

Skill Saws

scope

This guide sets out our minimum operational requirements for the use of any skill saw and highlights key safety steps

The risk control plan and operator manual should also be referred to

operator qualifications, skills and training

- Only operate if trained and competent to do so
- This should include site based training and or industry experience
- Supervised use by a competent operator is permitted while under training



minimum PPE requirements



additional PPE based on risk assessment controls

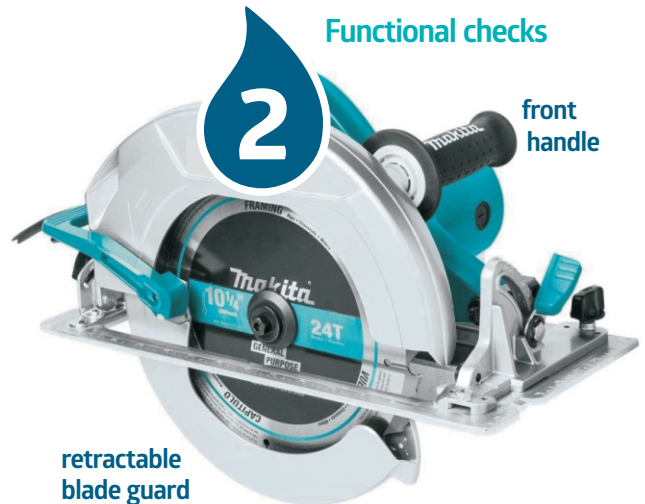


Electrical checks



- Visually check that the power lead is in good condition and electrical tag is current
RCD required

Functional checks



- Check that all guards and handles are fitted, secure and functional
- Also check that the blade is suitable for the task

Work positioning



- Ensure that what is being cut is secured against movement

Work positioning continued

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- Make sure the power lead is well clear of blade before starting
- Keep both hands firmly on the handles, with stable footing
- Hold the skill saw so you are not reaching over the blade



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Blade protection



- Ensure the retractable blade guard has sprung back to cover the exposed blade before placing the skill saw down

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When finished

- Store equipment properly when finished to prevent damage



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Additional controls

Continually monitor the risks and review and adjust the controls as needed for the duration of the work

- Know what to do in an emergency



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