

Band Saw Safety

Follow these safety rules when using a band saw:

Use the correct blade. Choose the largest one with the coarsest teeth that will cut the stock cleanly. Make sure it is sharp and in good condition.

Before operating the saw, check the blade for proper tension and proper mounting. The teeth should point down on the downward stroke.

Be sure the wheels turn clockwise as viewed from the front of the saw. The arrow on the motor pulley indicates the direction of rotation.

Be sure the wheel guards are closed before turning on the machine.

Adjust the upper guide assembly so it is 1/4 inch above the stock.

Hold the stock flat on the table.

Cut cylindrical (round) stock by holding it in a special "V" fixture.

Allow the saw to reach full speed before starting the cut.

Keep your fingers at least 2 inches from the side of the blade. Never put your fingers in front of the blade.

Feed work into the saw blade firmly and at a rate that will not overload the saw.

Keep from twisting the blade or crowding it beyond its cutting capacity.

If you need to back the saw blade out of a long cut, first turn off the power and allow the machine to come to a full stop.

Clear away scraps close to the saw blade with a stick, not with your fingers.

Stop the band saw before making any adjustments.