WAYS TO GAUGE YOUR TEMP

TEMPERATURE GUN

Take out the guesswork with a temperature gun that measures surface temperature with the pull of a trigger.

WRIST IT

Hold the underside of your wrist above the nail to feel for heat. You should be able to hold it there for 3 seconds without being too hot. Don't get too close or you could end up with a gnarly burn.

TIMER

Use the stopwatch on your phone to keep track of time spent heating and cooling the nail. Once you find the perfect combo for your tools and taste, you'll know your go-to times to the second.

THERMOMETER

Grab a contact thermometer like a Terpometer, a tool designed for dabbers that accurately displays the temperature of your bucket and lets you know when it's time to dab.





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THE TEMP TIERS

The most technical aspect of dabbing is most definitely the heat-up and cool-down times. The process isn't something you can rush because even a moment of impatience could mean too hot of a dab.

LOW TEMP	PROS	CONS
WASTE IT TO TASTE IT. The low-temp life is all about getting the most flavor from your extracts. Cannabis compounds boil at around 450 degrees, so keep your heat between 500-575 degrees for the least harsh, yet most tasty experience.	Brings the best flavorPreserves terpenesDelivers smoothe vapor	 A more gradual, mellow high Vapor is less dense Extracts may puddle
MEDIUM TEMP	PROS	CONS
TASTE IT, BUT DON'T WASTE IT.	 Denser vapor 	 Less flavorful than

If you like blowing big clouds but don't want to totally sacrifice flavor, this sweet spot in the middle is it. Medium temperature dabs between 575-650 degrees create a semi-dense vapor without complete loss of terpene flavor.

- Won't puddle
- Allows for bigger dabs
- low-temp
- You can't hashtag #lowtemp
- The heady crowd might hate

HIGH TEMP CONS PROS

COUGH, COUGH, COUGH

Rapid combustion, thick clouds, and one hell of a hot ass hit are what you can expect from any dab over 700 degrees. Heating above 700 can seriously ruin the taste of your concentrates and if you get any hotter, you're basically burning up any cannabis compound prior to inhalation.

 Let us know when you find out

- Harsh on the throat and lungs
- Most of the terpenes and some THC can be burned away
- Can ruin or "chazz" your quartz banger

PERFECT TEMP TIPS

1. KNOW YOUR SETUP.

Everything from the material your nail is made of, to how old it is, can influence the right heat-up and cool-down times.

2. DON'T HEAT AT FULL BLAST.

Don't crank your torch flame all the way up! Find the sweet spot in the middle and hit your nail with the blue tip of the cone, which is the hottest.

3. HIT ALL THE RIGHT SPOTS.

Heat your banger with the flame from the side of the base and at an angle.

4. KNOW WHAT'S IN YOUR TORCH.

Whether your torch is filled with butane or propane will influence your temp times because propane burns at a higher temperature.

5. CONSIDER YOUR SURROUNDINGS.

If the AC is blasting or a fan is on high your nail might require less cool-down time.

6. TAKE YOUR TIME.

This isn't the time to rush. While you're patiently waiting for your nail to cool you can load up your dabber to pass the time.

7. KNOW HOW TO RECOVER.

Reheats prevent wasting concentrates if your nail isn't hot enough. Simply heat your banger again with the carb cap on, and once vapor starts filling your bucket, take a hit.