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Example F:VII/A-49 -Folsom Point was done in Harrison County Indiana flint. This flint is found in the limestone area of Southern Indiana and it is very desirable for it does not need alteration or thermal treatment. It can be worked native. The edges on this example are not particularly fine . I had broken so many of them that I did not want to take a lot of time for meticulous retouch was not practical. The flutes on either side reach entirely to the point. There has been a slight amount of retouching at the point as to where the POINT was rested. If you will notice on the first and second flake - the second flake had a little too much pressure applied and you will notice a tearing at the top just under one of the barbs

Specimen F:VII/A-50 This was also done in Harrison County Indiana flint The basal portion of 49 and 50 shows a thinness that is very desirable and is very characteristic of the Folsom type point. There are slight undulations on one side for, as the flake was detached, there was a little chattering. As the flake is flexing it will cause some of these undulations. When manufacturing by percussion this is even more pronounced.

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Speciman ~~51~~ 51 This is also done in Harrison County Indiana

flint. The fluting flake in this speciman is 2 3/4 inches in length and 5/8 of an inch wide. The flute runs the full length of the artifact. It was only fluted on the one side because of an irregularity in the material, however, it does show an example of the width of the flake also a slight chattering at the lower end as the flake was tearing away from the artifact. You can see the undulations and the flexing of the flake as it was removed.

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~~52~~ 52 This is made of material from West Virginia. This material has been altered. The flakes are on both sides to the end. They feather out, there are no hinge fractures, however, the base does not have the normal characteristic of the usual Folsom artifact. It is a little thick at that side. This occurred because of the placement of the platforms, which was not correct.

F.VII/A 53  
~~53~~ 53 This is a very thin example. The basal characteristics are excellent, however, the flakes have hinged about 3/4 of the way down. This material was secured at an Indian campsite and I later reworked it by making a preform and then flaking with a deer antler flaking tool and then pressed the flakes off. This was done with a staff and it does display the thinness in relation

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to the width of the flake and that in relation to the length.

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I do not remember the source of this material. Notice

that the flakes that are associated with this specimen - at the point of pressure - where the bulb had pulled loose - you will notice that it was not freed sufficiently. As it came loose from the artifact, it caused a hinge fracture. This is a very tough flint and it has not been altered by heat, but it does demonstrate what happens when the flake is not freed properly.

You will notice from these specimens that when one was broken, I made another in exactly the same manner. Therefore, you will find many examples of the different things that can go wrong in producing an artifact. I would study the breaks to determine that it was not an accidental thing and then make another unfluted projectile point and then flake it in the same manner. If it broke in the same manner then I could eliminate that particular process.

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This is done in Harrison County Indiana flint. This is a good example of support in the vise. It shows that the side pressure was greater at the top and it was not supported the full length of the artifact. Therefore, when the fluting flake pulled loose it cleved the artifact in the center with a hinge fracture about midway. The top portion stayed in the vise - the balance

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of the artifact and the flakes still attached were removed on the other side.

FVIIA 56 This is a good example of what happens when the point is not supported and the angle is not exactly correct. The fluting is normal but the point is still attached to the detached fluting flake. This artifact was made of local obsidian.

FVIIA 57 This was made of building glass. A great deal of my experiments were made of glass because it was readily available. This shows the fluting on both sides but the point was snipped off from both edges, however, this could be re-worked and would still produce a short folsom which is characteristic of some of the artifacts. Notice the distal end of the second flake that was removed. See how it also curved over the top and took off still an additional portion of the point as it was removed.

FVIIA 58 There are two examples in this number. These are both done in an opal glass. One of them shows that the point was snipped off. I attempted to stop the flake, but did not get the pressure stopped in time to cause a hinge fracture before it snipped off the point. Snipping off the tips, has been my trouble for many years.

The other ~~xx~~ artifact is a good example of verticle pressure. It



shows where the angle of the verticle pressure was dropped back but it feathers out and it is more of the clovis style artifact rather than the Folsom.

