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Model 301

SINGLE SPEED
BANDSAWING
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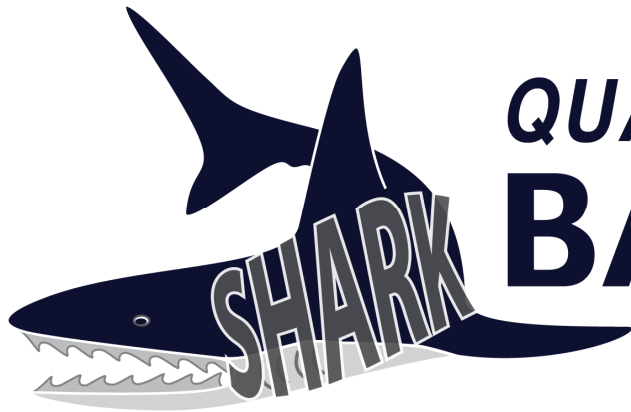
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PART NUMBER STRG – UPPER – £82.50+vat
 PART NUMBER STRG – LOWER – £79.50+vat

These precision roller guides are manufactured in the UK specifically for the older Startrite models 301 – 351 – 352, refer to the chart below for all models and recommended blade widths.

There is NO drilling, filing or any modification required unlike many cheap after market guides currently on the market.

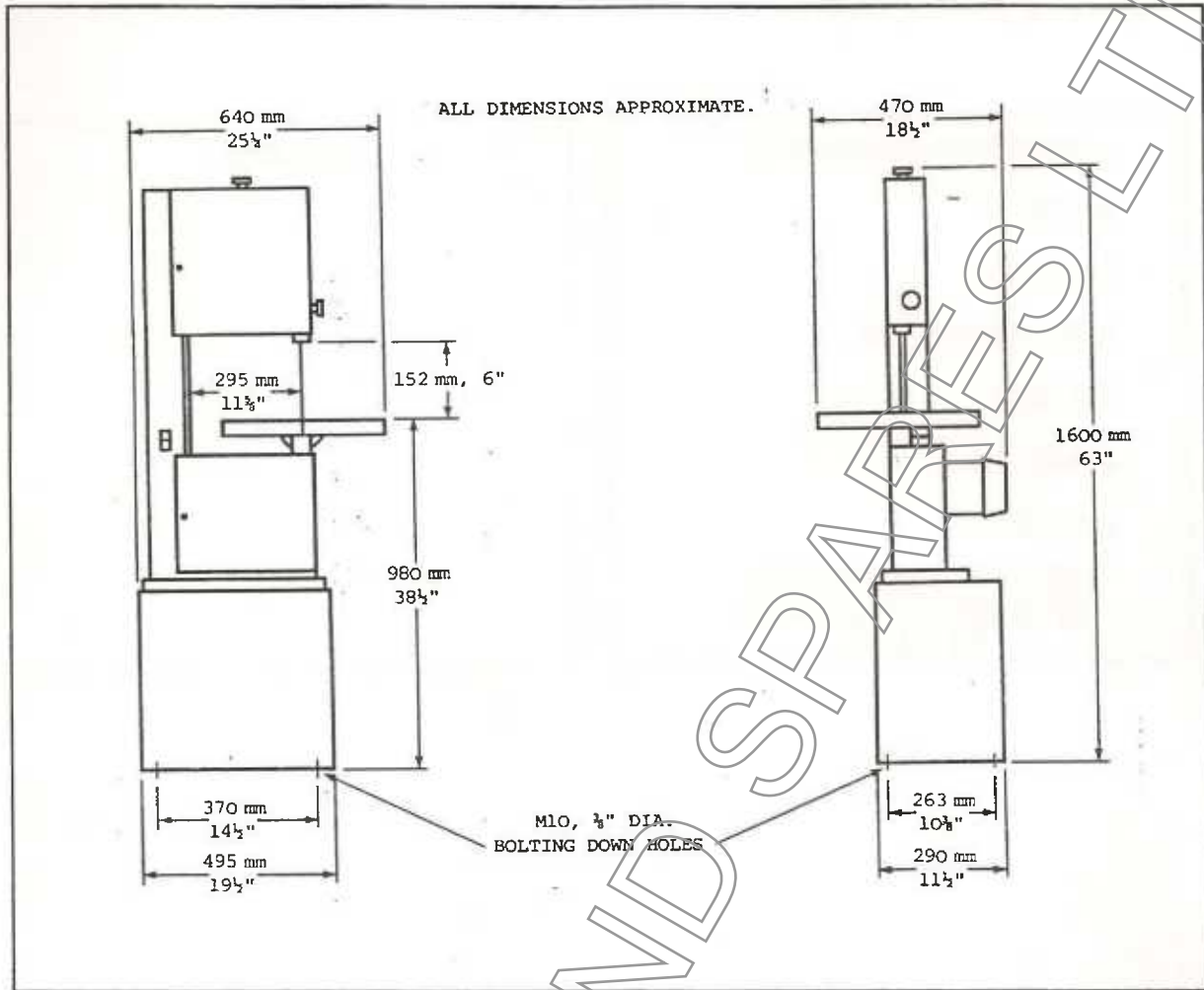
Manufactured in steel and aluminium, these guides will make a very good saw even better, they give superb blade control have low heat generation to the blade and produce no sparks.

Both side support rollers and thrust roller are adjusted by a cam system giving precision setting longer, and allows full contact to the blade, this eliminates any blade twist, cutting contours will particularly appreciate the blade control.

Although available as upper and lower guide assemblies some customers may only wish to change the upper set as this takes on 80% of the work.

STARTRITE MODEL	STRG – UPPER RECOMMENDED BLADE WIDTH		STRG – LOWER RECOMMENDED BLADE WIDTH	
	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN
301,301E,301S	5/8"	1/4"	1/2"	1/4"
351,351E,351SE,351S	3/4"	1/4"	1/2"	1/4"
352,352S	3/4"	1/4"	1/2"	1/4"
RS1 (Sold Under The Record Power Range)	5/8"	1/4"	1/2"	1/4"
RS2 (Sold Under The Record Power Range)	3/4"	1/4"	1/2"	1/4"

FOUNDATION PLAN FOR MODEL 301 BANDSAWING MACHINE



SPECIFICATION

Model 301	-	Single Speed Bandsawing Machine	
Blade Speed	-	3000 ft/min	915 m/min
Wheel Diameter	-	12"	305 mm
Motor	-	0.75 H.P. 0.55kW	960 R.P.M.
Electric Supply	-	220/240 Volt	1 Phae 50Hz
Blade Length	-	88"	2235mm
Max. Blade Width	-	5/8"	16mm
Weight	-	148 lbs	67 kg

FOR BEST RESULTS USE 'STARTRITE' SAW BLADES

WHEN ORDERING PARTS, PLEASE STATE;-

- 1 Machine Model and Serial Number
- 2 Part Number (where applicable) and Description
- 3 Quantity required
- 4 Specify power supply for electrical components

NOTE: ILLUSTRATIONS MAY VARY IN DETAIL, ACCORDING TO MODEL

HEALTH & SAFETY

Ensure that you fully understand this instruction manual and have received sufficient training in the use of this machine and the particular safety precautions to be observed.

Persons under the age of 18 years should not operate this machine, except under supervision during a course of training.

BEFORE OPERATING THIS MACHINE ENSURE THAT:

All guards and fences are securely fitted and correctly set in accordance with the current Regulations.

Tooling is of correct type, securely fastened, sharp and direction of rotation is appropriate.

Correct spindle speed and feed is selected (for the cutter equipment).

Loose clothing is either removed or fastened and jewellery removed.

Suitable jigs and push sticks are available for use where appropriate.

The working area is clean and unobstructed.

Extraction equipment is switched on, properly adjusted and working efficiently.

Suitable protective equipment is available, e.g. goggles, ear defenders and dust mask.

WHEN SETTING, CLEANING AND MAINTAINING THIS MACHINE:

Ensure all moving parts of the machine are stationary before setting, cleaning or making any adjustments.

Report immediately to a person in authority, any machine malfunction or operator hazard. Do not attempt to repair the machine unless competent to do so.

The electrical equipment must be installed and used in accordance with the instructions contained in this manual. Regular inspection and safety tests must be undertaken by a competent person. Ensure all power sources are isolated before any maintenance work commences.

If the operator is likely to be subjected to noise levels greater than specified in the Noise At Work Regulation 1989, then a Noise Test Record Sheet will be included in this manual.

