

Safety Inspection Checklist – Radial Arm Saws

Yes	No	N/A	INSPECTION ITEM	COMMENTS
			Is the radial arm saw secured in a manner that prevents it from vibrating / inadvertently moving during use?	
			Is the power cord for the radial arm saw (including plug) free of breaks and/or other damage?	
			Is the saw blade in use suitable for the materials being cut? (<i>see label</i>)	
			Is the saw blade in use rated at the same (or greater) RPM's as the saw? (<i>see labels</i>)	
			Is the saw blade in use free of chips, loose or missing teeth, warps, burn-marks, other damage or deterioration?	
			Does the saw head gently return to the original starting position (away from the operator) when released? (This can usually be achieved by slightly elevating the front of the saw).	
			For repetitive cross-cutting operations, is there a travel stop utilized to prevent the saw head from moving forward any further than necessary to complete the cut?	
			For ripping operations, are anti-kickback fingers installed (and properly adjusted) on each side of the saw blade?	
			For ripping operations, is a spreader installed so as to prevent the wood from closing on the saw blade as the cut is being made?	
			Are guards installed and adjusted so as to cover the upper portion of the blade and arbor, as well as to prevent inadvertent contact with lower portion of the saw blade?	
			Is the saw operator provided with and using proper personal protective equipment (e.g.: safety glasses, face shield, hearing protection, proper type and size of gloves . . .)?	
			OTHER OBSERVATIONS:	

Name of Company / Organization: _____

Area, Department, or Job Site Inspected: _____

Name of Inspector: _____

Date of Inspection: _____