



CIRCULAR SAW

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F06 POWERED HAND TOOLS – CIRCULAR SAWS

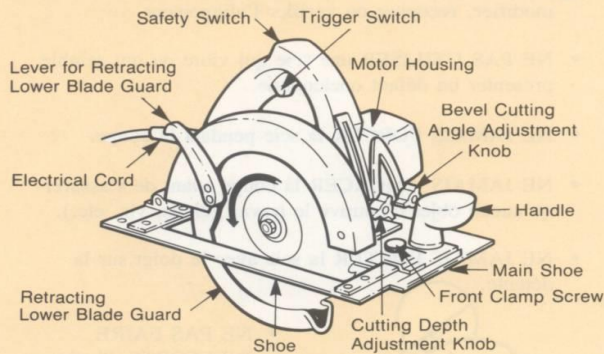
SAFETY INFOGRAM

Circular saws are designed for right-hand operation; left-handed operation will demand more care to operate safely.

CHECKLIST

DO:

- WEAR safety glasses or a faceshield.
- WEAR approved respirators when exposed to harmful or nuisance dusts.
- USE a sharp blade that is designed for your work.
- CHECK the retracting lower blade guard frequently to make certain it works freely. It should enclose the teeth as completely as possible, and cover the unused portion of the blade when cutting.
- ALLOW the saw to attain full power before cutting.

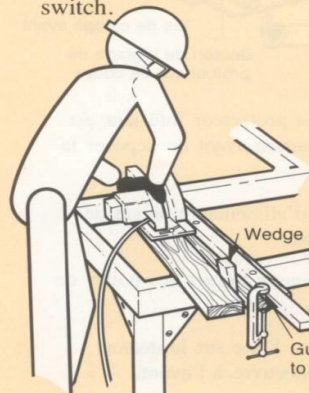


- ENSURE the retracting lower blade guard is fully returned before laying the saw down.
- DISCONNECT power supply before adjusting or changing the blade.
- KEEP all cords clear of cutting area.
- USE two hands to operate saw; one on trigger switch, other on front knob handle.
- KEEP upper and retracting lower blade guard clean and free of sawdust.
- KEEP motor free from accumulation of dust and chips.

- SELECT the correct Blade for stock being cut and allow it to cut steadily, do not force it.
- CHECK saw for proper blade rotation.
- SECURE work being cut to avoid movement.

DO NOT:

- DO NOT HOLD or fix the retracting lower guard in the open position.
- DO NOT PLACE hand under the shoe or guard of the saw.
- DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN the blade locking nut.
- DO NOT TWIST the saw to change, cut or check alignment.
- DO NOT USE a saw that vibrates or appears unsafe in any way.
- DO NOT FORCE the saw at any time during cutting.
- DO NOT CUT materials without first checking for obstructions or foreign objects, such as nails and screws.
- DO NOT CARRY saw with finger on the trigger switch.



Refer to SAFETY INFOGRAM F01 for basic electrical safety.

- DO NOT OVER-REACH. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
- DO NOT RIP stock without using a wedge or guide that is clamped or nailed to stock.

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