

**OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
AND PARTS LIST FOR**

**CRAFTSMAN  
BENCH SAW**

8 INCH

**Model Number 103.21040**

The model number of your Bench Saw will be found on a plate on the rear of the Base. Always mention this model number when communicating with us regarding your Bench Saw or when ordering parts.

**HOW TO ORDER REPAIR PARTS**

All parts listed herein may be ordered through Sears, Roebuck and Co. or Simpsons-Sears Limited. When ordering parts by mail from the mail order house which serves the territory in which you live, selling prices will be furnished on request or parts will be shipped at prevailing prices and you will be billed accordingly.

**WHEN ORDERING REPAIR PARTS, ALWAYS GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS SHOWN IN THIS LIST:**

1. The **PART NUMBER**
2. The **PART NAME**
3. The **MODEL NUMBER**
4. The **NAME** of item

This list is valuable. It will assure your being able to obtain proper parts service. We suggest you keep it with other valuable papers.

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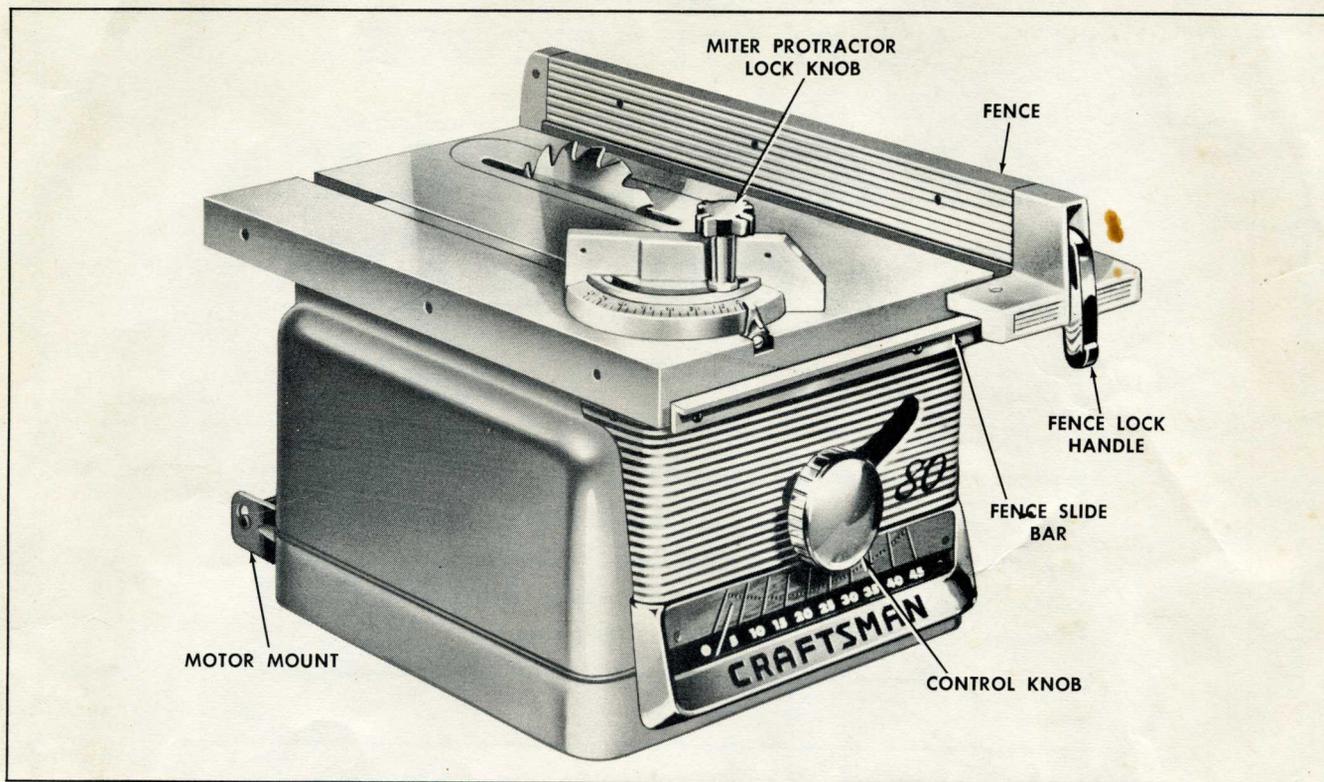


FIGURE 1

Careful planning, precision machining, and rigid inspection have all contributed toward maintaining the high standard of quality found in this tool. We are confident that you will find it satisfactory in every respect.

