



Title	Thicknesser Safety Procedure
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## SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURES

# Thicknesser

**DO NOT** use this machine unless you have been instructed in its safe use and operation and then been approved and registered in the club as authorised to use it.



Safety glasses must be worn at all times in work areas.



Long and loose hair must be contained.



Appropriate footwear with substantial uppers must be worn.



Close fitting/protective clothing must be worn.



Loose rings and jewellery must be secured or not be worn.



Hearing and dust protection must be worn when using this machine.

### PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Check workspaces and walkways to ensure that no slip/trip hazards are present.
2. Check material to be planed for defects, splits, dead knots, or nails.
3. Ensure in-feed table is clear of debris and free from gum or resin residue.
4. Locate and ensure you are familiar with the operation of the ON/OFF starter and E-Stop (if fitted).
5. Do not exceed maximum 1mm depth of cut.
6. Ensure all locks are securely tightened before operating the machine.
7. Start the dust extraction unit before using the machine.
8. 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 placed on this machine.
3. Feed timber to machine within the grain direction.
4. Feed only one piece of timber at a time.
5. Never look through machine feed opening when cutter block is revolving.
6. Stand to one side of material being fed through machine in case of kickback.
7. Persons assisting in the tailing out procedure should not stand in a direct line with the timber exiting the thicknesser as well as keeping hands clear from out feed rollers to avoid physical entrapment.
8. Before making adjustments or before clearing the in-feed or out-feed tables switch off and bring the machine to a complete standstill.
9. Keep hands and body clear of in-feed and out-feed roller systems to avoid entrapment injury from wood or machine driven rollers.



## **HOUSEKEEPING**

- 1. Switch off the machine.**
- 2. Leave the machine in a safe, clean and tidy state.**