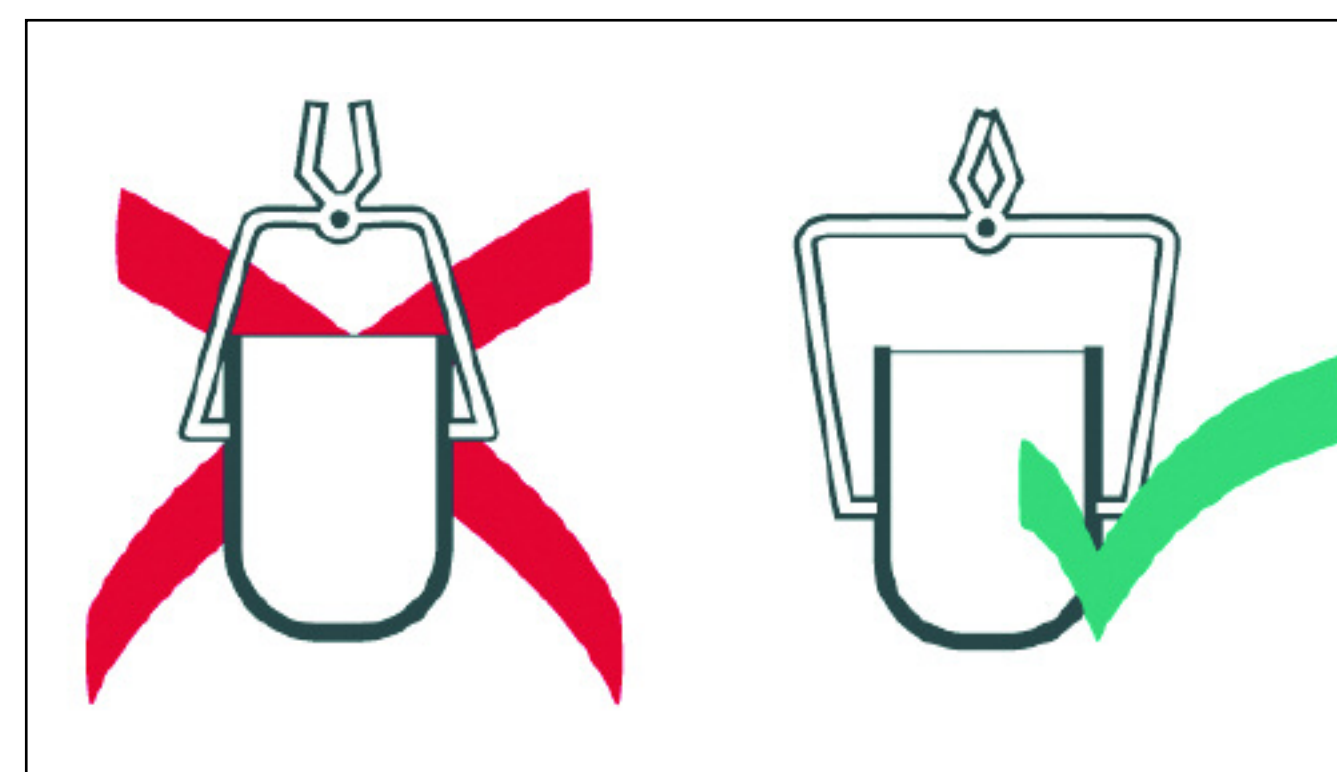
First charge with returns, then ingots on top.



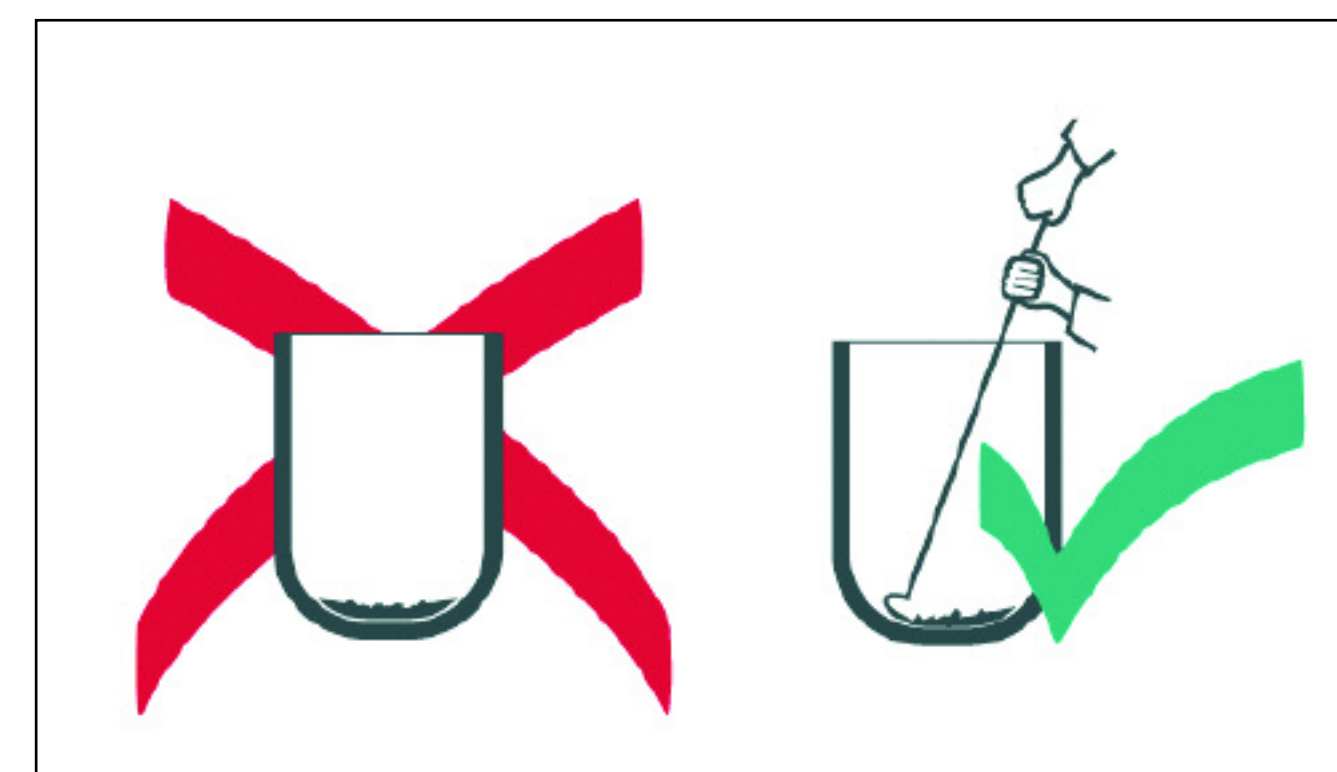
Only add flux after metal is molten.



