

SAFETY CLIPS

Table Saw Inspection

Items to inspect: (✓ = okay x = correction needed)

- () Housekeeping around saw
- () Set up on dry/level/stable surface
- () Guards in place
- () Abrasions, cuts, splices in power cord
- () Set up away from heavy traffic areas
- () Power cord connectors in good condition
- () Employees trained to operate table saw
- () Unattended saw turned off and unplugged
- () Kick back area clear of traffic
- () Fire extinguisher readily available
- () Personal protective equipment readily available and good condition
- () GFCI circuit inspected daily (new construction)
- () Check for trip, slip or fall hazards around saw
- () Indoor operation has proper ventilation or filtration system
- () Table saw inspected for serviceability – Unfit saw red tagged and taken out of operation

Unsafe activity to watch for:

- () Not using personal protective equipment
- () Operating saw on unstable platform
- () Allowing scrap and debris to build up
- () Not containing or controlling long hair
- () Wearing loose jewelry
- () Not maintaining a safety zone around saw
- () Operating saw without formal training
- () Operating saw within 'kick back' zone
- () Working too large of stock without help
- () Not using table extension for long boards
- () Pushing material through rather than feeding material through saw blade
- () Not using push stick or push block when feeding material close to blade

Other safety issues noted:

Corrective Actions Taken:

Inspector: _____ Date: _____



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Table Saw Safety

- Only trained employees are to operate table saw
 - Use personal protective equipment (hearing & eye protection)
 - Wear proper work clothing
 - Inspect the table saw before operating
 - Disconnect power before changing blades or inspecting blade
 - Never operate table saw while standing on unstable platform/ground
 - Do not stand in 'kick back' zone
 - Keep your hand and body parts away from the blade (use push stick/block)
 - Do not crowd the saw – a blade in good condition will cut stock with little effort
 - Maintain good housekeeping around the saw and work platform
 - Do not wear loose jewelry and contain long hair
 - Get help with long stock or heavy stock
 - Use table extensions when stock requires
 - Do not operate saw if under the influence of drugs or alcohol or if fatigued
 - Red tag equipment if unsafe or not working properly and report it to supervisor/foreman
- Check GFCI circuit daily when using temporary electrical feeds

Post Training Questions:

Why do you have to be formally trained to operate a table saw?
Why should a table saw be disconnected before changing a blade?
Is it okay to have a helper hold on to stock being fed rather than using a table extension?
What personal protective equipment should be worn while operating a table saw?

Safety Recommendations by Employees:

Employees in Attendance:

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_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

Instructor name: _____ Date: _____

Note: This material represents additional resource information for periodic site inspections and employee safety training. It is not intended to meet all mandated compliance issues.



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