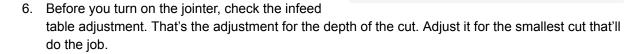
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## JOINTER SAFETY

- 1. Get permission from your instructor before you use the jointer.
- 2. Check the safety guard over the cutter head. Make sure it swings freely and returns to its position over the cutter head.
- 3. The fence should be set so that no more of the cutter head is exposed than is necessary.
- 4. Check to see that the fence is square, and that it's locked in position before you use the jointer.
- Do not make any adjustments to the outfeed table. (If the outfeed table needs adjustment, check with the instructor.)



- 7. When edge jointing, never make a cut deeper than 1/8 inch.
- 8. When face jointing, when jointing along the flat surface of the face, never make a cut deeper than 1/16 inch.
- 9. Never adjust the jointer while it is operating. Always turn it off first. Wait for it to come to a complete stop before you adjust it.
- 10. Check the dimensions of the stock. The material must be large enough to be used on the jointer safely. (It should be at least 12 inches long, 1 inch wide and ½ inch thick.)
- 11. The wood must be sound, with no defects such as knots, splits or checks. It must be clean, with no hardware, paint or other finishes on it.
- 12. The material must be held down firmly against the table and along the fence.
- 13. Be sure there is a push stick or a push block within reach. Always use a push stick or a push block when jointing flat or narrow material.
- 14. Use a push block for face jointing.
- 15. Stand so you are balanced when you make the cut. Don't overreach. Ask someone to "tail-off" for you if the stock is too long to handle safely by yourself.

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- 16. Move your hands so they never apply pressure directly over the cutter head. Pressure should be applied in front of the cutter head and behind it, not directly over it
- 17. Keep your hands and arms at least 4 inches away from the rotating knives in the cutter head.
- 18. Complete each pass on the jointer. Don't interrupt a cut or try to back out of it. Backing out of a cut can cause serious kick-back and you could be injured.
- 19. Don't joint across the end grain of the wood. End grain jointing should be avoided until you have had specific instruction on how to do it safely.
- 20. The jointer is sometimes used for beveling or for tapering. These operations require special set-ups. Check with the instructor before you use any special set-up.
- 21. When you are finished using the jointer, turn it off and stay with it until it has come to a complete stop.
- 22. Don't do anything on the jointer that you are not sure of. Use the jointer only after its correct, safe use has been demonstrated for you and you understand the instructions.
- 23. You should always use a bench brush to clear away wood chips and always wait until the jointer comes to a complete stop.