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owners manual

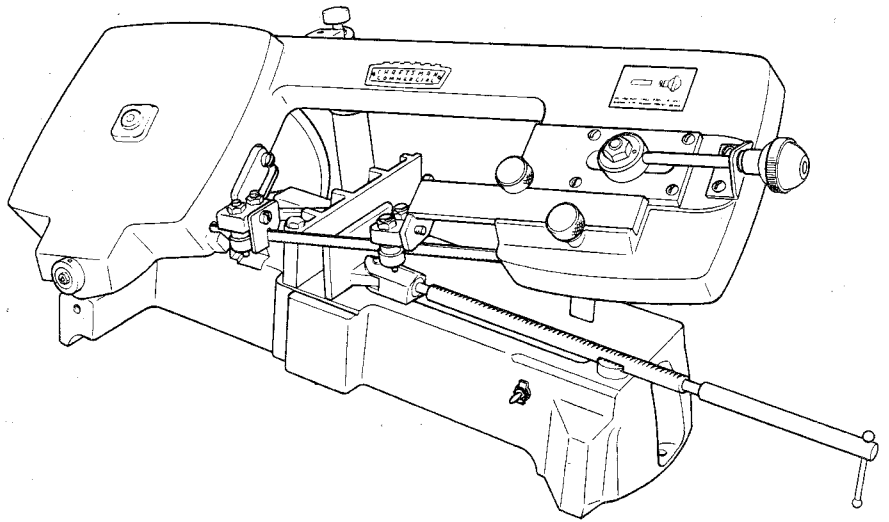


**METAL CUTTING BAND SAW**

MODEL NO.  
101.2290

**CAUTION:**  
Read Rules for  
Safe Operation  
and Instructions  
Carefully

- Assembly
- Operating
- Repair Parts



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## SAFETY RULES FOR POWER TOOLS

### 1. KNOW YOUR POWER TOOL

Read the owner's manual carefully. Learn its application and limitations as well as the specific potential hazards peculiar to this tool.

### 2. GROUND ALL TOOLS

If tool is equipped with three-prong plug, it should be plugged into a three-hole receptacle. If adapter is used to accommodate two-prong receptacle, the adapter wire must be attached to a *known ground*. Never remove third prong.

### 3. KEEP GUARDS IN PLACE

and in working order.

### 4. REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES

Form habit of checking to see that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from tool before turning on tool.

### 5. KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN

Cluttered areas and benches invite accidents.

### 6. AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT

Don't use power tools in damp or wet locations. Keep work area well illuminated.

### 7. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY

All visitors should be kept a safe distance from work area.

### 8. MAKE WORKSHOP KID PROOF

— with padlocks, master switches, or by removing starter keys.

### 9. DON'T FORCE TOOL

It will do the job better and be safer at the rate for which it was designed.

### 10. USE RIGHT TOOL

Don't force tool or attachment to do a job it was not designed for.

### 11. WEAR PROPER APPAREL

No loose clothing or jewelry to get caught in moving parts.

### 12. USE SAFETY GLASSES

Also use face or dust mask if cutting operation is dusty.

### 13. SECURE WORK

Use clamps or a vise to hold work when practical. It's safer than using your hand, frees both hands to operate tool.

### 14. DON'T OVERREACH

Keep your proper footing and balance at all times.

### 15. MAINTAIN TOOLS IN TOP CONDITION

Keep tools sharp and clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories.

### 16. DISCONNECT TOOLS

before servicing and when changing accessories such as blades, bits, cutters.

### 17. AVOID ACCIDENTAL STARTING

Make sure switch is "OFF" before plugging in cord.

### 18. USE RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES

Consult the owner's manual. Use of improper accessories may be hazardous.



The operation of any power tool can result in foreign objects being thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields before commencing power tool operation. We recommend **Wide Vision Safety Mask** for use over spectacles, or standard safety glasses... available at Sears retail or catalog stores.

# OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

## METAL CUTTING BAND SAW — MODEL NUMBER 101.2290

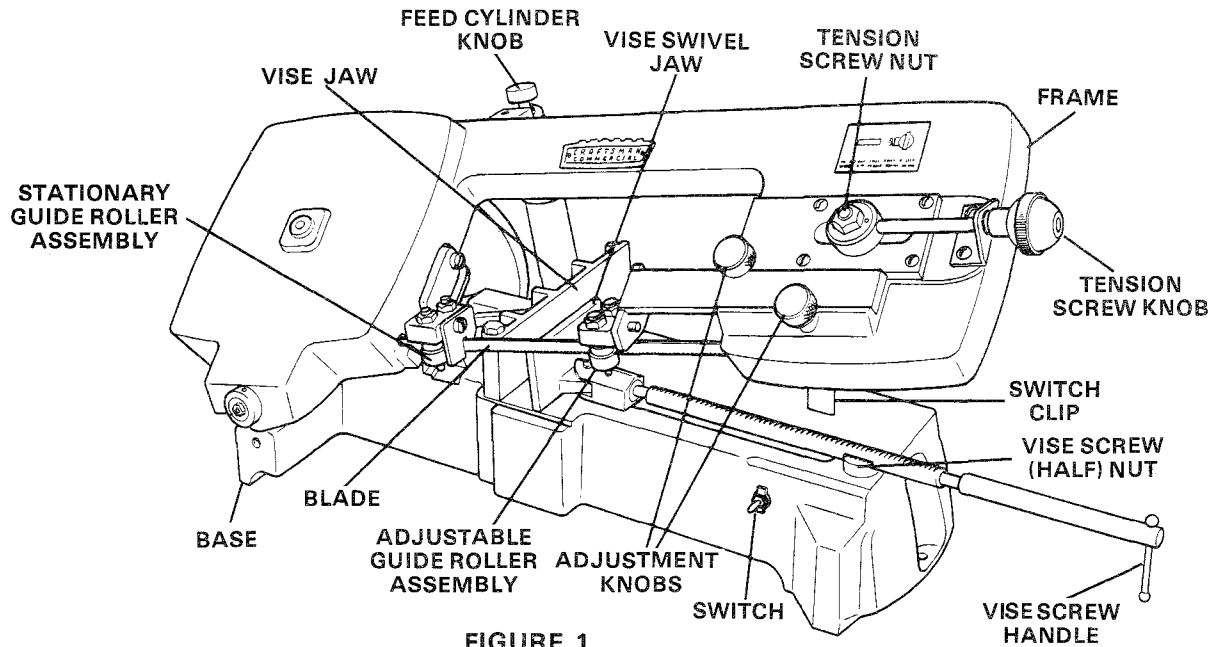


FIGURE 1

### SETTING UP THE METAL CUTTING BAND SAW

The Metal Cutting Band Saw is packaged completely assembled - a motor pulley and drive belt are separately wrapped.

Remove rust preventive from all surfaces by wiping with a cloth moistened with mineral spirits.

For stationary use, bolt the saw to a workbench in a position which will provide room for handling long stock. For portable use, bolt saw to a suitable board (1 to 2 inches thick) on which the motor can also be mounted. If necessary, shim under the feet to prevent twisting of the saw base when the bolts are tightened.

Design speed for the saw is 135 feet per minute. This speed is obtained only by using a 1725 rpm motor with the 1-1/2 inch OD motor pulley furnished with the saw. A 1/2 hp motor is recommended.

Slide the pulley on motor shaft and mount the motor in a position which will align the motor pulley with the saw drive pulley - so that the drive belt will run straight. Install the belt and adjust belt tension so that finger pressure at its mid point will depress the belt approximately 1/4 inch. Proper tension is important, if the belt is too loose, it will slip and wear out; if too tight, it will damage the motor and the saw bearings. The use of motor rails or a swivel mount is recommended for maintaining correct belt tension.

### WIRING SWITCH TO MOTOR

If the recommended Sears 1/2 HP 115V 1725RPM motor is used follow these wiring instructions. For other motors follow manufacturers instructions.

1. Remove terminal box cover (A Fig. 2) and round knock out plug (B).

2. Install cable connector (C) in round opening. Sharp lugs on connector nut must go against inside of terminal box. Tighten nut securely.
3. Remove line cord lead from "slip on lug" (D) - just pull it off.
4. Carefully remove slip-on terminal from end of wire - it will be reused.
5. Attach slip-on terminal to white wire of switch cable.

