

36" BAND SAW

WARNING

Because pressure has to be applied to a board as it is being cut (especially re-sawing), the board will SHOOT forward as it exits a cut. Do not have hands or fingers in line with the cut, as it will push them into the blade.

Notice: This machine is to be used for clean, dry wood only! Use the 14-inch band saw for green or wet wood.

Wear proper apparel. Do not wear gloves.

Wear proper eye protection.

Keep the floor and work area free of debris and tools.

Keep guard in place at all times. The blade-guard should be 1/8 to 1/4-inch above the work surface.

Keep upper and lower dust covers closed while the machine is running.

Maintain a balanced stance, do not over-reach, and ask for help on big jobs.

Be sure material being cut is free of nails, paint, etc.

Use blades that are clean, sharp, and in good condition. In our shop, most dull blades are simply dirty with gum and resin, and need to be cleaned. If wood is burning, the blade needs to be cleaned before use! Check with the supervisor if, after cleaning, the blade still will not cut.

Make all adjustments with the power disconnected from the source, including blade cleaning or changing, or other maintenance work.

Give your work undivided attention. Stop the operation if carrying on a conversation.

DO NOT ALLOW YOUR HANDS TO COME CLOSE TO THE BLADE. Remember the 3" rule. Do not push stock with hands in the direction of the feed. Use push sticks and feather boards where possible.

OPERATION

Open the gate and turn on dust collector.

Start machine and wait until it is running at full speed before cutting boards.

Plan your cuts carefully. Lay out work clearly. Use relief cuts and avoid back-outs.

Check with the supervisor if blade needs to be changed.

Be sure the band saw is stopped before leaving it.

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