NOISE TEST RECORD SHEET

This information is provided in accordance with The Health & Safety Executive
Noise At Work Regulations 1989

MACHINE TYPE: 301

MOUNTING CONDITION:
FREE STANDING ON CONCRETE FLOOR

BACKGROUND READING dB(A): 49

TEST	MATERIAL	CUTTER SPEED	MAX. dB (A)
1	FREE RUN	915 M/MIN	81
2	65 X 65 SOFTWOOD	915 M/MIN	90
3	140 X 45 MAHOGANY	915 M/MIN	87
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5			
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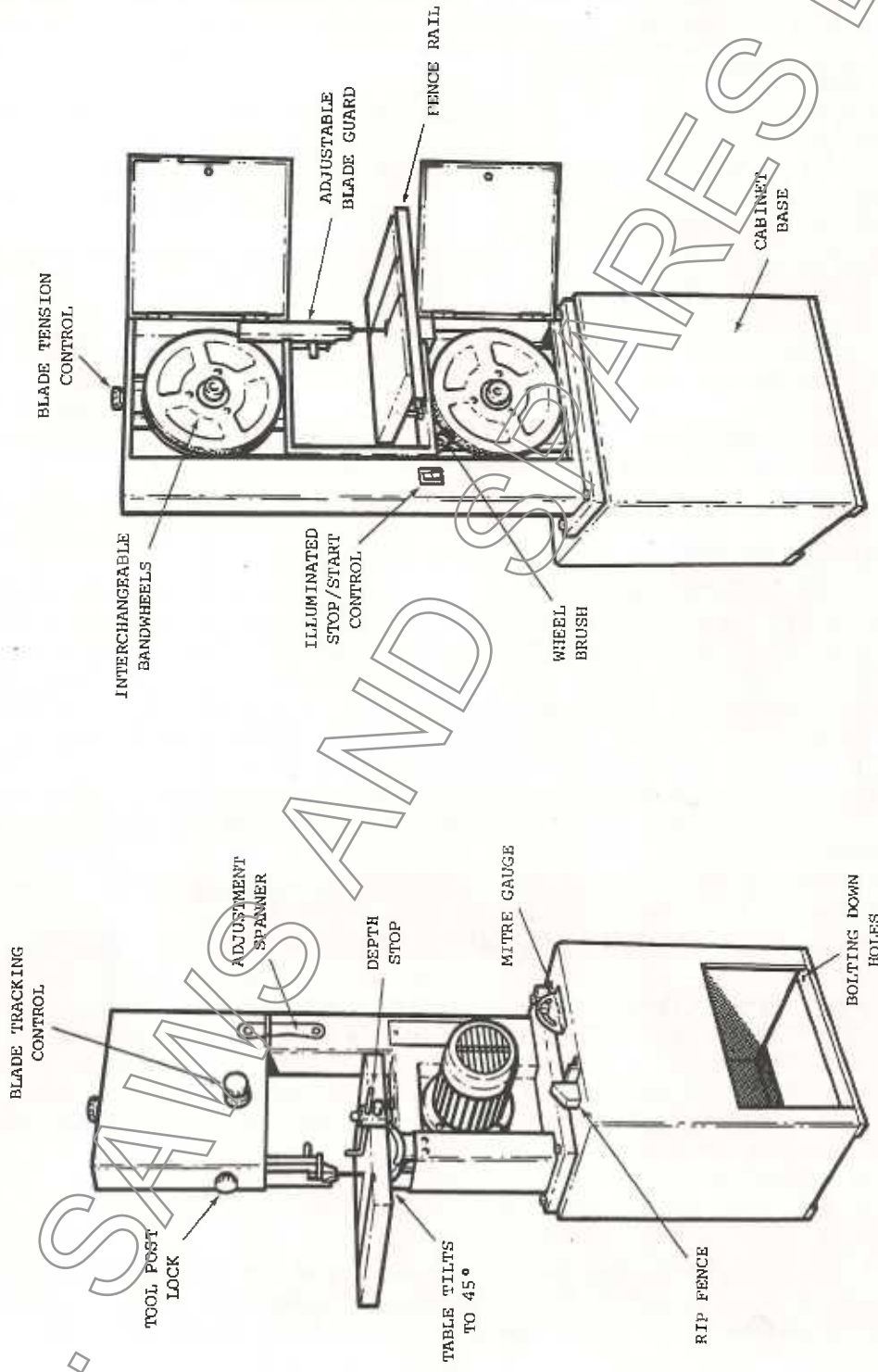
MAXIMUM dB(A) NOISE LEVEL READINGS ARE TAKEN
WITHIN 1 METRE OF THE MACHINE
& AT A HEIGHT OF 1.5 METRES.

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GENERAL LAYOUT OF MODEL 301 BANDSAWING MACHINE.

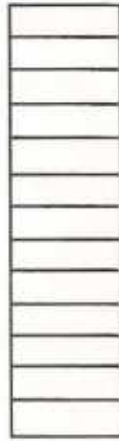
ASSEMBLING BANDSAWING MACHINE.

CAUTION: Motor must not be switched on unless the machine is fully assembled according to the instructions below.

- 1 Remove contents from carton. Check and identify parts from Check List below before attempting to assemble machine.

CHECK LIST:

Bandsaw Machine
Cabinet Base
Table, Cradle & Fence Rail
Mitre Gauge
circle Cutting Attachment
Depth Stop
Rip Fence
Adjustment Spanner
4 Hex Hd Screws
4 Hex Nuts
4 Std Washers
4 Shakeproof Washers
4 6942 Special Washers



- 2 If the machine is to be used without dust extraction proceed to step No.3.

If the Coupling Adaptor (Part No.SM1393) has been ordered to enable the Extractor Unit to be used with the bandsawing machine, proceed as follows:-

- A Connect and secure one end of flexible hose to adaptor plate using hose clip supplied.
- B Place flexible hose through aperture in cabinet base and secure using 4 self tapping screws supplied (see Fig.2).
- C Secure connecting pipe to other end of flexible hose using clip supplied ready for coupling direct to 'CYCLAIR' Extractor Unit.

- 1 Place bandsaw machine onto cabinet base with front of machine facing plain side of cabinet base as shown in Fig.3. Align holes in cabinet base with holes in bandsaw base and secure using 4 Hex. Hd. Screws 4 Hex. Nuts and 8 Std. Washers supplied.

4 On table locating stud 'A' (see Fig.4), remove hex. nut, std. washer and table clamp. On underside of table, slacken off four hex. screws 'B' and remove fencerail. Carefully place table and cradle over stud 'A' taking care not to damage the saw blade, and locate cradle onto cradle tilt plates. Secure in place using table clamp (curved edge downwards), washer and hex. nut.

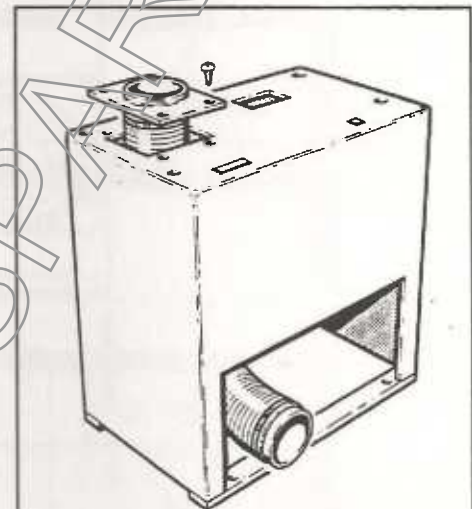


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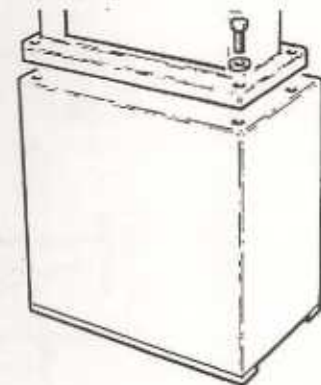
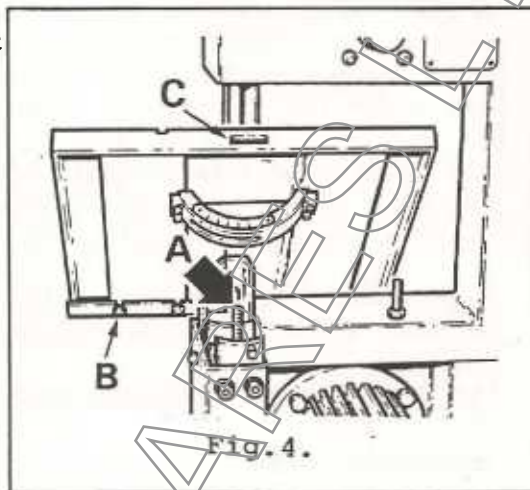


Fig. 3.

ASSEMBLING BANDSAWING MACHINE (CONTINUED) .

- 5 Re-assemble fence rail to table, and with 4 hex. screws 'B' (see Fig.4) only hand-tight, place rip fence onto rail so that fence is close to slot in table. Align rail so that fence is true to slot and tighten 4 hex. screws.
- 6 Secure depth stop to rear edge of table through slot 'C' (see Fig.4) and secure in place using coach bolt, std. washer and wing nut supplied with depth stop.

The machine is now ready to be installed and connected to the electricity supply. Before doing so, read the Operating Safety Precautions below.



OPERATING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS .

BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE THE MACHINE, BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE CONTROLS AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS.

Before starting the machine, check that it is safe to do so. Make sure that all guards are in place and keep guards in place when sawing. Never at any time make an adjustment to any part of the machine while the saw blade is in motion.

Adjust and secure table before loading workpiece. Position the top guides as close as possible to the workpiece.

Hold small or unstable workpiece by means of a clamp or other device. Keep hands clear of the saw blade at all times.

Keep the machine table and work area free from tools and off-cuts.

Use only a saw blade that is in good condition and suitable for the work in hand. A saw blade that is distorted, or has mis-shapen teeth is unsafe and should be discarded. Use care in uncoiling and installing new saw blades as the teeth are very sharp. It is advisable to wear gloves when handling saw blades. Do not leave saw blades on the floor.

Always stop the machine before leaving it unattended and isolate machine from mains supply.

Dust Extraction Equipment (Optional Extra) may be advantageous, particularly when some hardwoods are being sawn, to reduce pollution of the atmosphere. Some materials, such as asbestos, give off toxic fumes and dust when machined, and in such cases it is necessary to seek expert advice as to the method of extraction.

INSTALLATION .

Site the machine with adequate working space around it for ease of use. Avoid siting the machine in a cramped corner where operation may prove difficult or near a gangway where a long workpiece may cause an obstruction. The whole working area should be well illuminated and the floor around the machine provided with a level and non-slip surface.

