

TABLE (CIRCULAR) SAW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. The saw blade should be raised no more than 1/8 inch above the stock.
2. The material edge that is held against the rip fence or miter gauge should be straight.
3. Be sure the blade does not contact the throat plate, the fence, or the guard before the power is turned on.
4. Clamp stop blocks to the table to prevent kickbacks before lowering material into the blade.
5. Do not use a dull blade. A dull blade tries to lift the work and throw it out of the machine. With a dull blade, you must push the work much harder and your hands are more likely to slip off of your work.
6. Resawing is not permitted on the table saw.
7. It is unsafe to cut round stock on the table (circular) saw.
8. Do not use both the rip fence and the miter gauge at the same time while cutting stock.
9. You must use a clearance block clamped to the fence for a stop block when using the miter gauge to make multiple cuts of the same length.
10. Use a push stick when ripping material less than 4 inches wide.
11. Ripping of any material less than 2 inches wide must be done by the instructor.
12. Do not stand in line with the blade while starting and operating the table (circular) saw.
13. Do not crowd or bind the saw blade. The work may break or be thrown from the machine and your hands may slip into the blade.
14. A helper, tailing off, should not pull stock that is passing through the saw.
15. Do not place hands in front of or over the blade.
16. Never try to clean scraps off of the table saw with your hands when the saw is running. If scraps (discarded cut material) must be cleared away, use a scrap piece of wood at least 10 inches long, or wait until the saw has come to a full stop.
17. You must always use the rip fence when ripping stock and the miter gauge when cross cutting stock. If you try to rip stock without using a fence, or cross cut without using a miter gauge, stock may be twisted or jammed and may be thrown out of the machine.
18. It is recommended that you use the radial arm saw to perform cross cutting procedures. The radial arm saw is safer and faster for cross cutting.
19. Any operation which requires a special set-up must be approved by the instructor prior to the start of the operation.

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

Always wear approved eye protection while operating this machine.