To increase the versatility of this saw beyond the normal range of bench saw operations, various attachments are readily available.

To prevent damage in shipment some of the parts were disassembled from the tool. These parts are listed below. Be sure they are all accounted for before discarding any of the packing material.

1. Fence; item 110.
2. Miter gage assembly; item 118.
3. Motor alignment rod; item 24.
4. Motor Mount parts items 27, 23, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34.
5. Insert with clips; items 16, 17, 18 and 19.
6. Motor pulley; item 63.
7. V-belt; item 61.
8. Bag contains items 21, 22, 29, 25, 26, 28, 35, 11, 12, 13 and 14.
9. Fence Slide Bar; item 10.

### ASSEMBLY:

#### Front Fence Bar

The front fence bar must be fastened to the front edge of the saw table with three (3) slotted head screws, No. 11, spacers, No. 12, lock washers, No. 13, and hex nuts, No. 14. See Fig. 2.

Before tightening the screws securely, the fence bar must be accurately adjusted to the  $21/32$  dimension over the entire length.

#### Motor Mount

Install as shown in Fig. 3 and outlined under "Installation of Saw".

#### Insert with clips.

Install in opening provided in table top. See Fig. 5.

#### INSTALLATION OF SAW:

There are four  $5/16$  diameter holes provided in the base of the saw through which the tool should be fastened securely with screws or bolts to a well built work bench. A large hole in the bench below the blade will allow sawdust to escape.

**The Motor Mount Bracket** should be installed as shown in Fig. 3.

1. Set the saw at 0 inches elevation and 0 degrees tilt. (See paragraph headed "Controls".)

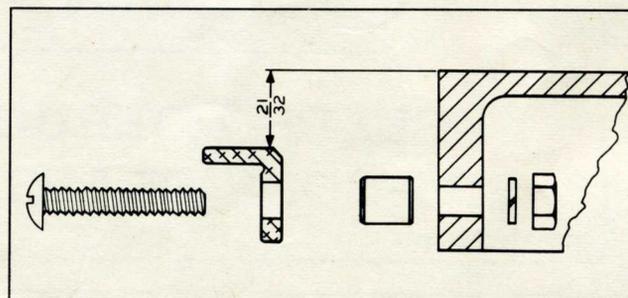


FIGURE 2

2. Fasten the motor rail bracket, No. 23, to the rear of the saw so it is flush with the bottom of the base. Use the two (2) slotted head machine screws, No. 29, lock washers, No. 22, and hex nuts, No. 21 provided.
3. Turn the guide pin, No. 35, into the hole at rear of saw body as shown in Fig. 3.
4. Assemble motor support bracket to the motor rail bracket, as shown. The grooved end of the motor rail, No. 24 MUST be placed in end of bracket with elongated hole.
5. Bolt your motor loosely to the motor support bracket.
6. Slide the motor rail guide, No. 33, over the guide pin.
7. Align the motor and saw pulleys by adjusting the motor on the motor support bracket. Tighten the motor mounting bolts securely.