INSTALLATION (CONTINUED)

A bench or table space, near the machine to accommodate work in progress will prove a real asset. Bandsaw blades tend to get tangled and damaged if hung from a hook or stacked on the floor, therefore cupboard space provided adjacent to the machine will protect saw blades in storage and encourage the operator to select a suitable saw blade for the job.

The cabinet base is provided with four bolting down holes to accept 10 mm (3/8") diameter bolts (not supplied). Where bolting down is required, ensure that the machine stands firm and level.

Remove the anti-rust protective coating where applied, and in particular from the working elements of the machine.

CONNECTION TO THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

IMPORTANT : Check that the electricity supply voltage is suitable for operation of the machine. (Voltage stamped on Serial Plate).

The machine will operate on 220 - 240 volt single phase 50Hz. supply.

At rear of machine remove electrical cover plate by means of one screw (see Fig.5). Pass supply lead through cable entry nut in cover plate and link live supply lead to terminal L, neutral supply lead to terminal N and earth lead to terminal E (see Fig.7). Replace electrical cover plate and tighten gland nut on cable entry nut.

Connection can be made to a 13 amp ring main circuit by wiring the supply lead to a 13 amp fused plug as shown in Fig.6, taking care to protect the cable from mechanical damage.

IMPORTANT: IN ALL CASES THE MACHINE MUST BE EFFECTIVELY EARTHED.

Recommended cable size : 1.5 sq.mm
Fuse rating : 13 amp.

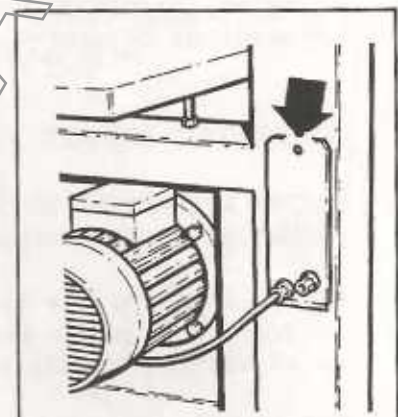
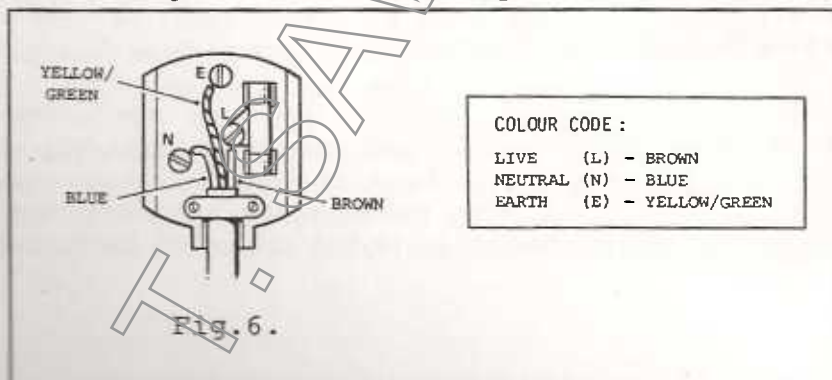


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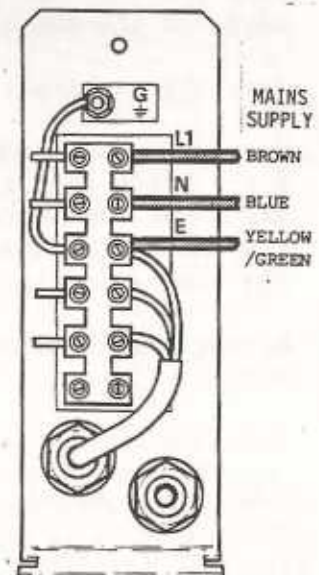


Fig. 7.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS.

SETTING UP THE MACHINE / FITTING A NEW SAWBLADE :

Select a saw blade suitable for the work in hand, see Chart on page 11.

Open both bandwheel doors, remove upper and lower blade guards and rip fence rail. Lower the top bandwheel by turning the blade tension control handle 'A' (see Fig.8) anti-clockwise and remove saw blade.

Place selected saw blade over both bandwheels with the teeth facing forward and downward through the table as shown in Fig.9. Apply only sufficient blade tension to remove the slack. It is important that both the top and bottom guides are set back clear of the saw blade so that it is not deflected and follows a true path between the bandwheels.

At rear of machine slacken off knurled locking ring 'B' (see Fig.8). Rotate the bandwheels by hand and at the same time operate the blade tracking control handknob 'C' so that the saw blade runs approximately central on the bandwheels, see Fig.10. When saw blade is tracked correctly hold handknob 'C' and lock using knurled locking ring 'B'.

To tension saw blade simply turn blade tension control handwheel 'A' clockwise until saw blade is taut.

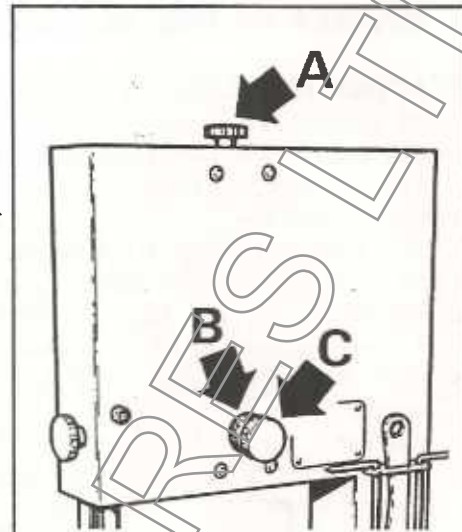


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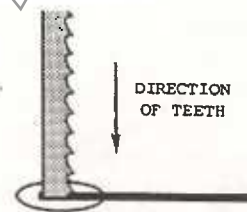


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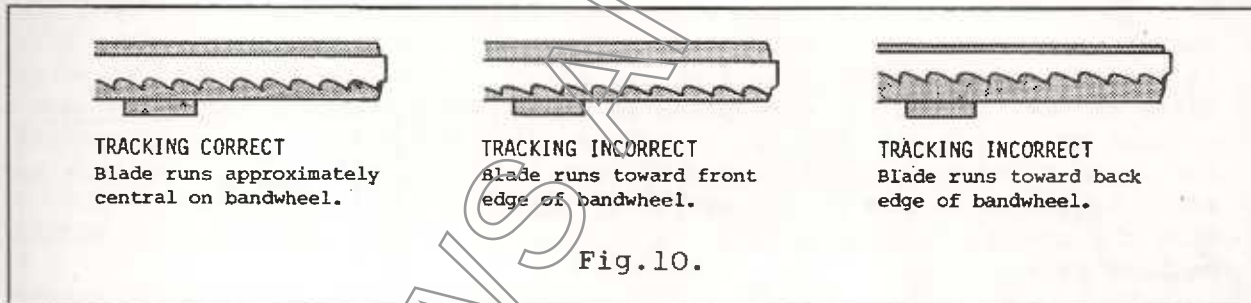


Fig. 10.

It is important that the guides are set to offer maximum support to the saw blade without deflection, and to permit maximum engagement with the flanks of the saw blade without snagging the set of the teeth, see Fig.11.

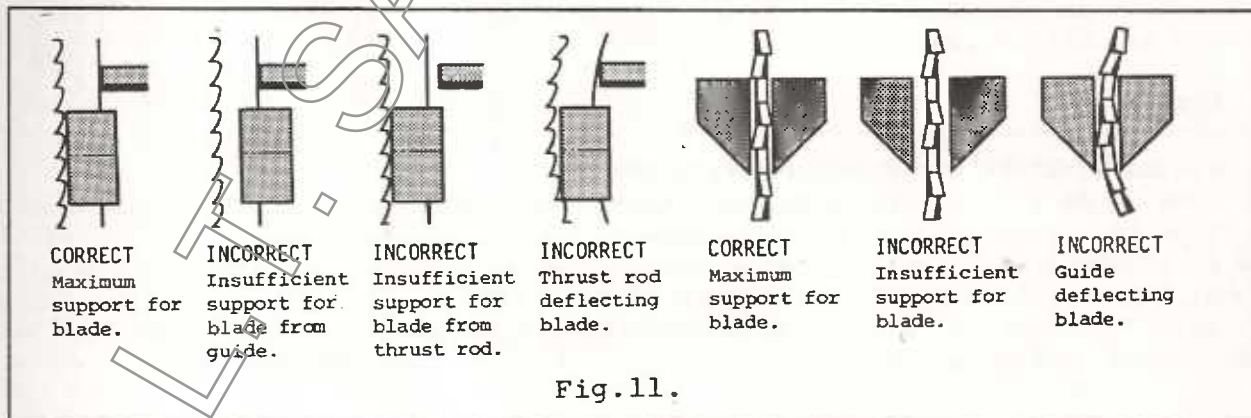


Fig. 11.

SETTING UP THE MACHINE / FITTING A NEW SAW BLADE (CONTINUED)

Adjust the guide to support the saw blade in its natural path with the minimum of side clearance (0.002" to 0.004"). A quick and positive method of setting the guides is to position one guide block to just contact the saw blade, then adjust the second guide block to contact the saw blade plus a piece of (single thickness) newspaper.

Set the thrust rod to support the back edge of the saw blade when finger pressure is applied to the blade teeth. There should be a small gap (0.010" approximately) between the saw blade and the thrust rod.

After adjusting the top and bottom guides, rotate the handwheels by hand to ensure that the saw blade runs free and that all adjustments have been correctly carried out.

