

**WAC 296-78-590 Gang saws and resaws.** (1) Gang saws and resaws must be fully guarded or housed in accordance with conditions. Cranks, pitman rods, and other moving parts must be guarded.

(2) Feed rolls must be enclosed by a cover over the top, front, and open ends except where guarded by location. Drive mechanism to feed rolls must be enclosed.

(3) Feed rolls must be enclosed and if the operator stands within thirty inches of the feed rolls, they must be so guarded as to prevent operator coming into contact with them.

(4) Circular resaws or rip saws, except power feed rip saws with a roller or wheel back of the saw, must be provided with splitters or spreaders.

(5) A hood of metal or wood of sufficient strength to give protection against splinters or flying teeth must be provided over all circular rip saws.

(6) That portion of the saw extending below the table must be guarded so as to prevent contact.

(7) Circular rip saws must be equipped with a standard anti-kick-back device.

(8) Carriage cradles of whole-log sash gang saws, Swedish gangs must be of height to prevent logs from kicking out while being loaded.

(9) Band resaws must meet the specifications for band head saws as required in WAC 296-78-570(7).

(10) Circular gang resaws.

(a) Banks of circular gang resaws must be guarded by a hood to contain teeth or debris which can be thrown by the saws.

(b) Circular gang resaws must be provided with safety fingers or other anti-kickback devices.

(c) Circular gang resaws must not be operated at speeds exceeding those recommended by the manufacturer.

(d) Feed belts and drive pulleys must be guarded in accordance with chapter 296-806 WAC, Machine safety.

(e) Each circular gang resaw, except self-feed saws with a live roll or wheel at back of saw, must be provided with spreaders.

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