

Bandsaw Accessories

ITURRA DESIGN SPINNER BANDSAW TENSIONING CRANK

Upgrade the blade tension knob on older Delta & Jet 14" bandsaws.

This heavy cast iron 4-7/8" dia. handwheel & 3" crank handle have a polished chrome finish. A 13-1/2" long, 3/8" dia. x 12 tpi Acme rod with a 3/4" thick brass tension nut positions the handwheel above the upper wheel shroud of your bandsaw. The rod end bearing on your saw's frame has a conical point to reduce rotational friction, & the brass nut helps disperse stresses on the threads.

PLEASE NOTE: *Spinner Bandsaw Tension Cranks will fit older Delta/Rockwell 14" & Jet 14" saws WITHOUT a factory equipped quick release tension lever. They also will fit onto saws equipped with a Carter Quick Release™ tension lever.*

189105 Spinner Delta 14" Bandsaws \$79.00

189106 Spinner Jet & Import 14" Bandsaws \$79.00



Q: What do I do with a dull bandsaw blade?

A: In most cases, once a blade is done, we recommend dropping it off at a local metal recycler where it can continue its atomic journey in the shape of a new product. If you really want to try your hand at sharpening it, there are plenty of DIY options available, that have varying degrees of success. If you are really fortunate, there just might be a local sharpener in your area that won't mind giving it a shot. Just keep in mind, any resharpening is unlikely to get it back to good-as-new service, so just save the frustration & order a new one!

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HIGH TENSION SPRING for 14" Bandsaws

The compression spring in a bandsaw's upper wheel assembly cushions against sudden shock or increased tension if a blade bows within a cut.

Revitalize your saw by replacing a fatigued spring with this high strength flat stock chrome-vanadium alloy coiled spring. It is milled flat on the ends for superior performance.

489003 2-1/2" Bandsaw Spring Delta \$21.00

489004 3" Bandsaw Spring Jet & similar \$21.00



NEW COMPLETE GUIDE TO BAND SAWS

By Mark Duginske

Mark's Band Saw Handbook has been our recommended treatise on using bandsaws for years. Completely updated with color photos, it has information on after market accessories, blade selection, tuning, joinery techniques, resawing & special projects.

203681 New Complete Guide to Band Saws \$17.99 \$19.99

Bandsaw Blades - 3/4" vs 1/2"

We typically recommend running a 1/2" wide band on 14" saws. While most consumer grade 14" saws say they can take a blade as wide as 3/4", it sometimes seems to be pushing the envelope of the machines to do so. Problems like adjusting tracking, adjusting bearings or guides, and applying enough tension are more common. Additionally, metal fatigue will shorten the life of a 3/4" as it runs on the smaller diameter wheels found on most of these bandsaws. To answer the question - Can you put a 3/4" on a bandsaw that says it supports a 3/4" blade? Most definitely. However, the better question is - Should you?

We do not see any difference in performance in running a 1/2" wide Wood Slicer® to a 3/4" wide Wood Slicer® on our 14" saws in our showroom & classroom. We recommend beginning with the 1/2" wide band since not only do we expect it will be easier to get up & running with, but it's also cheaper. Once you need to replace it, you could splurge for the 3/4" wide band & see for yourself - Is the juice worth the squeeze? If not, go back to a 1/2" blade.

The 1/2" Wood Slicer® has been around for over 20 years. Some of our customers that came to use the blade and liked it were upgrading to larger saws (16" +). They began requesting the Wood Slicer® in a wider version. When our manufacturer finally made a wider band version, it was exactly the same as the 1/2" wide band in all respects, only wider. When we ran the 3/4" blade on our 14" saws in our classroom (Rikon/Delta/Jet 14" with risers), the blade didn't perform any differently to us than the 1/2" wide band; it just cost more!

With a saw larger than a 14", in most but not all cases, mounting, tracking & providing enough tension for blades 3/4" and wider is easier to do. A wider band should not deflect as much, but because the 3/4" Wood Slicer® band stock is the same in thickness as the 1/2" Wood Slicer®, the properties of the 3/4" Wood Slicer® (and any gained advantages) are not as earth shattering as you may expect or want.

You can special order the shorter lengths if you want and we'll make it, but there will be no guarantee against breakage.