

Quick Tips

Easy ideas to improve production efficiency

Saw Safety for Small Moulding

When cutting smaller pieces of moulding with a double miter saw, it is always safest to use vertical clamps to hold the material in place until the blades have safely returned inside the guard. If clamps are not available, an operator should leave the blades in the down position. Keeping your foot on the pedal will make sure that the tips of the blade are below the table surface. This will eliminate the possibility of the material being thrown by the blades. And if an operator's fingers do hit the blade, they would only touch the ground steel hub. Once the cut pieces are removed, release the foot pedal and begin the next cutting cycle.



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An Emergency Substitute for Oil

If water in air lines is causing problems with a frame joiner or such, WD40 may prove helpful until the water problem is cured. WD40 is not a lubricant, but it does help dry water out of air lines and valves. Sometimes sticky valves need that little shot. WD40 can also be sprayed into an oil lubricator bowl until the fluid builds up in the cup. This can serve as a lubricant until you can get the correct oil for the oiler. Some machines really need oil, and WD40 should not be used as a replacement for the oil on a regular basis, just in a pinch.



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Simplify Your Hardware Purchasing

Simplifying your security hardware purchasing comes down to knowing what the job requires. Security hardware can be purchased in loose quantities, bulk packs, or poly bags. In the majority of the security hardware installations, the customer or installer require the mounting brackets to be attached to the frames.

When purchasing a 3-point tee screw system, Framework Frame-Loc® system, or others, you always want to purchase brackets that are mounted to the frame separate from the product that is being sent to the installer.

This will allow you to stop sorting and counting out mounting brackets and screws that need to be installed in house on the back of the frame. Our company, for example, includes an installation wrench with every security hardware bulk pack. If you are purchasing poly bags, do not forget to include an installation wrench separately with your client's order. This will keep your installers happy.



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