Replace upper and lower blade guards and close both handwheel doors. Replace rip fence rail with securing screws only hand-tight. Place rip fence onto rail so that fence is close to slot in table. Align rail so that fence is true to slot and tighten securing screws.

TABLE

The table can be tilted to any angle up to 45 degrees. To tilt table slacken off trunnion nut using spanner provided (see Fig 12). Tilt table and align pointer with protractor scale for required angle and tighten nut. The machine is fitted with a setting stud, make sure the table rests firmly against the stud when resetting the table to zero.

BLADE GUARDS

The upper blade guard is fully adjustable and must be kept in position when the machine is in use. The guard height should be set as close as possible to the work piece by means of tool post lock (see Fig 13).

The lower blade guard is designed to give under table protection at all angles of table tilt and must be kept in position when the machine is in use.

TOOLS

A tool storage bracket is supplied at the rear of the machine (see Fig 13) to accommodate the adjustable spanner, depth stop rod and circle cutting rod when not in use.

CUTTING

Before starting the machine, check that is safe to do so. Make sure that all necessary adjustments have been completed and all guards are in position and secure. The switch incorporates overload protection. If the machine is overloaded the switch will automatically cut-out and stop the machine. In such cases remove workpiece, wait a few minutes and re-start the machine allowing it to run without any load. Proceed as before but using less force.

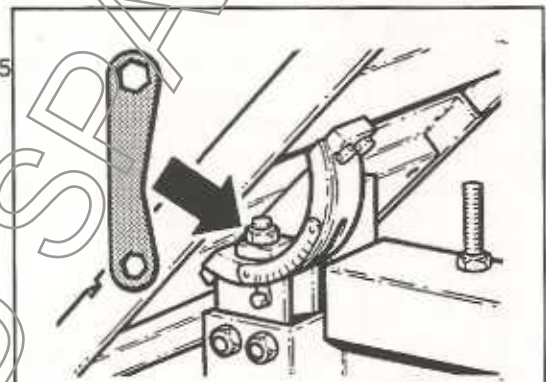


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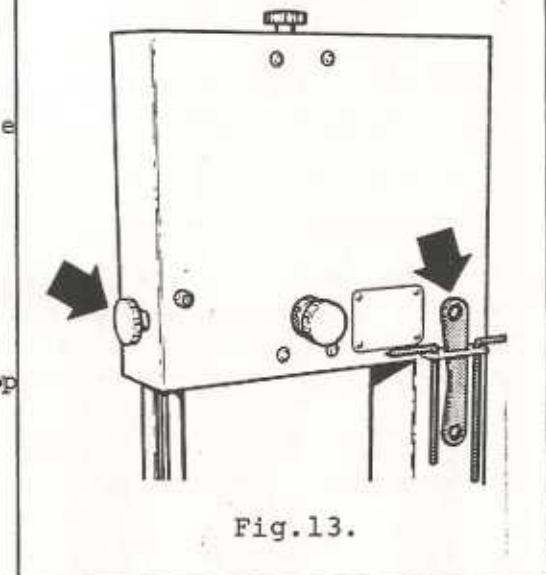


Fig.13.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (CONTINUED).

RIP FENCE & DEPTH STOP:

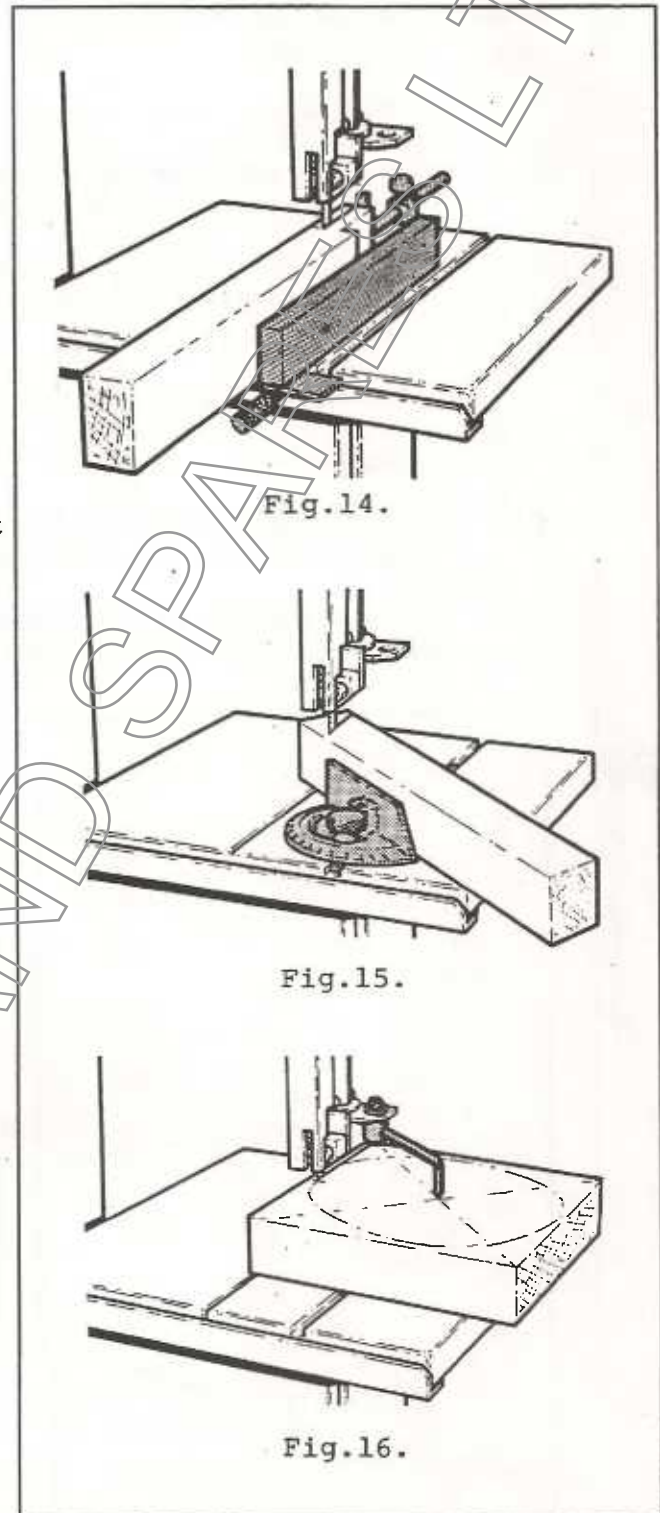
Fig.14 shows the rip fence and depth stop in use. They are very useful accessories which widens the scope of the machine considerably, as apart from straightforward ripping it makes possible the production of tenons of consistent thickness. When cutting several tenons of the same thickness, set the fence and depth stop, produce the required shoulder dimension and make a single saw cut in each piece, so as to produce one flank of the tenon. Re-set the fence to produce a tenon of the correct thickness, making sure that the same face of the workpiece is against the fence as when making the first cut. In this way, any variation in the width of the workpiece will not affect the finished width of the tenon. With the rod removed, the depth stop can be swung aside when not required.

MITRE GAUGE:

Fig.15 shows the mitre gauge in use on the machine. Locate mitre gauge into slot in table, set to required angle and position workpiece. Start machine, hold workpiece firmly against mitre gauge and slide along slot in table. Compound mitres are also possible by setting both mitre gauge and table tilt as required.

CIRCLE CUTTING ATTACHMENT:

Select a saw blade to suit the circle to be sawn (see Chart on page 15). The circle cutting attachment is secured to the guide post plate as shown in Fig.16. This makes repetition cutting of blanks easy as the whole unit is raised and lowered on the guide post, thus avoiding disturbing the setting of the rod. The blanks should be made in the shape of a square just a little larger than the diameter of the proposed circle and the centre and diameter marked. It is important that the centre of the circle is level with the front edge of the saw blade. To achieve this place rip fence against blade, mark position of front of blade on top of fence and move fence so that distance between blade and fence is equal to required radius. Set rod to mark on fence and secure in place. Remove rip fence and raise tool post so rod is clear of workpiece. Produce cut parallel with one side of square and stop when cut meets drawn circle as shown in Fig.16. Lower guide post until point on rod touches workpiece at centre of circle, tap rod gently into workpiece, lock tool post and cut out complete circle.



MAINTENANCE .

NOTE: ATTENTION TO MAINTENANCE WILL BE REPAID BY MANY YEARS' TROUBLE-FREE OPERATING.

MONTHLY:

- 1 - Remove embedded chips from bandwheel tyres, check for wear and replace as necessary. Adjust wheel brush as required.
- 2 - Clean and check upper and lower blade guide assemblies. Replace worn parts as required. Check guide settings, and adjust if necessary (see pages 7 & 8).

Clean and lubricate working parts as required.

GENERAL:

- 3 - Frequently check that dust outlets in base of machine are not clogged and clean out as necessary.

