

SOP – Band Saw Safety

Pre-Use Precautions:

- Do not use this machine unless you're trained and qualified to use it safely.
- Inspect the saw for damage, disrepair, or missing parts. Make sure all shields and guards are securely in place. If the saw fails the pre-use inspection, notify the shop supervisor immediately.

Operating Precautions:

- Wear proper personal protection equipment when using a band saw, including safety glasses or goggles and hearing protection,
- Inspect the band saw for damage or disrepair.
- Adjust the saw blade for tightness and tracking.
- Adjust blade guard height to about an 1/8 inch above the top of the material being cut.
- Clear the saw table of all materials and objects before starting the band saw.
- Keep hands and fingers at least two inches from the band saw blade.
- Never start the band saw with the workpiece against the blade.
- Hold stock firmly and flat on the table to prevent the stock from turning and drawing your fingers against the blade. Keep hands braced against the table.
- Use a push stick when cutting small workpieces.
- Never force a workpiece. If the workpiece does not feed smoothly, turn the band saw off and back the workpiece away from the jammed or uncompleted cut.
- Turn off the band saw and wait for the blade to stop before cleaning scrap material from the band saw table.
- Turn off the band saw and disconnect the power source prior to making saw adjustments, changing accessories, or making repairs.
- Clean the band saw table and work area upon completion of the sawing tasks.
- Do not leave a saw running unattended. Turn off the power and make sure the machine has stopped running before leaving the area.
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