

SHAPER SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Be sure that the power switch is off before adjusting or setting up the shaper.
2. Check the direction of cutter rotation. The sharp leading edge of the cutter should be the first edge to touch the stock.
3. All set-ups must be inspected by the teacher before the power is turned on.
4. Always feed the stock against the direction of rotation of the cutter head. You must never back up the stock. If stock is fed in the same direction that the cutter head rotates, the stock will be jerked out of your hands.
5. Whenever possible, set up to cut on the bottom or table side of your stock. This setup procedure will keep the cutter head covered.
6. Do not shape stock less than 12 inches long.
7. When you shape straight edges of stock, always use a fence.
8. Whenever possible, use the spring hold-downs or feather boards to keep your stock against the fence and table. This will help in keeping your fingers away from the shaper's cutter head.
9. Shape irregular or curved edges against a collar attached to the spindle above the cutter head. This cutting operation must be approved by the instructor.
10. When shaping an irregular or curved edge, steady your stock by placing it against a starting pin. This setup will steady your work and will help keep your stock in contact with the cutter head.
11. Use a ring guard when shaping an irregular or curved edge.
12. Whenever you shape a board less than 4 inches wide, use push sticks along with feather boards or spring hold-downs.

If you are apprehensive about using this machine, have the instructor assist you.

Always wear approved eye protection while operating this machine.