



RECIPROCATING & JIG SAW

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POWERED HAND TOOLS – SABRE SAWS, JIG SAWS & RECIPROCATING SAWS

F05

SAFETY INFOGRAM

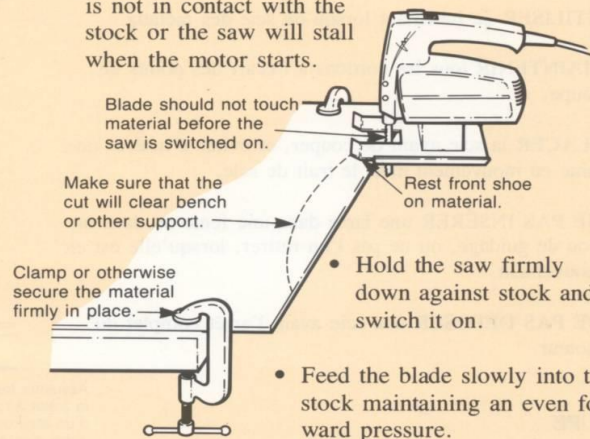
- WEAR safety glasses or a face shield.
- DISCONNECT power supply before changing or adjusting blades.
- USE lubricants when cutting metals.
- KEEP all cords clear of cutting area.
- POSITION the saw before cutting, and avoid re-entry with a moving blade.
- DO NOT insert a blade into, or withdraw a blade from a cut or lead hole while the blade is moving.
- DO NOT put down a saw until the motor has stopped.

CUTTING

- REMEMBER sabre saws cut on the upstroke.
- SECURE and support stock as close as possible to the cutting line to avoid vibration.
- KEEP the base or shoe of the saw in firm contact with the stock being cut.
- SELECT the correct blade for stock being cut and allow it to cut steadily, do not force it.
- USE blades designed for various materials as recommended by manufacturer. Blades are available ranging from 2-12 teeth/cm (7-32/in.). For rough cutting of softwood and composition board, use a blade with 2 teeth/cm (7/in.). For all-round work with most types of wood, a blade with 4 teeth/cm (10/in.) is satisfactory.
- DO NOT START cutting until the saw reaches its full power.
- DO NOT FORCE saw along or around a curve. Allow the machine to turn with ease.
- DO NOT REACH under or around the stock being cut.

STARTING AN EXTERNAL CUT

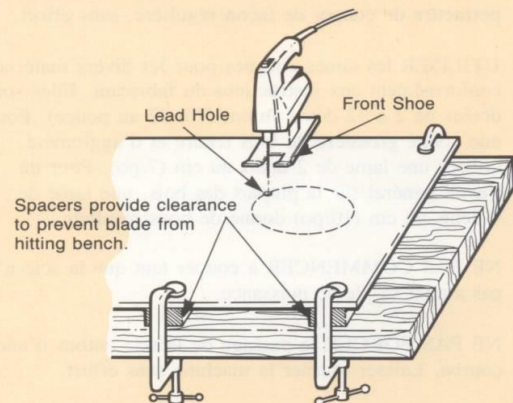
- Place the front of the shoe on the stock.
- Make sure that the blade is not in contact with the stock or the saw will stall when the motor starts.



- Hold the saw firmly down against stock and switch it on.
- Feed the blade slowly into the stock maintaining an even forward pressure.

STARTING AN INSIDE CUT

- DRILL a lead hole slightly larger than the saw blade. With the saw switched off, insert the blade in the hole until the shoe rests firmly on the stock.
- DO NOT LET the blade touch the stock until the saw has been switched on.



Refer to SAFETY INFOGRAM F01 for basic electrical safety.

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