FVIIA 59 These two points illustrate when the angle is not at right angles to the base of the point, the flute doesn't run free. However, on both sides, these run the entire length of the artifact, but they are not in line with the center ridge where the median line of the artifact is established.

FVIIA 61 This illustrates what happens when too much outward pressure is applied to the artifact. With this artifact I caused a double-hinge fracture, which is unusual. There is no fluting at the top of the artifact where the platform was established.

The platform was too thick and I did not free it sufficiently.

Note, where the tool was seated, <sup>the platform</sup> it is very thick. <sup>Because I left</sup> Therefore, <sup>the platform too thick I had to apply too much</sup> when I applied pressure, ~~it required more outward pressure than~~

~~was possible to free the cohesion at the basal portion of the~~ artifact. This <sup>outward pressure</sup> caused the ~~point~~ <sup>of the artifact</sup> to flex and in doing so it fluted

the middle section and ~~xxxxxxx~~ <sup>snipped off the</sup> ~~point.~~ <sup>distal end</sup>

This is just an interesting example ~~xxxxxxx~~ of the many problems involved in manufacturing a Folsom.







the artifact remaining intact and it shows the flexibility of the material

The small obsidian artifacts also show too much downward pressure on the 2nd fluting flake with not sufficient outward pressure and the basal portion of the artifact crushed.

FVIIA 63 This number covers four specimens. One is a long artifact made of Harrison County <sup>Indiana</sup> flint. These are examples of straight hand held, without support. percussion work. If one is skilled enough in percussion he can do a fair job in basal thinning but the artifact will not have the same characteristics of a pressure flaked Folsom. Notice that the platform has been freed so that the percussion blow could be struck at the basal portion. The angle is just as critical when manufacturing by percussion. <sup>as when using pressure</sup> ~~xxxxxxx~~ if the artifact is hand held/~~xx~~ the distal end will, naturally, snip off unless the flake is hinged off short or feathered out short. It flute the entire length of the artifact can't ~~xxxxxxx~~ terminate ~~xxxxxxx~~ without snipping the ~~pointzoffz~~ distal end off, as the shock to the base carries thru toward the opposite end and snips off the distal end.

The shorter, wider artifact <sup>is</sup> made of Harrison County <sup>Indiana</sup> Flint. Here, I removed a shorter, wider flake and you will notice a hinge fracture at the distal end of the flake. This wide and deep flake produced

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considerable undulations on the flake and flute and <sup>it</sup> shows lack of percussion control. <sup>and compressor</sup> However, had I applied more force to

the platform, I would have severed the artifact. After I had removed this flake, I did not have sufficient material left on the opposite side to establish a <sup>new</sup> platform and, therefore, I did

not try the fluting on this side. If it had been possible to flute the opposite side there would not have been enough width <sup>between the barbs</sup> for striking by percussion.

The artifact of white chert material is fluted on both sides by percussion. The edges were worked by percussion and not by pressure

You might say this is just a preform that has been fluted by percussion. I find that it was a common practice of Ancient man to use percussion for fluting but it is not fluting in the sense of the Folsom or Clovis. This is more of a basal thinning process to remove surplus material. A ridge is established along the

median line of the artifact, leaving considerable body <sup>to give additional strength</sup> to the ~~stone~~ <sup>artifact</sup> while it is being chipped out by percussion work.

After this is done, then a flake is taken on both sides and this produces a type of thinning rather than a fluting that might



suffice for hafting.

The <sup>large</sup> black obsidian point shows that a ridge was established on the

unflaked side. This <sup>blank was</sup> is a prism, similar to those found in the

Valley of Mexico. <sup>Because this blank already had an established ridge</sup> To utilize this, ~~for control~~, it looked like

it would be a <sup>quite</sup> ~~very~~ simple one to flute by percussion. However,

when the blow was struck at the basal portion, ~~where the hand~~

~~held it at the top~~ as soon as the flake had gone down even with

~~where the hand~~ <sup>support</sup> ~~held it~~ it rolled, and the body of material caused

<sup>the flake</sup> it to carry ~~right over and snip off the distal end~~. However,

there is no detached flake - <sup>the flake still adheres to the</sup> it just left and parted from the

basal portion of the point, itself.