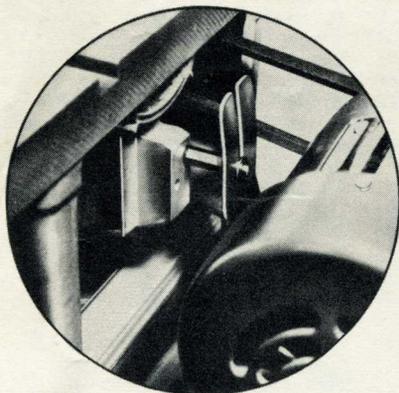


FIGURE 3

### Check before Operation!

1. The motor alignment rod must project at least 1/4 inch through the mount slot with the blade retracted and tilted 45 degrees. This setting should be checked often during operation. As the belt wears or stretches, loosen the set screw and pull the alignment rod out of the bracket the amount needed.
2. The motor mount must not strike the motor rail at 0 or 45 degrees tilt.
3. Be sure that the teeth of the blade point toward the front of the saw and the top of the blade turns toward the front.

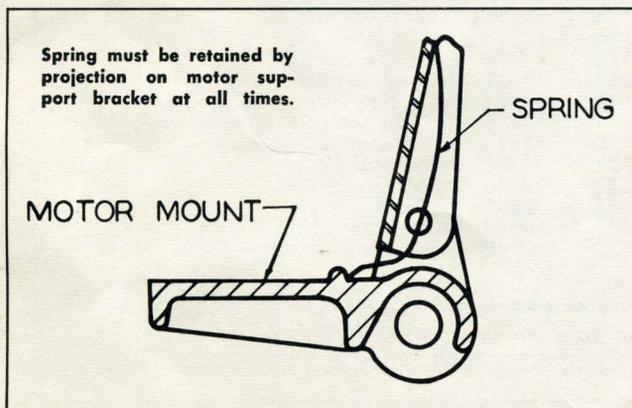


FIGURE 4

### MOTOR:

For general home workshop use, a 1/2 horsepower 3450 R.P.M. motor will provide adequate speed and power. However, to enable you to take full advantage of the rugged performance features and full cutting efficiency of this saw, especially for heavy duty work, a 3/4 horsepower 3450 R.P.M. motor should be used. Note: When a 3/4 H.P. motor is used, a 41 inch V-belt and a motor pulley with 5/8 bore is necessary.

### SPEED:

The motor pulley, No. 63, installed on a 3450 R.P.M. motor with a 5/8 inch diameter shaft will drive the saw at the recommended speed—4500 R.P.M.

### BELT:

The saw is driven by a V-belt, No. 61. A replacement may be purchased by ordering under part number given in parts list.

### LUBRICATION:

The precision ball bearing assembly used on the saw arbor has been packed with lubricant and sealed at the factory. It should require no further attention for the life of the bearing assembly.

To maintain the smooth, easy operation of the controls, oil the following points occasionally:

1. The guide, No. 52, at the front of the arbor support.
2. The guide ways of the front and rear trunnions, Nos. 80 and 92.
3. The elevation screw, No. 76.
4. The motor rail, No. 24.

### CONTROLS:

**The Control Knob** raises the saw from 0 to 2 1/2 inches above the table level when **pushed in** and turned. It tilts the saw 0 to 45 degrees when **pulled out** and turned.

**The Angle of Tilt** is shown by a pointer on the scale just below the control knob.

**The Miter Protractor** face is a guide surface for cross cutting or diagonal cutting to a definite angle. The protractor may be used on either side of the blade at any angle or depth of cut setting. The angle is shown by the pointer on the calibrated scale on the protractor head. The lock knob clamps the head in the selected position.

### CAUTION:

This saw has an extra long spindle for greater dado capacity. If the blade is extended more than 2 3/8 inches the spindle will strike the table insert when the saw blade is tilted.

**The Fence Lock Handle** when down clamps the fence at both ends of the table. Raise the handle to unlock and by **grasping the front fence end** move the fence to any point across the table. **To make sure that the fence is perpendicular to the table, push down on fence as you lock it.**

### ADJUSTMENTS:

The following items may require adjustment due to rough handling during shipment:

**The Blade Tilt Stop Screw**, No. 98, located just behind the front trunnion on the left side of the body casting stops the tilt mechanism when the blade is at right angles to the table.

