

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Thicknesser

DO NOT use this machine unless you have been trained and assessed to a competent level in its safe use and operation, and have been given permission to use this equipment.



Safety glasses must be worn when operating this equipment.



Safety footwear must be worn when operating this equipment.



Rings and jewellery must not be worn when operating this equipment.



Long and loose hair must be contained when operating this equipment.



Close fitting/protective clothing must be worn when operating this equipment.



Hearing protection must be used when operating this equipment.

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Ensure that risk assessment has been read. **UQ risk assessment task ID # 35686.**
2. Ensure no slip/trip hazards are present in workspaces and walkways.
3. Check material to be planed for defects, splits, dead knots, or nails.
4. Ensure in-feed table is clear of debris and free from gum or resin residue.
5. Locate and ensure you are familiar with the operation of the ON/OFF starter and lockable E-Stop.
6. Do not exceed maximum 2mm depth of cut.
7. Ensure all locks are securely tightened before operating the machine.
8. Ensure all guards are fitted, secure and functional. Do not operate if guards are missing or faulty.
9. Start the dust extraction unit before using the machine.
10. Faulty equipment must not be used. Immediately report suspect machinery.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Never leave the machine running unattended.
2. Timber less than 300 mm in length must not be planed on this machine.
3. Feed timber to machine with the grain.
4. Never look through machine feed opening when cutter block is revolving.
5. Stand to one side of material being fed through machine in case of kickback.
6. Before making adjustments or before clearing the in-feed or out-feed tables, switch off and bring the machine to a complete standstill.

HOUSEKEEPING

1. Switch off the machine and engage the E-stop.
2. Return all tooling and fixtures to the correct storage location.
3. Display a completed "Equipment in Use" notice when machine is setup and/or in use but unattended.
4. Leave the machine and work area in a safe, clean and tidy state after job is completed.
5. Return surplus material to stock & dispose of waste material in an appropriate recycling or waste bin.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Moving and rotating parts
- Flying chips and debris
- Wood may catch and be flung back violently
- High noise levels
- Airborne dust
- Eye injuries

FORBIDDEN

- Attempting to cut very small items
- Planing timber with embedded nails or screws.
- Distracting operator
- Removal or modification of safety devices

This SOP does not necessarily cover all possible hazards associated with the machine and should be used in conjunction with other references. It is designed to be used as an adjunct to teaching Safety Procedures and to act as a reminder to users prior to machine use.