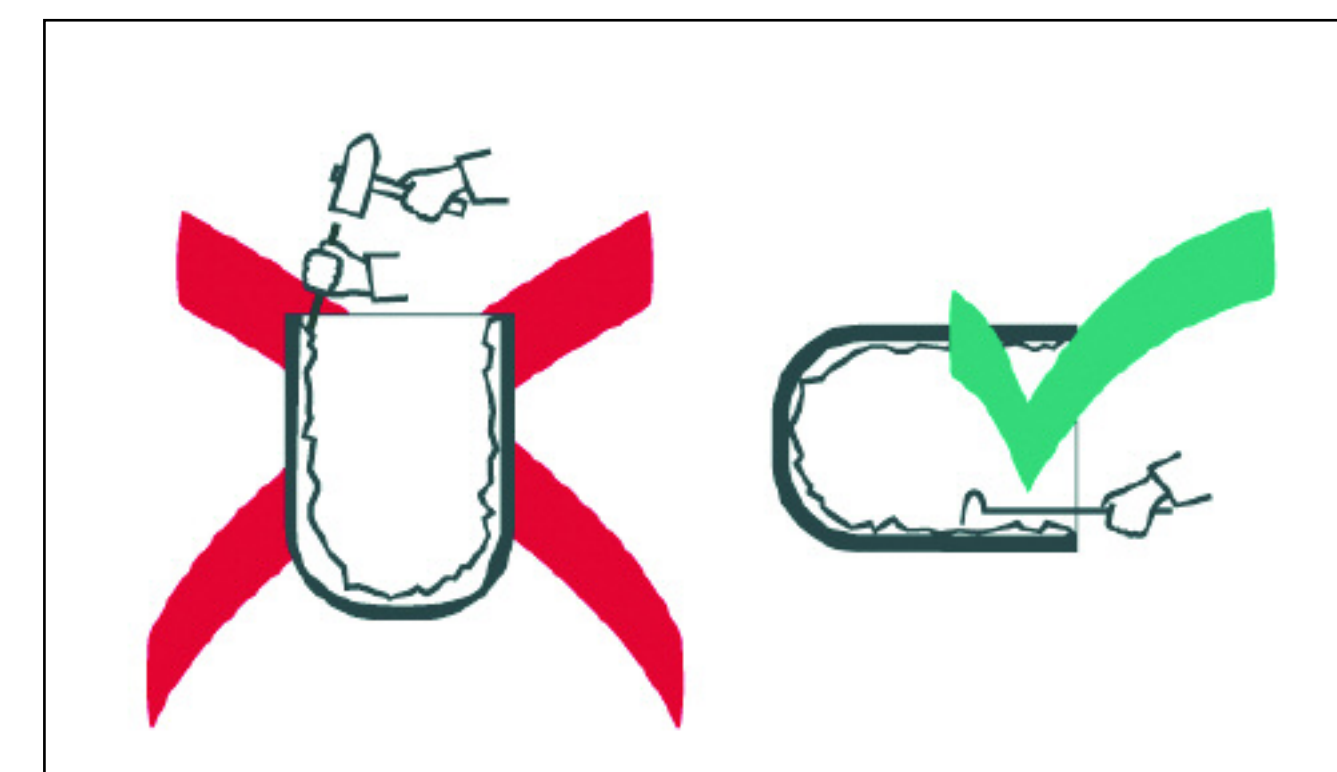
Avoid premature crucible failure by ensuring drain hole is sealed.



For lift-out, tongs must be placed on lower third of crucible. Fit tongs evenly on both sides.



Empty crucible before removing from furnace. Do not let metal solidify in crucible.



Clean carefully every day while still hot.



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