









# SOUTHERN TURNERS INC

## Safe Work Procedure

### THICKNESSER

**DO NOT use this machine unless you have been instructed in its safe use and operation and have been given permission**

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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|  | Safety glasses must be worn at all times in work areas.           |  | Long and loose hair must be contained.          |  | Hearing protection must be worn.        |
|  | Sturdy enclosed footwear must be worn at all times in work areas. |  | Close fitting/protective clothing must be worn. |  | Rings and jewellery should not be worn. |

#### 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 workspaces and walkways to ensure no slip/trip hazards are present.
- ✓ Check material to be planed for defects, splits, dead knots or nails/screws.
- ✓ 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 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.
- ✓ Obtain assistance from another person if processing long lengths

#### ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEANING UP

- ✓ Switch off the machine when work completed.
- ✓ Before making adjustments or before clearing the in-feed or out-feed tables, switch off and bring the machine to a complete standstill.
- ✓ Leave the machine in a safe, clean and tidy state.

#### POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND INJURIES

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

#### DON'T

- ✗ Do not use faulty equipment. Immediately report suspect machinery.
- ✗ 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.

**This SWP does not necessarily cover all possible hazards associated with this equipment and should be used in conjunction with other references. It is designed as a guide to be used to compliment training and as a reminder to users prior to equipment use.**

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