

Metalworking Machines – Planers – Fact Sheet



WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW BEFORE USING A PLANER?

Planers can be dangerous if not used properly.

- Read the owner's manual carefully.
- Make sure you understand instructions and are properly trained before operating a planer.

With a planer, the work table moves back and forth while the cutting tool is held stationary. A shaper operates similarly except that the work table is stationary while the cutting tool moves back and forth.

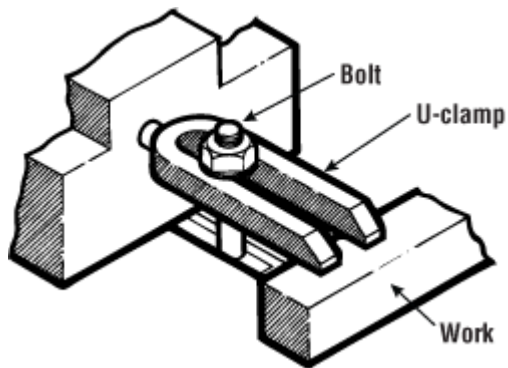
What are some good work practices to follow when using a planer?

- Wear appropriate CSA-certified safety glasses.
- Make sure that planer has a working emergency stop button (e-stop) within easy reach of the operator.
- Use a vacuum, brush or rake to remove cuttings only after the machine has stopped moving.
- Make sure that all guards are in place and in good working condition.
- Make sure that stop pegs are in place on planer table.
- Secure safety devices at proper locations.
- Make sure that there is ample clearance between work and planer frame.
- Secure tool holder, tool and crossrail in their proper places.
- Make sure that feed rod and its attachment are in good working order.
- Make sure that power is on when using a magnetic clutch.
- Use proper cutting tools.
- Always set the depth of cut and the feed rate so they are appropriate for the tool and the piece being worked.
- Keep machine properly oiled.
- Keep floor around planers free of oil and grease.
- Keep working surface clean of scraps, tools and material.
- Use lifting equipment to move work to or from planers.

What should you do when clamping work on the table?

Make sure that:

- clamps are located to properly grab work so it will not spring out of shape or alignment;



- fork end of U-clamp is on the work piece;
- bolts or nuts with stripped threads are discarded and replaced;
- work is mounted squarely.

What are some things you should avoid doing?

- Do not wear gloves, rings, watches or loose clothing. Tie back long hair.
- Do not make adjustments or measurements while planer is in motion.
- Do not leave planer unattended while it is running.

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