**The Pointer for the Tilt Scale** should indicate 0 degrees when the blade is at right angles to the table.

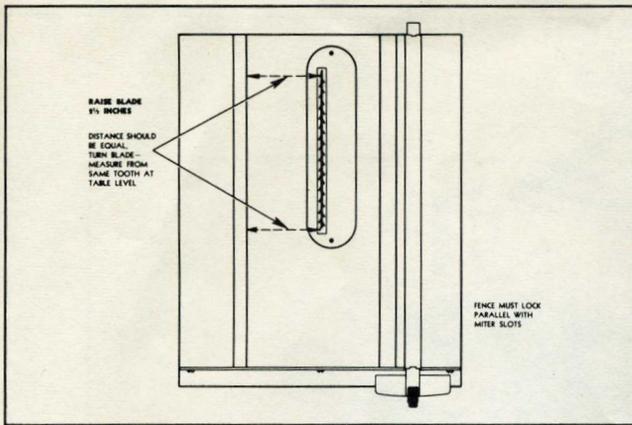


FIGURE 5

**The Blade Must Be Parallel with the Miter Slots in the Table to Get a Straight Cut.** (See Fig. 5).

Adjustment, if necessary, may be made as follows:

1. Raise the blade to 2 1/2 inches depth of cut and set at right angle (0 degrees) to table.
2. Measure **accurately** from a raker tooth on the blade to an edge of either miter slot, as explained and shown in Fig. 5.
3. Loosen the bolts, Nos. 79 and 93, holding each trunnion, Nos. 80 and 92, to the lower table surface. (4 bolts total.)
4. Shift the complete under-table mechanism until the blade is parallel with the miter slot.
5. Re-tighten the four trunnion screws, front pair first.
6. Check this adjustment as previously explained to be certain it is correct after re-assembly is complete.

**The Fence Must Lock Parallel with the Miter Slots.**

Using one hand on the front end of the fence, slide the fence to the edge of the miter slot. Push the lock handle down slowly. If fence does not lock parallel to miter slot adjust as follows:

1. Loosen the two screws, No. 108, on top of the fence end.
2. Release the fence lock handle, No. 103.
3. Adjust the two set screws on the front of the fence end until the fence is parallel with miter slot. Turn the two screws, on the top, up snug. Then tighten each one securely.
4. Check the adjustment by sliding the fence away from the slot and returning several times to see if it locks parallel each time.

**The Arbor Tilt Tension Spring, No. 99,** provides tension to keep the mechanism tilted at any angle, thus eliminating the need for a manual control lock. After the tool is "broken in," you may find it necessary to increase this tension. Loosen the lock nut, No. 85, and turn the bolt, No. 98, until enough tension has been applied. Re-tighten the lock nut.

**Note:** After a few hours of operation, tighten all pulley set screws.

**OPERATION:**

The blade provided with this saw may be used for both cross-cutting and ripping.

For proper chip clearance and best general results, the blade should project through the work-piece approximately 1/4 in.

Do not force material into the blade too fast. Use a straight, direct, steady feed which does not over-tax the cutting capacity of the blade.

To eliminate creep of your work when making a miter cut, clamp the work piece to the miter gage.

Support long work as it leaves the rear of the table.

When using dado saws, the hex nut, No. 83, will hold saws securely without the use of the saw clamp washer, No. 84, if that is desired.

**SAFETY:**

While the bench saw is one of the most widely used woodshop power tools, it is by nature of its general design, one of the most dangerous in the hands of inexperienced or careless operators. The bench saw is not, however, an unsafe tool when used with common sense and good judgment.

Use a push block rather than letting the hands get closer than 3 inches to the blade on narrow cuts.

Never hold the hands over the blade when making blind groove type cuts. Stand to one side when completing a cut. A loose piece caught by the blade can fly back with surprising force.

Always stop the saw when removing waste stock from near the blade, when making adjustments, or when changing settings.

Do not wear dangling neck ties, loose baggy sleeves, etc., while operating power tools.