The bearings on the upper bandwheel are pre-packed with grease and do not require further lubrication

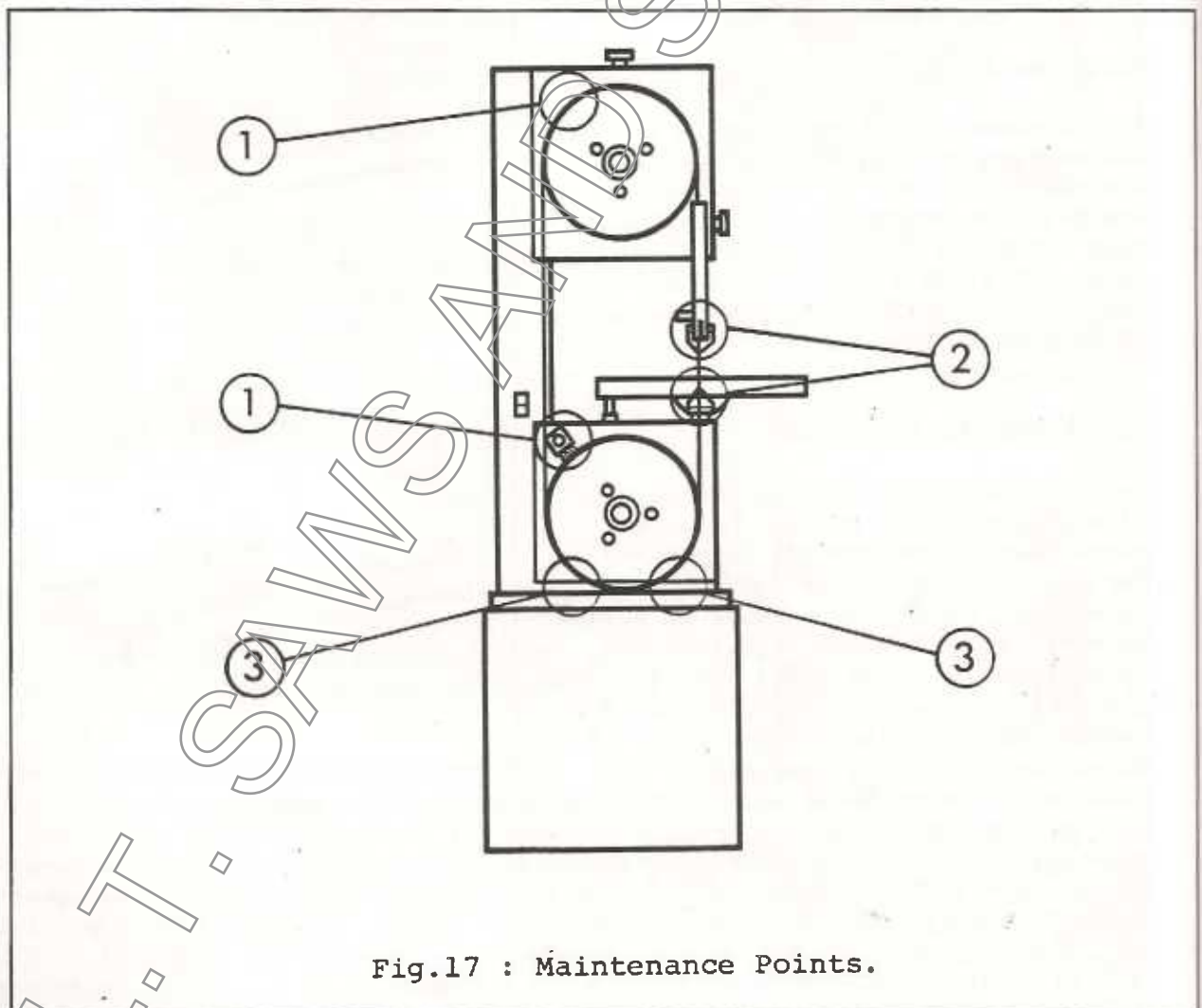


Fig.17 : Maintenance Points.

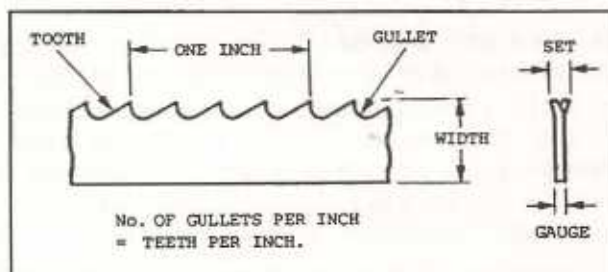
SAW TYPE SELECTION CHART

MATERIAL	UNDER 6mm (1/4")	6mm (1/4") TO 12mm (1/2")	12mm (1/2") TO 25mm (1")	OVER 25mm (1")
ALUMINIUM SECTIONS	18R	10R	8R	6S
BAKELITE	14R	10R	6R	3S
BONE	10R	8R	6R	3S
CARDBOARD CORRUGATED	SC	SC	SC	SC
CHIPBOARD		6S	3S	3S
CORK	14R	6R	3R	3R
FIBRE BOARD	18R	14R		
FORMICA	18R			
HARDBOARD	10R			
LEATHER	14R			
LINEN	KN	KN	SC	SC
PAPER - SHEET	10R	6S		
PAPER - TISSUE	SC	SC	SC	
PAPER MACHE	KN	10R		
PERSPEX	14R	10R		
PLYWOOD	10R	8R	6S	3S
STRAWBOARD	14R	10R	8S	6S
WOOD - LOG				3S
WOOD - HARD & SOFT	6S	3S	3S	3S

NUMBERS DENOTE TEETH PER INCH R = REGULAR TOOTH S = SKIP TOOTH
 SC = SCALLOPED EDGE KN = KNIFE EDGE

BANDSAW BLADES.

An understanding of the design and application of the various types of saw blades obtainable is essential if the bandsawing technique is to be fully exploited. Selection of the most suitable saw blade for the job is very important as a poor choice can lead to much wasted time and money.



BANDSAW BLADES (CONTINUED)

TOOTH PITCH is important if optimum blade performance is to be obtained. Tooth pitch is determined mainly on the basis of material thickness and to some extent on material hardness. For a given material thickness, a tough or abrasive material will require more teeth in engagement than a soft ductile one. Too many teeth in engagement will decrease the tooth loading to the point where the teeth cannot penetrate the material and so skid across the cutting face.

TOOTH FORM refers to the profile of the tooth. The two most popular styles are regular tooth and skip tooth as shown in the illustrations.

REGULAR TOOTH is the standard style for most saw blades. The zero front rake and well rounded gullets present a robust tooth with good shock resistance and work penetration properties. It will produce accurate fine finish work in most hard materials but tends to clog when used on soft materials. Standard pitches are 6, 8, 10, 14 & 18 teeth per inch.

SKIP TOOTH form is similar to the regular tooth form but alternate teeth are omitted, a design which allows greater gullet capacity without unduly weakening the body of the blade. providing the thickness of the material permits, a skip tooth saw blade will give best performance on aluminium and soft alloys. Standard pitches are 3, 4 & 6 teeth per inch.

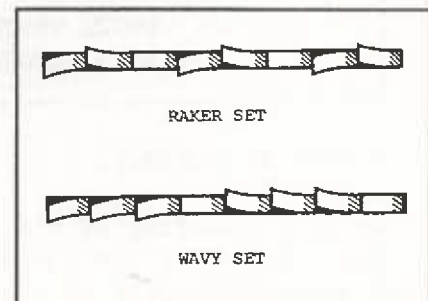
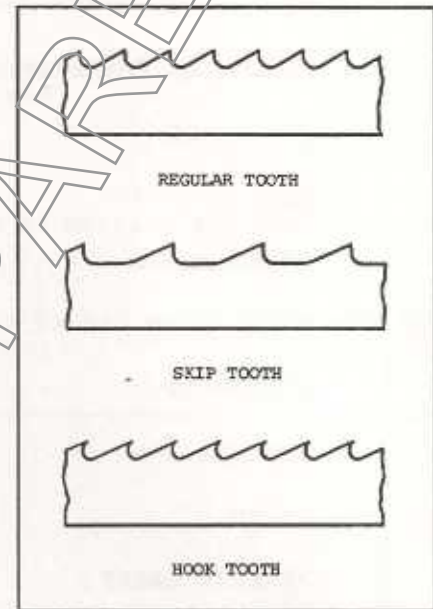
HOOK TOOTH form has positive front rake which considerably assists work penetration and hence produces faster cutting times on harder materials. The coarse pitch and large gullets associated with this type of saw blade make it particularly suitable for sawing deep sections. However, it is not recommended for use on abrasive materials. Standard pitches are 2, 3, 4 & 6 teeth per inch.

TOOTH SET is the angling of the saw blade teeth so that the tips protrude beyond the body of the saw blade. The width of the saw cut produced provides the working clearance necessary for the body of the saw blade and permits some degree of steering to negotiate curves.

STANDARD SET teeth are set alternately to the left and to the right, a style which is popular for cutting soft materials and wood.

RAKER SET saw blades have one tooth set to the left and one tooth set to the right, followed by one unset tooth. This style of set is widely used and is to be preferred for contour sawing.

WAVY SET saw blades have the teeth alternately set to the left and right in groups or waves. With this formation of tooth set, relatively few teeth are cutting at the side of the kerf and therefore there is some tendency for the saw blade to jam when sawing abrasive materials.



BANDSAW BLADES (CONTINUED)

SAW GAUGE is the actual thickness of the body of the saw blade. Some manufacturers produce special gauge saw blades for specific purposes, but generally saw blades up to and including 1/2" wide are .020" thick and 5/8" wide are .032" thick.

KNIFE EDGE bands are suitable for cutting soft materials such as woven fabrics, sponge, rubber, and corrugated cardboard. Where the nature of the material is fibrous and difficult to sever, wavy or scalloped edge blades are better as the teeth provide a more positive cutting action. Typical applications are cutting cork, filter elements and felt etc. Because these bands separate the material, no dust or swarf is produced and a smooth finish is usually obtained.

Sometimes even though the machine appears to be in good working condition, the saw blade persists in wandering from the true path of the cut. This is usually due to the workpiece being forced into the saw blade at a greater pace than the saw blade can cope with, or the teeth of the blade are not evenly sharpened and set. Repeat the cut using less feed pressure. If this does not cure the trouble, replace the saw blade.

