

Grocery Market and Restaurant Band Saw Safety



Employees are not authorized to use band saws unless they have completed safety use and operation training. Potential hazards include contact with the blade, entanglement and projectile parts. For optimal operator safety, ensure the following measures are followed each time the equipment is used:

- Inspect machine prior to operation.
 - Are door locks and latches functional?
 - Is the unused portion of the blade guarded above the work table?
 - Is the unused portion of the blade guarded below the work table?
 - Is the electrical cord/plug in acceptable condition?
 - Is the machine secured to prevent tipping/moving?
- Set guard as low as possible.
- Ensure blade tension is correct.
- Keep palms on table and fingers away from cutting zone.
- Keep meat flat on the table and exert proper cutting force.
- Turn machine off when complete.
- Keep machine clean and clear of objects.
- Use lockout-tagout procedures when changing blade or performing other maintenance.
- Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry and keep hair up during operation.
- Never force an object into the band saw.
- Never reach around the blade or under the blade housing.
- Do not open the case before the blade stops spinning.

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