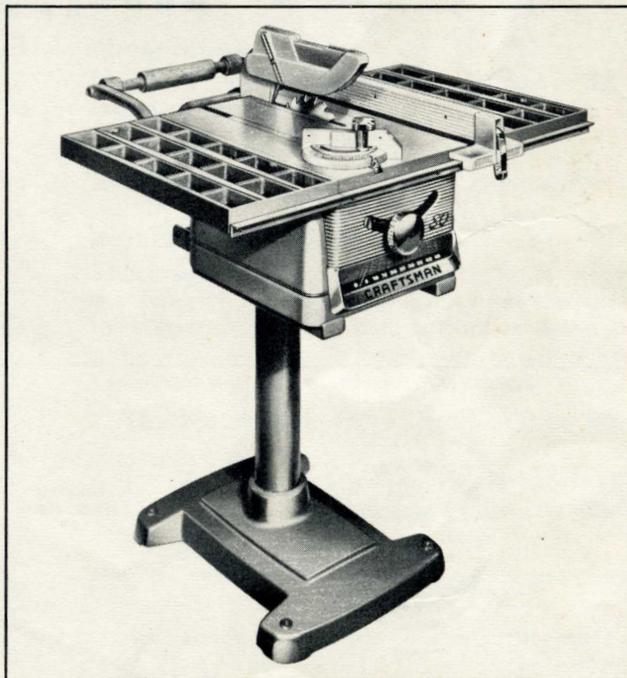


FIGURE 6

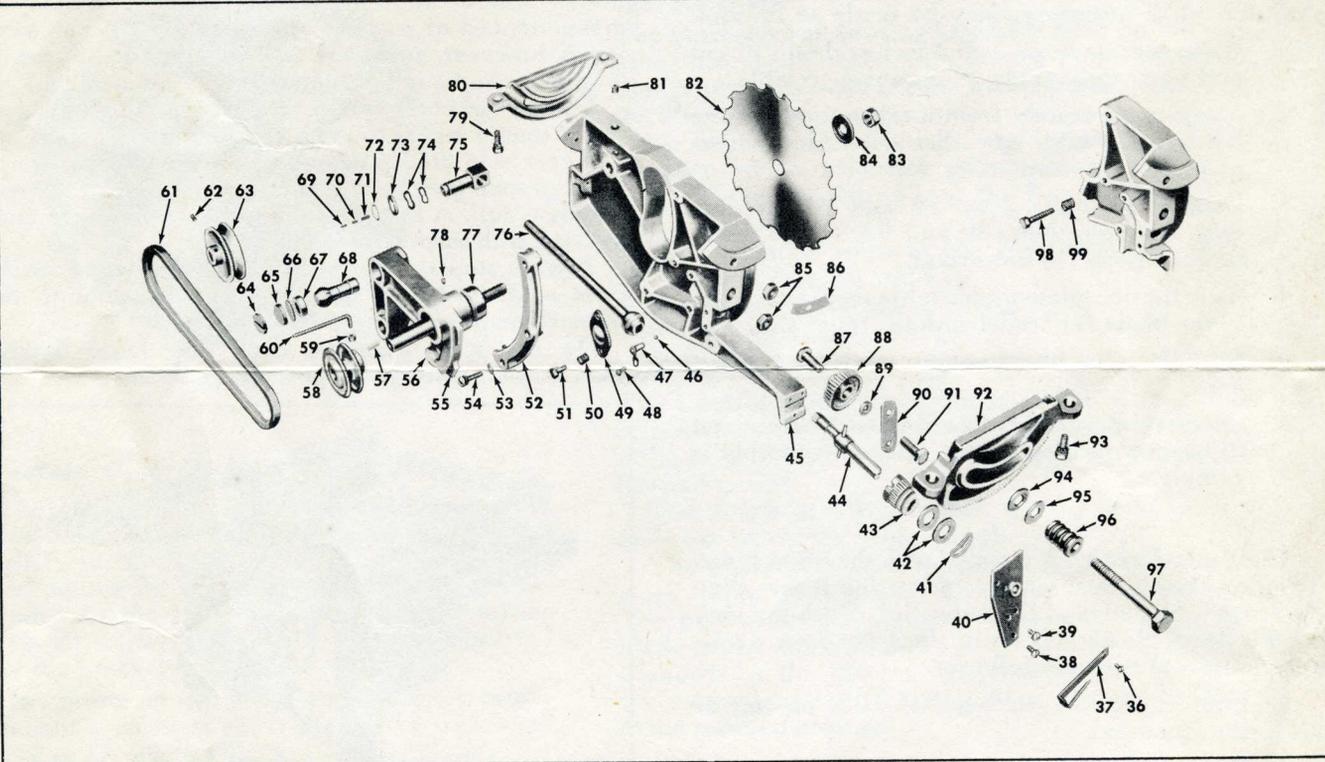
