

WHEN SHOULD I RESHARPEN MY BLADE?

Use this quick checklist to decide whether a sawmill blade is ready to come out of service for sharpening.

CUTTING EDGE SAWMILL | BLADE SHARPENING & SETTING



DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE BLADE IS COMPLETELY DULL

Early wear is usually a better time to sharpen than waiting until the blade is pushed too far. Catching wear sooner can help maintain cut quality and blade life.

SIGNS YOUR BLADE MAY BE READY FOR SHARPENING

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| ☐ Cuts are getting slower
The same cut is taking noticeably longer than when the blade was fresh. | ☐ The blade starts wandering
The blade drifts or will not track as straight through the cut. |
| ☐ Lumber surfaces are rougher
You are seeing more saw marks, fuzz, or a rougher finish than usual. | ☐ You have to push the feed harder
Maintaining your normal feed rate takes more effort. |
| ☐ The blade is heating up more
Extra heat or smoke can be a sign the blade is not cutting efficiently. | ☐ Cut quality drops
Your mill setup looks correct, but the lumber quality is still getting worse. |

CHECK THESE THINGS BEFORE BLAMING THE BLADE

Not every cutting problem means the blade is dull. Check the basics first:

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| ☐ Blade tension
Correct for your mill and blade size. | ☐ Blade tracking
Blade is tracking correctly on the wheels. |
| ☐ Blade guides
Guides are not worn and are adjusted correctly. | ☐ Feed speed / log conditions
Hard, dirty, or knotty logs can slow a good blade. |

STOP USING THE BLADE IF YOU SEE:

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| ☐ Cracks | ☐ Broken teeth | ☐ Damaged weld |
| ☐ Severe rust | ☐ Other visible damage | |

READY TO GET YOUR BLADES CUTTING BETTER AGAIN?

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Keep this checklist near your mill for quick reference.