NOTE : 'Hardedge' saw blades cannot be resharpened, but the teeth of wood cutting saw blades may be dressed by the following method :-

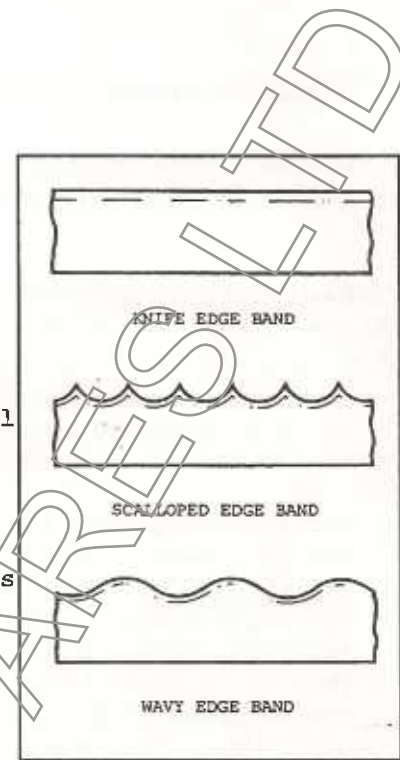
The saw blade should be sharpened square across and without hook, i.e. the front face of the hook square to the flank of the saw blade. The stroke of the file should be one smooth movement using the whole cutting length of the file and maintaining even pressure from start to finish. Mark the starting point for easy identification and proceed around the saw blade using one stroke per tooth. Should one stroke not be sufficient to produce a sharp tooth, go around the saw blade a second time in preference to repeated strokes to each tooth at one setting. It is important to maintain the correct size and shape of each tooth to avoid weakening the saw blade by forming a sharp corner in the gullet.

It is essential to use a genuine bandsaw file which has three sides and well rounded corners, the normal small file not being suitable. The purchase of a saw vice will prove a real asset as the long jaws permit about 18" or so of the saw blade to be sharpened at one setting.

A saw blade should be re-sharpened as soon as the teeth lose their fine point. Dull teeth tear the fibres of the wood instead of severing them cleanly and the increased feed pressure thus required produces a ragged inaccurate cut and considerably shortens the life of the saw blade.

The saw blade must be in reasonable condition to warrant re-sharpening. A saw blade that shows signs of fatigue, i.e. cracks at the gullets of the teeth, or one that has come into contact with a nail will not usually justify any further effort being expended on it and is best discarded.

Usually it is not necessary to re-set the teeth of the blade as the initial set will last for several sharpenings. The correct amount of set is about 0.005" each side and adjacent teeth are set in opposite directions. It is important that the saw blade be sharpened after it has been set.



BANDSAW BLADES (CONTINUED)

Welding units and brazing units are available for repairing saw blades, or making blades from bulk coil and details of these units will be sent upon request.

BANDSAWING PRACTICE

Having selected the best saw blade for the job, the most important rule to follow is to allow the saw blade to cut freely. Forcing the workpiece into the saw blade produces a ragged inaccurate cut and considerably reduces the working life of the saw blade.

For contour sawing the width of the saw blade must be chosen with regard to the smallest radius to be sawn, thus a small radius will demand the use of a narrow saw blade. The beam strength and permissible tension decreases rapidly for narrow saw blades and it therefore follows that narrow saw blades are particularly sensitive to excessive stress which will cause stretching and premature breakage through fatigue at high speed. Saw blades which fail through abuse of this kind are useless and must be discarded although the teeth may still be in good condition. It is impossible to be precise as to the smallest radius any given saw blade will cut as so much depends on job conditions and the skill of the operator, but the Chart on page 15 offers a basic guide on this point.

BLADE WIDTH	BLADE WIDTH SELECTION CHART				
	3mm (1/8")	6mm (1/4")	10mm (3/8")	12mm (1/2")	15mm (5/8")
MINIMUM mm	8	25	38	62	100
CURVE ins					
RADIUS	5/16	1	1.5	2.5	4

Several drilled holes at strategic points around the contour may be necessary to negotiate small radii or cut to a sharp corner. Experiment may show that it is advantageous to use a good cutting blade with increased set when sawing small radii as the increased width of kerf allows the blade more freedom to follow a tight curve. It should be kept in mind, however, that the greater the set the more power is required to make the cut, and hence due care must be exercised to avoid working the saw blade beyond its limit.

It is often found that when turning a scroll or similar shape the forward cut cannot be completed and the workpiece must be backed off the saw. Care is necessary here to ensure that the wood is backed out gently, and turned at the same time so that the kerf is always in line with the saw. When removing large pieces of waste material, make the shorter end first to avoid backing out of the longer cut.

Three dimensional shapes are easily produced on the bandsaw. A suitable block of square or rectangular section is prepared with the front and side profiles marked out on adjacent faces. Make all the necessary cuts on one face and carefully replace the waste pieces in position. Turn the block on its side and cut out the second profile. With some jobs of this nature it may prove useful to tape the waste pieces in position to retain the block profile for ease of handling.

Light metals must always be sawn with a 'Hardedge' saw blade. Some aluminium alloys tend to clog the blade teeth but an occasional application of lubricant in the form of paraffin or wax should solve this problem.

BANDSAWING PRACTICE (CONTINUED)

Very little difficulty will be experienced in cutting solid plastic materials although some have an abrasive nature which tends to shorten the effective life of the saw blade.

Heat generated by sawing friction cause thermoplastic materials to become sticky and there is a marked tendency for the saw blade teeth to be clogged by swarf, particularly when blunt or fine pitch saw blades are used. The tendency to clog can be reduced by lubricating the saw blade with water or wax.

Some materials, the thermosetting phenolics in particular, give off a toxic airborne dust and in order to avoid possible risk to health, advice on dust extraction should be obtained.

COMMON SAWING PROBLEMS.

BLADE WANDERS FROM TRUE LINE :

Excessive feed pressure.
Blade teeth dull or of too fine pitch.
Guide inserts not controlling blade through wear or incorrect adjustment.
Blade tracking incorrect.
Loss of set to one side of saw teeth.

PREMATURE BLADE BREAKAGE :

Excessive feed pressure, and/or too much blade tension.
Worn or incorrectly set guides.
Joint improperly welded and annealed.
Blade too wide for curved cut.
Bandwheels worn.
Blade teeth of too fine pitch.

BLADE BOWS IN DEEP CUT:

Excessive feed pressure.
Blade teeth dull or of too fine pitch.
Insufficient blade tension, and/or blade too narrow for depth of cut.
Blade running off at start of cut.

BLADE TEETH DULL RAPIDLY :

Insufficient feed pressure.
Guide inserts snagging set of teeth.
Blade speed too fast, and/or blade pitch too fine.
Hard spots in material.

TEETH TORN FROM BLADE:

Excessive feed pressure.
Gullets of teeth loading.
Blade speed too fast, and/or blade pitch too coarse.
Material pressure welding to teeth.

BLADE DEVELOPING TWIST :

Excessive feed pressure.
Guide inserts snagging blade.
Blade too wide for radius of cut.
Excessive blade tension.
Blade not tracking correctly.
Loss of set to one side of saw teeth.

BLADE VIBRATES IN CUT:

Workpiece not properly seated or securely held.
Blade speed too fast, and/or blade pitch too coarse.
Insufficient blade tension.
Blade not backed up by guide thrust pads.

UPPER ASSEMBLY

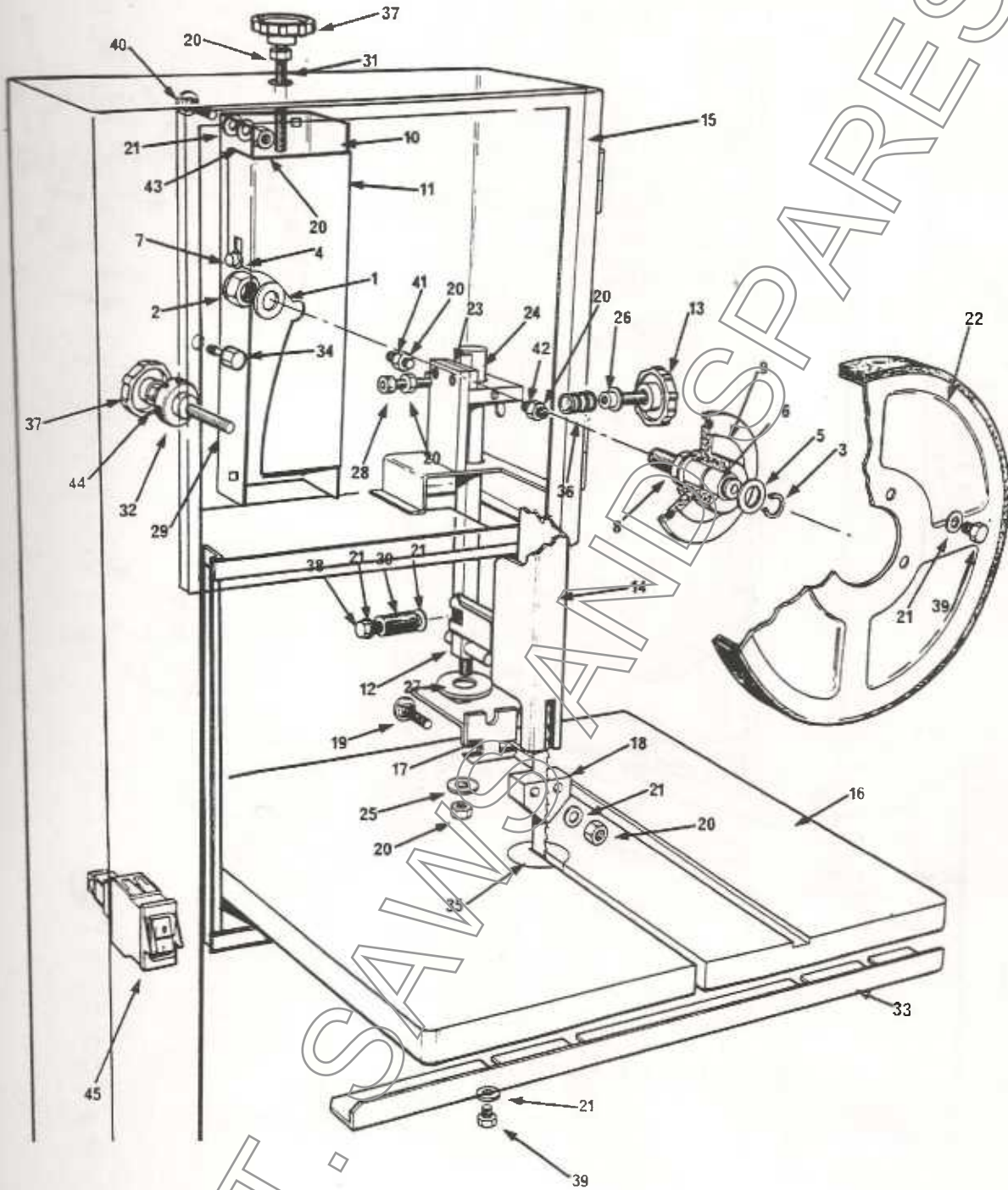
TRACKING HUB - ASSEMBLY NO'S: SM2239; SM1440 & SM7015

