

BLADE TRAVEL AND GUARDING REQUIREMENTS

Owners of CPP3 Saws, manufactured by Mitek Australia Ltd (formerly Gang-Nail Aust. Ltd.), are advised to read this document carefully. It contains important information concerning the control of hazards associated with CPP3 Saws.

HAZARD DESCRIPTION

CPP3 Saws supplied by Gang-Nail Australia Ltd (now Mitek Australia Ltd) do not comply with all of the requirements of the Woodworking Machinery Standard AS1473-1991.

Saw operators risk cutting injuries when using all CPP3 saws supplied up to 18th January 2001. These saws do not comply with the items (a), (c), (e), (g) of paragraph A1.5 of the Woodworking Machinery Standard AS1473-1991.

In summary, the machine lacks the following features as mentioned in paragraph A1.5 AS1473-1991,:

- A 'top guard', as per item (a)
- A guard for the lower half of the blade when the blade is in the retracted position, as per item (b)
- A stroke limiting device and/or semi-circular saw bench that prevents the blade from travelling within 50mm of the saw bench edge, as per item (e)
- A device that causes the blade to return to the rest position when released at any point of its travel, as per item (g).



WARNING: Operators risk serious cutting injuries if these hazards are not controlled. Immediate action should be taken to control this hazard on all CPP3 Saws.

HAZARD CONTROL MEASURES

These hazards can be controlled in the following way:

- Make modifications and fit guarding to all CPP3 saws to meet the requirements of paragraph A1.5 AS1473-1991.

As a suggested solution, Mitek drawings 240-01802 to 240-01807 contain guarding for the CPP3 saw designed to meet the above mentioned requirements.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

Owners of CPP3 saws should implement the above mentioned control procedures immediately.