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FACTORIES AND MACHINERY (BUILDING OPERATIONS AND WORKS OF ENGINEERING
CONSTRUCTION) (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1986
PART II - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Regulation 17. Power-driven saws.

(1) All portable power-driven hand operated saws which are not mounted with saw tables except chain saws shall be equipped with guards above the base plate which will completely protect the operator from contact with the saw blade when in motion and with self-adjusting guards below the base plate which will completely cover the saw to the depth of the teeth when the saw is removed from the cut.

(2) Every power-driven saw which is mounted with a saw table shall be equipped with a guard which shall cover the saw blade to such an extent as will prevent contact with any part of the teeth which are more than 50 millimetres above the saw table and which are not protected by the spreader or similar device. When in operation, the guard shall automatically rise by pressure from the material, the distance from the material to the underside of the guard does not exceed 12 millimetres. The exposed teeth of the saw beneath the table shall be effectively guarded.

(3) Every table circular saw used for ripping shall be provided with a spreader securely fastened in position and with an effective device to prevent the kicking back of material.