PROBLEM SOLVING

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
PREMATURE BLADE BREAKAGE Straight Break indicates fatigue	 Incorrect blade - teeth too coarse Blade tension too high Side guides too tight Damaged or misadjusted blade guides Excessive feed Incorrect cutting fluid Wheel diameter too small for blade Blade rubbing on wheel flanges Teeth in contact with work before starting saw Incorrect blade velocity 	 Use finer tooth pitch Reduce blade tension - see machine operator's manual Check side guide clearance - see machine manual Check all guides for alignment and damage Reduce feed pressure Check coolant Use thinner blade Adjust wheel alignment Allow 1/2" clearance before starting cut Increase or decrease blade speed
PREMATURE DULLING OF TEETH	 Teeth pointing in wrong direction - blade mounted backwards Improper or no blade break-in Hard spots in material Material work hardened Improper coolant Improper coolant concentration Speed too high Feed too light 	 Install blade correctly. If teeth are facing in the wrong direction, flip blade inside out Break in blade properly - see recommended procedures Check material for hardness or hard spots like scale or flame cut areas Increase feed pressure Check coolant type Check recommended blade speed Increase feed pressure
MATERIAL MATERIAL	 Tooth set damage Excessive feed pressure Improper tooth size Cutting fluid not applied evenly Guides worn or loose Insufficient blade tension 	 Check for worn set on one side of blade Reduce feed pressure Check cutting chart Check coolant nozzles Tighten or replace guides, check for proper alignment Adjust to recommended tension
BAND LEADING IN CUT	 Over-feed Insufficient blade tension Tooth set damage Guide arms loose or set too far apart Chips not being cleaned from gullets 	 Reduce feed force Adjust recommended tension Check material for hard inclusions Position arms as close to work as possible. Tighten arms Check chip brush
	 Insufficient coolant flow Wrong coolant concentration Excessive speed and/or pressure Tooth size too small Chip brush not working 	 Check coolant level and flow Check coolant ratio Reduce speed and/or pressure Use coarser tooth pitch Repair or replace chip brush
TEETH FRACTURE Back of tooth indicates work spinning in clamps	 Incorrect speed and/or feed Incorrect blade pitch Saw guides not adjusted properly Chip brush not working 	 Check cutting chart Check cutting chart Adjust or replace saw guides Repair or replace chip brush
IRREGULAR BREAK Indicates material movement	 Indexing out of sequence Material loose in vice 	 Check proper machine movement Check vise or clamp
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