

Saber Saw

I. Competencies

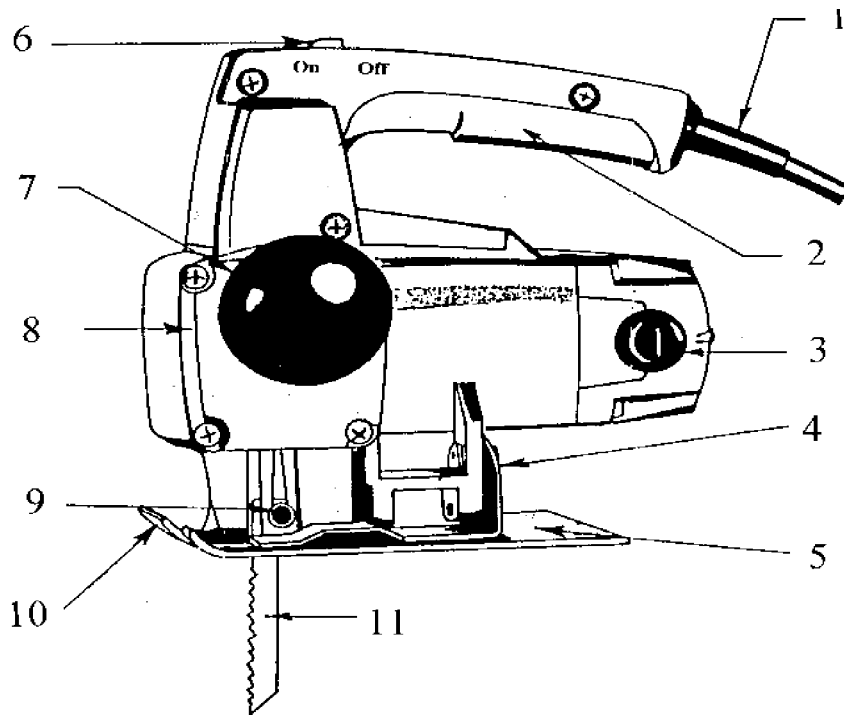
Given a properly adjusted saber saw, accessories, instruction and use demonstration, each student will be able to:

- A. Identify the major parts of the saber saw.
- B. Pass a written test on safety and operating procedures of the saber saw with 100 percent accuracy.
- C. Demonstrate ability to use the saber saw, following suggested safety rules and correct operation procedures.

II. Instructional Materials and Procedures

A. Identification of basic saber saw parts.

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| 1. Cord Strain Reliever | 7. Guide Knob |
| 2. Handle | 8. Aluminum Housing |
| 3. Brush Holder | 9. Blade Screw |
| 4. Base Tilt Adjustment | 10. Toe |
| 5. Tilting Base | 11. Blade |
| 6. Off/On Switch | |



B. Saber Saw Safety

1. Wear safety glasses while using the saber saw.
2. Hold the saber saw firmly on the material being cut.
3. Do not back the saber saw out of an internal cut while it is running. Stop the saw and lift the blade from the cut.
4. Unplug the saw to change blades or to make adjustments.
5. Be sure blades are installed correctly.
6. Make sure the blade has stopped before laying the saber saw down.
7. Allow the blade to reach maximum speed before starting the cut.
8. When making internal cuts, turn the saw off and allow the blade to stop before removing it from the work.
9. Do not make curved cuts so sharp that the blade bends or cracks.
10. Hold the saw securely during the cutting operation; do not over-extend and get off-balance during the cut.
11. Make sure the work is well supported during the cut; be careful not to cut into the table or support while making the desired cut.

C. Operating Procedures

1. Select the blade for the cutting job to be performed. There are many types of blades available for ripping and crosscutting wood, light metals and plastic.
2. Set the saw on the material with the blade off the stock edge, turn the saber saw to on and allow it to come to full speed before starting the cut.
3. If the saw has a variable speed adjustment, set the blade speed for the type of material and finish desired.
4. Place a good mark on the material and guide the saw on the waste side of the mark. The mark line should still be visible after the cut.

5. Do not force the saber saw through the material quickly. Move the saw through the material at a moderate speed that does not reduce the RPM's of the blade.
6. Make curved cuts slowly and avoid binding the saw blade. Backing up short distances and making relief cuts will help prevent the blade from binding.
7. To make a plunge cut tilt the saber saw on the toe, turn the saw on and bring the blade down slowly on the material until the cut is made through the material. The saw must be held firmly when making a plunge cut.
8. Do not lift the saber saw out of a cut while it is running to avoid marring the wood, causing the saw to jump as the blade hits the wood, and possibly breaking the saw blade.