NOTE: SM.2239 Nos, 1 to 11 only.

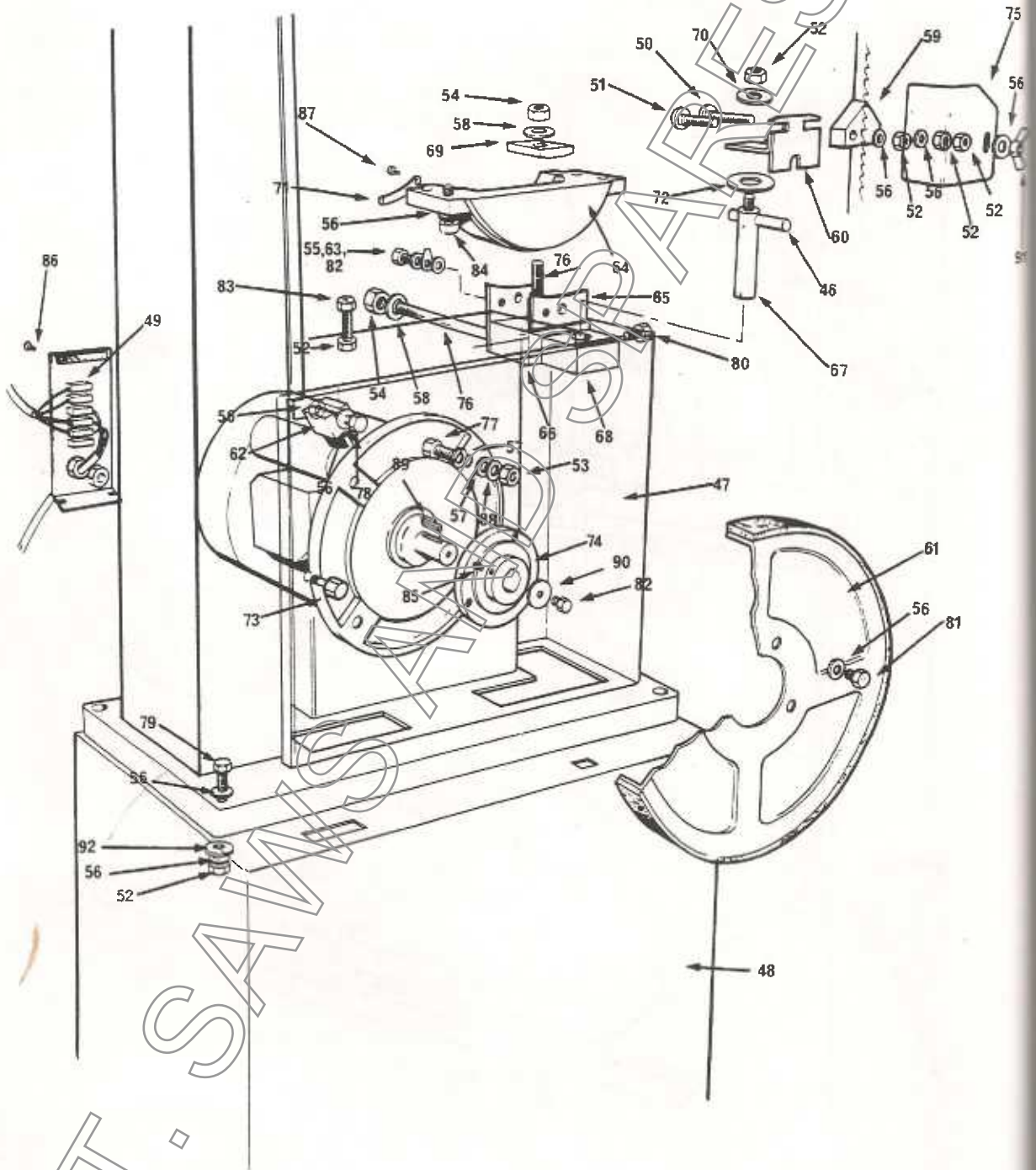
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1	B05922	Washer Form 'A'	1
2	B05777	Binx Nut	1
3	B06001	External Circlip;	1
4	B05930	Star Washer	2
5	B02082	Thrust Washer	2
6	B02081	Needle Race;	2
7	6705	Pivot Pin	1
8	6701	Bandwheel Spindle	1
9	6700	Bandwheel Hub - Top	1
10	SM1423	Tracking Channel	1
11	SM2241	Tracking Guide Assembly	1
12	SM585/A	Thrust Rod - Top	1
13	B02557	Handknob;	1
14	SM2243	Top Guard Assembly	1
15	SM2244	Top Door Assembly	1
16	SM1392	Welded Table 301/351	1
17	SM1434	Guide Bracket	1
18	4891	Blade Guide	2
19	B05261	Coach Bolt;	2
20	B05715	Full Nut	12
21	B05917	Washer Form 'A'	15
22	1102	Dia Bandwheel	1
23	4859	Guide Block	1
24	4889/B	Top Guide Post	1
25	4919	Washer	1
26	4988	Special Nut	1
27	B05923	Washer form 'A'	1
28	5313	Modified Cap Screw	2
29	5352/B	Stud	1
30	5496	Blade Guard Handle	1
31	6704	Tension Stud	1
32	6706	Tracking Lock Knob	1
33	7353	Fence Rail	1
34	B05068	Cap Screw;	2
and	B05950	F/Washer;	23
35	6756	Table Insert	1
36	B02208	Spring;	1
37	B02545	Hand Knob;	2
38	B05566	Hex Screw;	1
39	B05560	Hex Screw;	7
40	B05620	Coach Bolt;	4
41	B05209	Set Screw;	1
42	B05205	Set Screw;	1
43	B05944	Washer	4
44	B05753	Locknut	1
45		Electrical On / Off Switch:-	1

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LOWER ASSEMBLY



LOWER ASSEMBLY - ASSEMBLY NO: SM7015

ITEM	PT NO	DESCRIPTION	NO. OFF
46	SM585/B	Thrust Rod (Bottom)	1
47	9447	Bottom Door	1
48	SM2234	301 Body Assembly	1
49	SM1429	Electrical Control Panel Assembly	1
50	BO5622	Coach Bolt;	1
51	BO5621	Coach Bolt;	1
52		NOT USED	
53	BO5716	Full Nut	4
54	BO5717	Full Nut	3
55	BO5915	Washer Form 'A'	2
56	BO5917	Washer Form 'A'	18
57	BO5919	Washer Form 'A'	8
58	BO5921	Washer Form 'A'	3
59	4891	Blade Guide	2
60	SM829/B	Guide Bracket Assembly (Lower)	1
61	1102	Bia Bandwheel	1
62	2270	Wheel Brush	1
63	2812	Pointer	1
64	4838	Table Bracket	1
65	4884	Tilt Plate	2
66		NOT USED	
67	4888	Bottom Guide Post	1
68	4890	Bottom Guide Holder	1
69	4911	Table Clamp	1
70	4919	Washer	1
71	4921	Protractor Plate	1
72	BO5923	Washer form 'A'	2
73	BO5068	Cap Screw;	2
	and BO5950	F/Washer;	2
74	6743	Bandwheel Hub (Motor)	1
75	6748	Lower Guard	1
76	BO5841	Stud;	3
77	BO5574	Hex Screw;	4
78	BO5568	Hex Screw;	1
79	BO5566	Hex Screw;	4
80	BO5564	Hex Screw;	1
81	BO5560	Hex Screw;	3
82		NOT USED	
83	BO5569	Hex Screw;	1
84	BO5075	Cap Screw;	4
85	BO5067	Cap Screw;	2
86	BO5860	Self Tap Screw;	1
87	BO5871	Drive Screw;	2
88	BO5945	Washer	4
89		Motor Shaft Key	1
90		NOT USED	
91	BO5785	Wing Nut	1
92		NOT USED	

