

Table Saw

1. Employees will be properly and thoroughly trained before attempting to do any work with or on any table saw.
2. Read and understand the Operator's Manual before doing any work with the table saw.
3. Inspect the table saw before use every time.
 - a. Check the blade for chips or cracks, and make sure it is the correct type of blade for the material that you want to cut and adjusted to the appropriate height.
 - b. If the blade is chipped or cracked, replace it at once.
4. Make sure all guards are in place, good condition, attached securely, and used at all times.
5. Disconnect the power to the table saw when not using, before servicing, making adjustments, and when changing blades.
6. Keep all observers at a safe distance from the work area.
7. When using the table saw, at all times know where your hands and fingers are verses the saw blade.
8. Always keep the saw blade speed at high speed when entering material to be cut or removing it from a cut.
9. Never force a piece of material through the saw, as a "kick-back" of the material could result.
10. Keep the saw teeth sharp so they will cut; dull teeth are more likely to cause a kickback.
11. Always be watchful for blade-pinching situations.
12. Always use splitter and anti-kickback fingers when ripping.
13. Always hold the work firmly against the miter gage or fence.
14. Always use a push stick for ripping narrow stock.
15. Stand to one side, not in line with the saw cut when ripping.
16. Move the rip fence out of the way when cross cutting.
17. When cutting moldings, never run the stock between the fence and molding cutter-head.
18. Never use the fence as a cut-off gage when cross cutting.
19. Shut off power and clean the saw before you leave it.
20. Wear personal protective equipment when operating any table saw, including safety glasses or face shield.
 - a. Also, no loose clothing or jewelry will be worn.