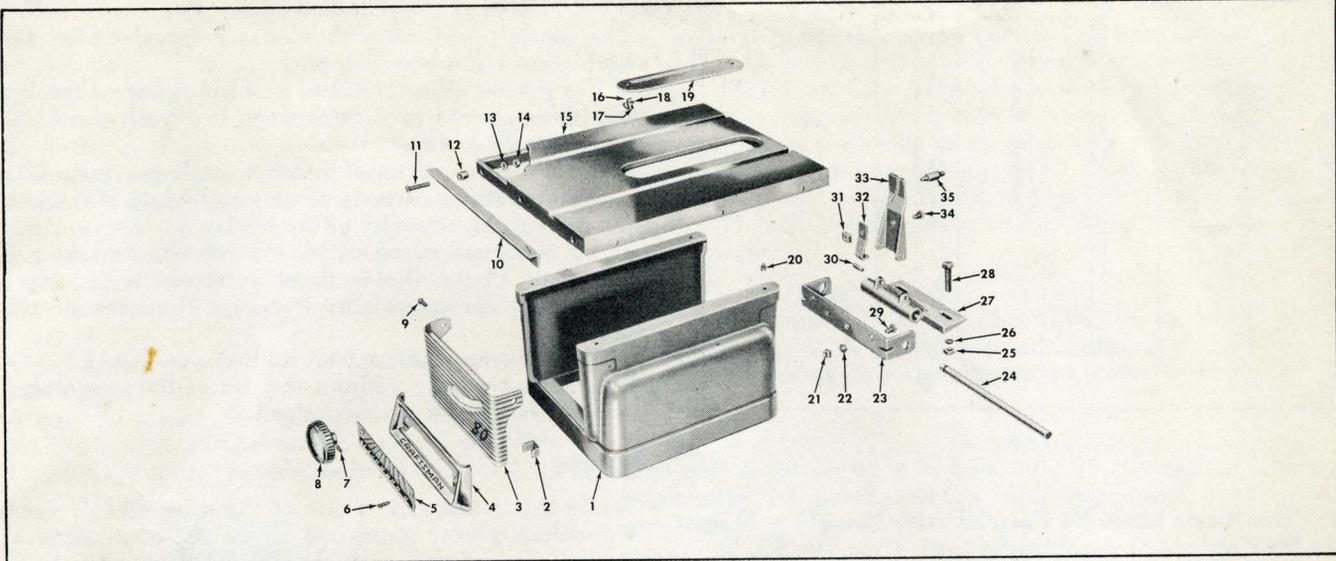
**ACCESSORIES:**

SAW GUARD—CATALOG No. 9-21046.

