

**WAC 296-806-48042 Make sure band saws meet these requirements.**

- (1) You must enclose or guard all portions of the blade except for the working portion of the blade between the guide rolls and the table.
- (2) You must make sure the guard for the portion of the blade between the sliding guide and the wheel guard meets these requirements:
  - (a) Protects the front and outer side of the blade.
  - (b) Is self-adjusting to move with the guide.
  - (c) Adjusts so the gap between the guide rolls and stock is as small as is practical.
- (3) You must fully enclose band saw wheels with wheel guards that meet **both** of the following requirements:
  - (a) The outside periphery of the wheel enclosure is solid; and
  - (b) The front and back of the wheels are enclosed by solid material, wire mesh, or perforated metal.
- (4) You must make sure the material used for wheel guards meets these requirements:
  - (a) Wire mesh and perforated metal guards:
    - (i) Are at least 0.037 inch (U.S. Gage No. 20) thick.
    - (ii) Have openings in them that are three-eighths inch or less.
  - (b) Solid material has strength and firmness equivalent to a wire mesh or perforated steel guard.
- (5) You must make sure band saws have a tension control device to indicate the proper tension for standard saws used on the machine.

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