

Table Saw Revision General Industry Safety Orders Woodworking Machines and Equipment

4297. Definitions. - New

Push stick - A narrow strip of wood or other soft material with a notch cut into one end which is used to push pieces of material through woodworking machines

Table Saw. A machine designed to use a circular saw blade mounted on an arbor below the work support means which can be stationary or moving or a combination of both. A guiding means is used for all operations when manually feeding the stock. The arbor or its support means can be fixed, or be capable of being tilted at an angle to the work support means of less than 90 degrees to each other

4300. Circular Ripsaws – Manual Feed (Class B)

(f) Push sticks or push blocks shall be provided at the work place in several sizes and types suitable for the work to be done

4300.1 Table Saws – Manual Feed (Class B)

(a) Each hand-fed table saw shall be guarded by a hood which completely encloses that portion of the saw blade above the table and that portion of the blade above the material being cut

(1) The hood shall automatically adjust itself to the thickness of and remain in contact with the material being cut at the point where the stock encounters the saw blade, or

(2) The hood may be fixed or manually adjusted hood or guard provided the space between the bottom of the guard and the material being cut does not exceed ¼ inch

(b) Except when crosscutting, grooving, dadoing, or rabbeting, a spreader shall be provided and fastened securely to the saw. It shall be designed and installed in accordance with the provisions of Section 4296

(c) Ripping operations shall comply with the following requirements in addition to those subsections (a) and (b):

(1) The hood or other guard shall be so designed as to prevent a “kickback,” or a separate attachment that will prevent a “kickback” shall be provided. “Anti-kickback” devices shall be designed to be effective for all thickness of material

(2) **Push sticks or push blocks shall be provided at the work place in several sizes and types suitable for the work to be done**

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