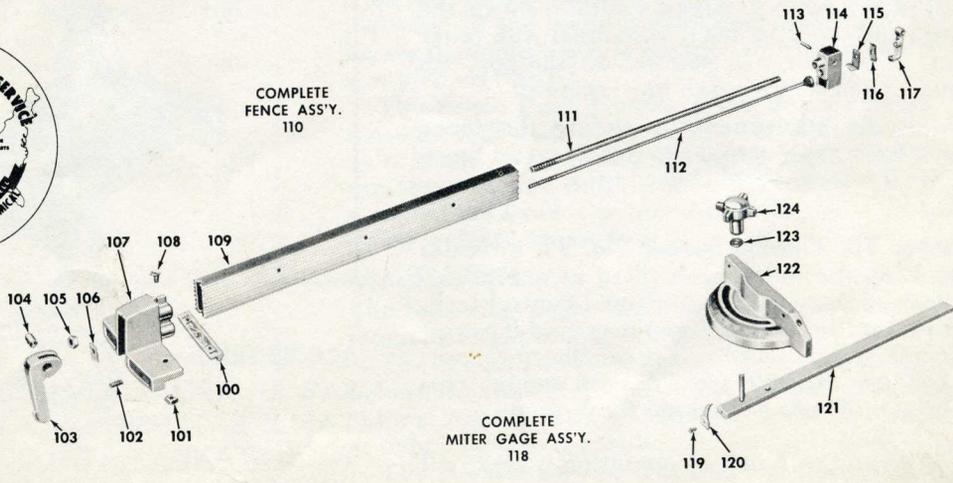
TABLE EXTENSION—CATALOG No. 9-21047.

TOOL STAND—CATALOG No. 9-21048.

POWR PANEL—CATALOG No. 9-2120.



COMPLETE FENCE ASS'Y.  
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COMPLETE MITER GAGE ASS'Y.  
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## PARTS LIST

