

# MARK V MITER GAUGE

An accurate Miter Gauge is essential to making square & true cut-offs and precision miter cuts. Dropping or bumping the Gauge...even regular use...can tend to alter its accuracy.

Periodically, it's a good idea to check the squareness or angle of the Gauge to the Saw Blade with a drafting triangle or a precision, adjustable arm protractor. Another device made especially for this purpose is a see-through plastic Angle Setter. Remember, too, that the protractor on the Miter Gauge is **not** a precise measuring instrument, but should only be used as a guide.

That's why you should take extra care in setting the Gauge's Auto-Stops for 45-degree left and right and 90-degree settings. This way, when you're ready to make straight or 45-degree mitered cuts, just go to the Auto-Stops and everything should be OK. When making a critical, angled miter cut (other than 90 or 45-degrees), you should **always** use one of the set-up devices listed above.

Finally, it's a good idea to use paste wax or a machine table lubricant such as Top-Cote or Dri-Cote to reduce friction between the Miter Gauge Bar and the Worktable Slot.

| Problem                                       | Possible Cause(s)  | Remedy  |
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| Miter Gauge won't slide through Table Slots   | Miter Gauge Bar bent<br>Warped Table is pinching the Bar<br>Setscrew in Miter Bar is too tight   | Replace Bar<br>Replace Tabletop<br>Loosen setscrew  |
| Miter Gauge Bar will not lock in the Tabletop | Bad setscrew<br>Screw hole cut too deep in Miter Bar   | Replace setscrew<br>Replace Miter Gauge Bar   |
| Safety Grip leaves marks on wood              | Excessive Hand Grip pressure<br>Burr on Safety Grip Pad  | Use less pressure<br>Remove burr with single-cut mill file  |
| Gauge rocks side-to-side                      | Glides are improperly adjusted   | Adjust Glides   |
| Wood teeters on Miter Gauge Protractor        | Protractor face warped   | Replace protractor  |
| Miter Gauge does not cut indicated angle      | Angle stops are inaccurately set<br>Tool used to set angles is inaccurate<br>Scale is improperly adjusted<br>Protractor face is warped<br>Wood not being held firmly against Gauge | Reset stops<br>Use precision setting tool<br>Re-adjust the Scale<br>Replace protractor<br>Hold wood firmly. Use Safety Grip if possible |