

WAC 296-806-48012 Safeguard hand-fed circular table saws. (1)

You must guard each hand-fed circular saw with a hood that completely encloses both the portion of the saw that is above both:

- (a) The table; and
- (b) The material being cut.

(2) You must make sure the hood is designed and constructed to do **all** of the following:

- (a) Protect the operator from flying splinters and broken saw teeth.
- (b) Strong enough to resist damage from reasonable operation, adjustments, and handling.
- (c) Made of material soft enough to not break saw teeth.

Note: Hoods should be made of material that:
1. Does not shatter when broken.
2. Is not explosive.
3. Is less combustible than wood.

(3) You must mount the hood so it does **all** of the following:

- (a) Operates positively and reliably.
- (b) Maintains true alignment with the saw.
- (c) Resists any side thrust or force that could throw it out of line.

(4) You must make sure the hood:

- (a) Allows the material to be inserted or sawed without any considerable resistance; and
- (b) Does one of the following:
 - (i) Automatically remains in contact with the material being cut;

or

(ii) Is manually adjusted to within one-quarter inch of the material being cut.

EXEMPTION: Saws may be guarded with a fixed enclosure, fixed barrier guard, or a manually adjusted guard when specific conditions prevent using a standard automatic adjusting guard. Alternative guards have to both:
1. Provide protection equivalent to a standard automatic adjusting guard; and
2. Be used according to the manufacturer's instructions with sufficient supervision to comply with this requirement.

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