Item No.	Order by Part No.	PART NAME	Item No.	Order by Part No.	PART NAME
1.	37440	Base	63.		Motor pulley with set screw—2½ inch single groove V-pulley with ⅝ inch bore. Purchase from your nearest Sears retail store or mail order house. Ask for Catalog No. 9-A-2802
2.	37480	Clip			⅝ inch bore
3.	37778	Front Panel	64.	38666	Pivot bearing retaining screw
4.	37783	Bezel	65.	38848	Retainer washer
5.	37779	Scale	66.	38766	Disc
6.	X-343	Mach. Screw Oval Hd. No. 6-32 x 1	67.	38665	Pivot socket bearing
7.	X-179	Socket Head Set Screw ⅝-18 x ⅝	68.	38664	Pivot Pin
8.	38415	Handwheel	69.	X-179	Socket head set screw ⅝-18 x ⅝ cup point
9.	X-1806	Sheet Metal Screw No. 7-16 x ⅜	70.	38846	Rubber plug
10.	37833	Fence Slide Bar	71.	38847	Nylon plug
11.	X-398	Truss Head Machine Screw No. 10-24 x 1¼	72.	18447	Retaining ring
12.	38676	Spacer	73.	X-631	Plain washer 4¼ I.D. x 1 inch O.D.
13.	X-608	Washer No. 10 Amer. Std.	74.	38728	Spring washer
14.	X-424	Hex Nut No. 10-24	75.	38340	Swivel ass'y
15.	37212	Table	76.	38663	Control screw
16.	18993	Table Insert Clip	77.	38170	Arbor and bearing unit with key
17.	X-375	Binding Head Machine Screw No. 6-32 x ⅛	78.	X-181	Socket head set screw No. 10-24 x ¼ cone pt.
18.	X-2451	Internal Tooth Lock Washer No. 6	79.	X-387	Hex head machine screw ⅝-18 x ¾
19.	37724	Table Insert	80.	38439	Rear trunnion
20.	X-741	Machine Screw ⅝-18 x ½ Hex Washer Head with External Lock Washer	81.	X-179	Socket head set screw ⅝-18 x ⅝ cone point
21.	X-418	Square Nut ⅝-18	82.		8 inch diameter chisel tooth blade. Purchase from your nearest Sears retail store or mail order house. Ask for Catalog No. 9-3240
22.	X-611	Lock Washer ⅝ Amer. Std.			⅝ inch bore
23.	37785	Motor Rail Bracket	83.	X-403	Hex Jam nut ½-20
24.	37663	Motor Rail Bar	84.	18444	Saw clamp washer
25.	X-418	Nut Square ⅝-18	85.	X-413	Hex Jam nut ⅝-16
26.	X-601	Plain Washer 1½ I.D. x 1¼ O.D.	86.	38753	Sawdust shield
27.	37213	Motor Support Bracket	87.	38669	Spacer
28.	X-322	Square Head Machine Screw ⅝-18 x 2	88.	37429	Control gear
29.	X-525	Slotted Round Head Machine Screw ⅝-18 x ⅝	89.	X-636	Plain washer 1¾ I.D. x ¾ O.D.
30.	38874	Roll Pin	90.	37773	Gear plate
31.	X-418	Square Nut ⅝-18	91.	X-206	Hex. Head cap screw ⅝-16 x 1¼
32.	38765	Flat Spring	92.	38438	Front trunnion
33.	38764	Motor Rail Guide	93.	X-387	Hex. head cap screw ⅝-18 x ¾
34.	X-525	Slotted Round Head Machine Screw ⅝-18 x ⅝	94.	38755	Fibre washer
35.	38691	Guide Pin	95.	38754	Flat washer
36.	X-2908	Self Tapping Screw No. 8-32 x ¼ Round Hd.	96.	38854	Trunnion lock spring
37.	37777	Tilt Pointer	97.	38667	Trunnion lock bolt
38.	X-377	Binding Head Machine Screw No. 10-24 x ⅜	98.	38853	Spring
39.	X-734	Round Head Machine Screw No. 10-24 x ⅜ with External Lock Washer	99.	X-379	Replace with Fillister Head machine screw ¼-20 x ¾
40.	38752	Front Plate	100.	37437	Fence lock bar
41.	38849	Retaining Ring	101.	X-407	Square nut No. 10-24
42.	38748	Plain Washer	102.	X-3801	Slotted head set screw No. 10-24 x ⅝
43.	38435	Drive Gear	103.	38442	Fence lock handle
44.	37430	Control Shaft with Pin	104.	38688	Fence swivel
45.	37432	Frame	105.	X-420	Hex nut ¼-20
46.	X-1307	Steel Ball ⅜ Dia.	106.	38871	Wear plate
47.	38190	Control Shaft Tension Spring	107.	37436	Front fence end
48.	X-734	Round Head Machine Screw No. 10-24 x ⅜ with External Lock Washer	108.	X-378	Slotted oval head machine screw No. 10-24 x ⅝
49.	38751	Tension Plate	109.	37832	Fence body
50.	38853	Tension Plate Spring	110.	37011	Fence Ass'y
51.	X-201	Hex Head Cap Screw ¼-20 x ¾	111.	37661	Fence tie rod
52.	38437	Guide Shoe	112.	37662	Fence lock rod
53.	X-607	Plain Washer 1¼ I.D. x 1½ O.D.	113.	38674	Fence lock pin
54.	X-738	Round Head Machine Screw ¼-20 x 1 with External Lock Washer	114.	37435	Rear fence end
55.	37380	Spindle Support with Bearing Key	115.	37758	Fence shoe
56.	38434	Spindle Support	116.	37776	Lock arm spring
57.	38831	Square key	117.	37425	Fence lock arm
58.	38160	Tool pulley with set screw	118.	37204	Complete miter gage ass'y
59.	X-179	Socket head set screw ⅝-18 x ⅝ cup point	119.	X-556	Fillister head machine screw No. 10-24 x ⅜
60.	X-1400	Allen wrench ⅝	120.	37774	Miter, protractor pointer
61.		V-belt ½ x 35 inches long. Purchase from your nearest Sears retail store or mail order house. Ask for Catalog No. 9-A-1635	121.	37390	Miter bar
62.	X-179	Socket head set screw ⅝-18 x ⅝ cup point	122.	37240	Miter protractor
			123.	38647	Washer
			124.	38429	Knob
			125.	37999	Instruction sheet.

\*Parts marked in this manner may be purchased locally.

This sheet is intended for instruction and repair parts only and is not a packing slip.  
The parts shown and listed may include accessories not necessarily part of this tool.