THICKNESSER

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Safety glasses must be worn at all times.
- Safety footwear must be worn.
- Hearing protection must be worn.
- Close fitting / protective clothing must be worn.
- Long or loose hair must be contained.
- Rings and jewellery must not be worn.

POTENTIAL RISKS

- Wood may catch and be flung back violently.
- Flying chips and debris.
- Eye injuries.
- Noise.

DON’Ts

- Do not use faulty equipment. Immediately report suspect machinery to your supervisor.
- Never leave the machine running unattended.
- Do not plane timber with embedded nails or screws.
- Do not plane timber less than 300 mm in length.
- Never look through machine feed opening when the cutter block is revolving.

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- Locate and ensure you are familiar with all machine operations and controls.
- Ensure all guards are fitted, secure and functional. Do not operate if guards are missing or faulty.
- Check material to be planed for defects, splits, dead knots or nails.
- Ensure in-feed table is clear of debris and free from gum or resin residue.
- Do not exceed maximum 2mm depth of cut.
- Ensure all locks are securely tightened before operating the machine.
- Start the dust extraction unit (if fitted) before using the machine.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- Feed timber to machine with the grain.
- Feed only one piece of timber at a time.
- Stand to one side of material being fed through machine to avoid possible kickback.
- Before making adjustments or before clearing the in-feed or out-feed tables, switch off and bring the machine to a complete standstill.

ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEANING UP

- Switch off the machine when work completed.
- Leave the machine in a safe, clean and tidy state.
- Leave the surrounding area in a safe and clean state.