FVIIA 64 Here we have an illustration of <sup>of pressure flaking & narrow</sup> small fluting on a

Folsom style artifact and this is made of Harrison County <sup>Indiana</sup> Flint.

This demonstrates the termination <sup>of the flake caused by</sup> and also having a sharp, narrow

<sup>A thin ridge caused the flake to be</sup> ridge. ~~By having this, the flake remained very narrow but carried~~

from the base clear to the distal end. If the contour of this

artifact had been flatter, the flake would have been flatter and

it would have been a more ideal shaped Folsom.

The other artifact is of blue building glass. This also illustrates

flexing and <sup>which</sup> also causing a very unusual fracture to take place.

<sup>low flexing produces</sup> This shows ~~where one has~~ compression. From the compression, you one



can readily see the radiation concoidal fracture lines coming to a ridge in the center of the flake that was removed. The ~~point~~ <sup>artifact</sup> is broken in the middle, but the flake did not break and it shows a double hinge fracture. ~~The point~~ Upon study, it even appears that the force came back towards the basal portion rather than going ~~xxxxxxx~~ all the way to the tip. In fact, force seems to have spread from the center of the artifact in two directions. The point was fluted approximately 2 1/2 inches down the center, but as the ~~outward~~ <sup>UPWARD</sup> pressure was applied against the ~~artifacts~~ platform and the slightest amount of ~~outward~~ <sup>Down</sup> pressure was applied, it caused the artifact to hinge and break in the center. This shows the compression of where the force against the tip was too great.

FVIIA 65. This is a broad well-worked Folsom <sup>OF GREY & BLACK FLINT</sup> It appears to be <sup>OF GOOD FOLSON CHARACTER</sup> a very nice style. Here we see the flake had carried down the length of the artifact, snapped off the tip but there was sufficient material remaining, so it was turned over and a flute was taken on the opposite side. Then the point was re-chipped and a new tip was established. This is a good example of a re-worked artifact after the tip has been snapped off by the fluting process. This is a good example for study as one can readily see the retouching where the new chipping has overlapped <sup>into</sup> the longitudinal flute. One can readily see the retouching on the edges intersecting the original fluting. If one follows the original fluting flake down, he will note it is very ~~simple~~ <sup>STRAIGHT</sup>, it has cut thru the side flakes - ~~the~~ <sup>OR THE</sup> lateral <sup>RETOUCH</sup> flakes on the  $\forall$  sides, but then where the point has been retouched, you can see the overlap of those flakes, <sup>into the fluting flake</sup> so it is quite easy to see how much retouching was done after the fluting was done. When one re-attached the fluting flake back on the artifact you can see as to what the length of the overall artifact was.



The other example is one done yellow glass. This was produced by hand pressure - held in the hand. There was no way of

*SECURING the unfluted artifact*  
~~holding this~~ <sup>to</sup> hold it in your hand where it is held ~~...~~

the undulations of the flakes - as <sup>they are</sup> ~~the~~ detached - are very pronounced and very prominent <sup>because they</sup> ~~the~~ flakes vibrate as they are removed. This is quite a dangerous way

to do <sup>flaking</sup> ~~...~~ because you can drive the flake entirely thru your hand because <sup>as</sup> it takes a lot of pressure. ~~...~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~use~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~...~~

body as a lever because it takes more pressure than the person actually weighs to detach a flakes of this width and length.

*The use of the body as a lever is done by holding the artifact against the inside of the left knee in the palm of the left hand then placing the elbow of the right arm on the inside of the right knee. The pressure is produced by bringing the knees together and the right shoulder and right arm such as in closing a pocket knife.*