RIP FENCE - ASSEMBLY No.SM.1435/B

ITEM	PT NO	DESCRIPTION	NO.OFF
110	SM1433/B	Rip Fence Welded Assembly	1
111	6728	Thumb Screw;	1
NOT SHOWN			
	B02591	Plastic Insert	2

CIRCLE CUTTING ATTACHMENT - ASSEMBLY NO: SM.1437

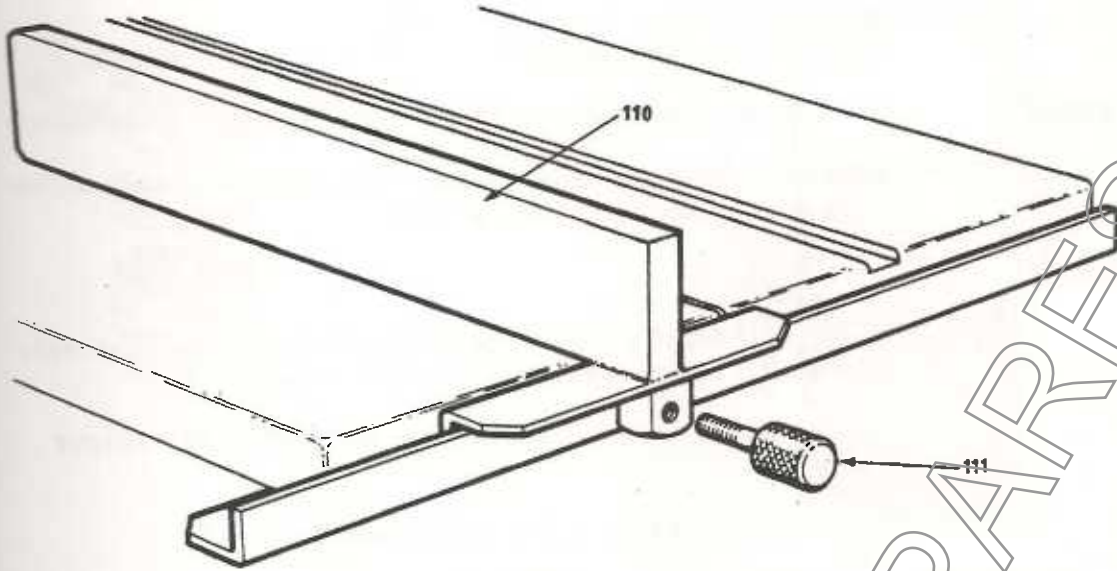
112	B05715	Full Nut	1
113	4919	Washer	1
114	6746	Clamping Sleeve	1
115	6744	Centre Rod	1
116	6745	Clamping Bolt	1

MITRE GAUGE - ASSEMBLY NO: SM1432

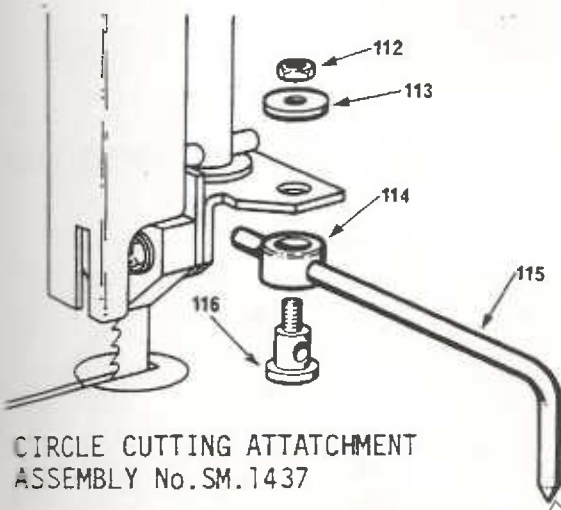
117	211	Guide Strip	1
118	126	Thumb Screw	1
119	6749	Back Stop Rod (Found on SM.1436)	1
120	6234	Thumb Screw	1
121	B02566	Protractor Picador (Black)	1

BACK STOP - ASSEMBLY NO: SM.1436

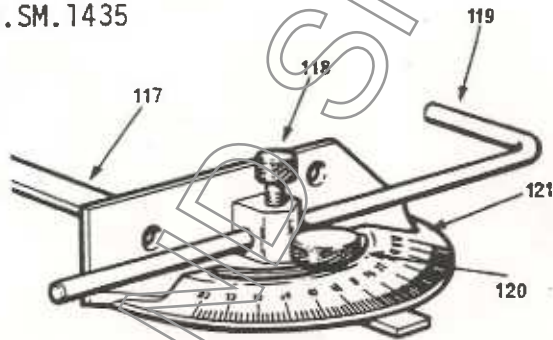
122	B05621	Coach Bolt;	1
123	6749	Back Stop Rod	1
124	B05826	Thumb Screw;	1
125	6747	Clamping Block	1
126	B05917	Washer form 'A'	1
127	B05785	Wing Nut	1



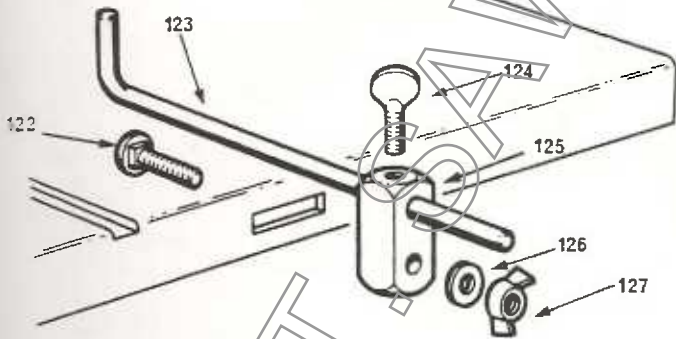
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OPTIONAL EXTRAS & ACCESSORIES

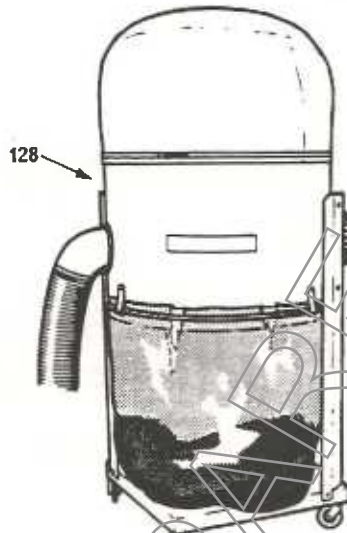
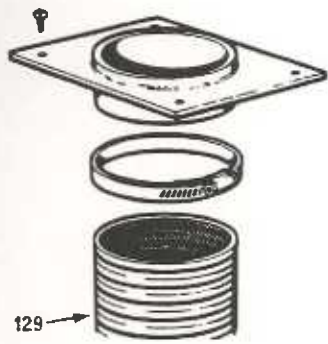
- 128 'Cyclair' Extraction Unit- 1 Phase
'Cyclair' Extraction Unit- 3 Phase
- 129 sM1393 Dust Extraction Unit to be coupled directly to machine
- 130 Model B15 Bandsaw brazer unit, for joining blades up to 5 mm wide from bulk coil stocks.

NOT ILLUSTRATED:

bandsaw blades joined ready for use, 88" long. (Also available in 100' coils). ''

Wood & Metal cutting saw blades available in various pitches:-

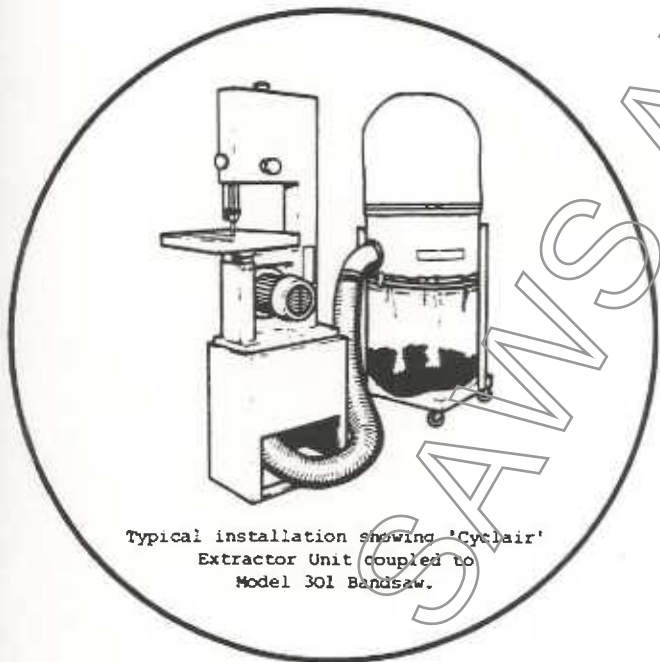
1/8"; 3/16"; 1/4"; 3/8"; 1/2"; and 5/8" wide



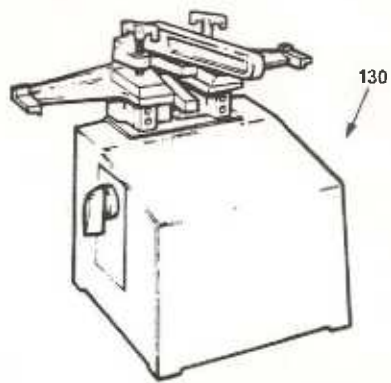
'CYCLAIR' EXTRACTOR UNIT



DUST EXTRACTION COUPLING ADAPTOR



Typical installation showing 'Cyclair' Extractor Unit coupled to Model 301 Bandsaw.



BANDSAW BRAZER

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