

BANDSAW

DO NOT use this machine unless you have been instructed in its safe use and operation

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Safety glasses must be worn at all times in work areas.



Long and loose hair must be contained.



Gloves must not be worn when using this machine.



Sturdy footwear must be worn at all times in work areas.



Close fitting/protective clothing must be worn.



Rings and jewellery must not be worn.

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Check workspace and walkways to ensure no slip-hazards are present.
- ✓ Check that the all guards are in position.
- ✓ Locate and ensure you are familiar with the operation of the ON/OFF starter and E-Stop fitted).
- ✓ Ensure correct blade type is fitted for the task and in the correct direction. Only trained workshop staff are permitted to change the blade.
- ✓ Lower the blade guide and guard to full effect.
- ✓ Faulty equipment must not be used. Immediately report suspect machinery.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Never leave the machine running unattended.
- ✓ The workpiece should be fed forward evenly and held firmly on the table to ensure effective control during cutting whilst keeping hands in a safe position.
- ✓ Strong gloves are to be worn when feeding large sheets of material through this equipment.
- ✓ Use a push stick when feeding material past the blade.
- ✓ Do not force a wide blade on a cut of small radius. Use relief cuts when cutting sharp curves.
- ✓ Before making adjustments switch off the saw and bring the machine to a complete standstill.
- ✓ Stop the machine before attempting to back the work away from the blade.
- ✓ Stop the saw immediately if the blade develops a 'click'. Report it immediately.

ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEAN UP

- ✓ Switch off the saw, engage the E-stop and reset all guards to a fully closed position.
- ✓ Return all tooling and fixtures to the correct storage location.
- ✓ Display a completed "Equipment in Use" notice if the machine is set up and/or in use but unattended
- ✓ Leave the machine and work area in a safe, clean and tidy state after job is completed.
- ✓ Return surplus material to stock & dispose of waste material in an appropriate recycling or waste bin.

Refer to the Risk Assessment for further information.

If in doubt, ASK!

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POTENTIAL HAZARDS

-  Hair/clothing entanglement - rotating blade.
-  Eye injuries
-  Flying swarf/chips.
-  Sharp edges & burrs

DON'T

-  Do not use faulty equipment. Tag out of service and report any faulty machinery.
-  Attempt to cut very small items off-hand
-  Distract operator
-  Cut cylindrical or irregular stock off-hand
-  Remove or modify safety devices

This SOP does not necessarily cover all possible hazards associated with this equipment and should be used in conjunction with other references. It is designed as a guide to be used to compliment training and as a reminder to users prior to equipment use.

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