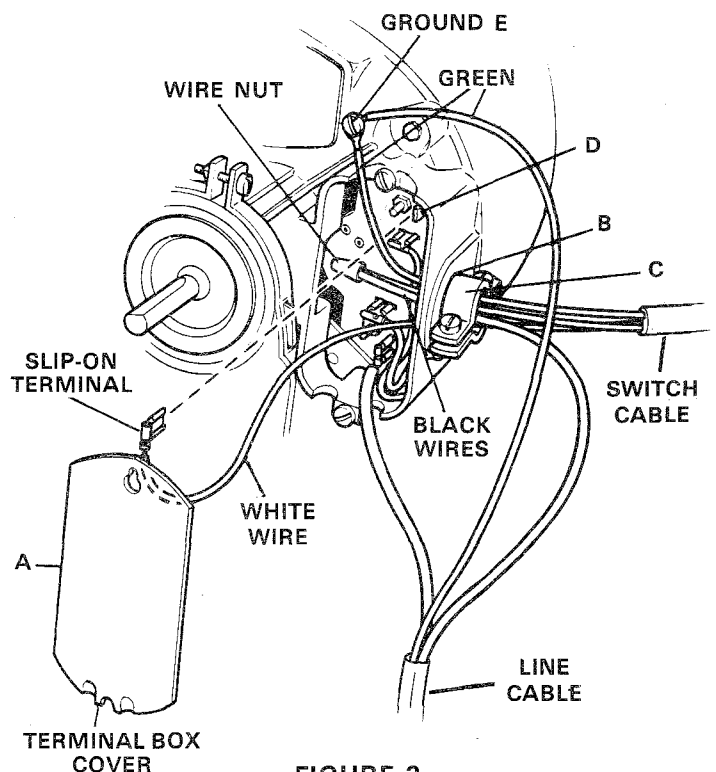


FIGURE 2

6. Pass switch cable through connector and into terminal box.
7. Slide terminal on white wire over lug (D).
8. Connect black switch wire to loose end of line wire with wire nut supplied.
9. Connect green switch cable wire and green line cord wire to ground screw (E). Tighten connector clamp screws to hold switch cable.
10. Tuck wires into terminal box and replace cover.
11. Turn switch on saw to off position. Plug motor cord into electrical outlet.
12. Turn on switch to check motor for proper rotation. Saw blade should turn in a direction toward the stationary saw guide roller assembly.

If incorrect: (THIS IS IMPORTANT) turn off motor and disconnect motor cord plug.

13. Remove terminal box cover from motor - interchange blue and yellow leads in terminal box - replace cover.

#### OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The saw is designed to cut through material which will fit under the blade, with saw frame elevated, when clamped between the vise jaws.

The vise jaw can be positioned straight (for a 90° cut), or at any angle to 45°. Loosening of a socket head capscrew permits setting the jaw at the desired position. The vise swivel jaw adjusts automatically to any position of the vise jaw and is mounted on a slider permitting it to be moved for opening or closing of the vise jaws. It can be moved freely when the vise screw engages a vise screw nut and the jaws can be tightened to hold any workpiece firmly.

Cutting is accomplished by the continuous blade traveling around a drive wheel and an idler wheel mounted in the saw frame. The blade is driven by the drive wheel which meshes with a bevel gear mounted on the same shaft as the saw drive pulley. Blade tension is maintained by a tension screw which moves the idler wheel in its slide at the top of the saw frame.

The blade is held in a vertical position at the front of the frame and is supported at each side of the workpiece by two guide roller assemblies - one stationary and one adjustable. The adjustable guide roller assembly can be moved to accommodate various width workpieces.

Weight of the saw frame provides feed pressure for the cutting operation. This pressure is controlled by a feed cylinder linked between the frame and the saw base. The cylinder contains a valve which meters hydraulic fluid from one chamber to another. A knob on top of the cylinder controls the metering rate. When the knob is turned clock-

wise until the valve is closed, the frame will be held stationary at any position to which it has been elevated. As the knob is turned counterclockwise the amount of feed pressure is increased until, with the valve fully open, the whole weight of the frame is used. Markings on the knob indicate each quarter turn, as a guide for setting feed pressure.

#### OPERATING PROCEDURE

##### NOTE

The 14 tooth blade furnished with the saw is suitable for most jobs, including aluminum. A 10 tooth blade will cut heavy sections faster and a 24 tooth blade is preferable for cutting tubing. Refer to the parts list for ordering information on blades.

1. Elevate frame and close feed cylinder valve to hold frame stationary above work.
2. Adjust vise jaw for desired angle and tighten socket head screw that secures the jaw.

##### NOTE

A protractor can be used for setting close angles other than 45° and 90° (which are at the respective ends of the slot).

3. Raise the vise screw handle and open the vise jaws. Place work in vise and slide the vise swivel jaw against the workpiece. Lower the screw into the vise screw nut and tighten the screw to clamp work securely.

##### CAUTION

Be certain that the work to be cut is securely clamped in the vise. Loose work will cause blade breakage.

4. Slowly open the feed cylinder valve and lower the frame until blade **almost** touches workpiece.

##### CAUTION

If blade should rest upon the work before the motor is started blade teeth can be damaged . . . if blade is dropped onto work the blade might be broken.

5. Move the adjustable guide roller assembly as close as possible to the workpiece to provide maximum blade rigidity; but leave it at least 4 inches from the stationary roller assembly so it will clear the base of the saw.

##### IMPORTANT

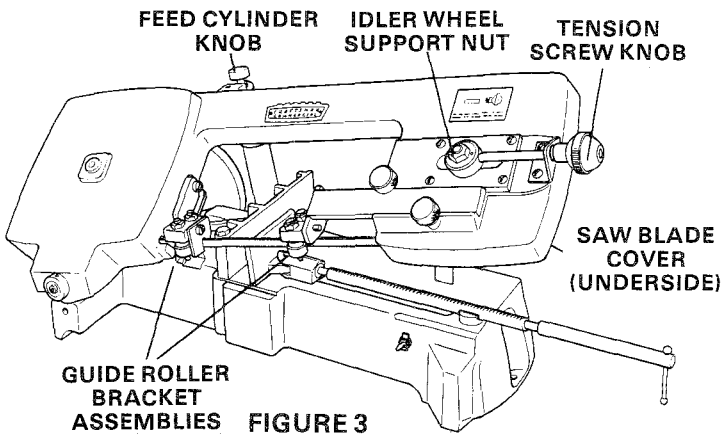
The guide roller assemblies must hold the blade perpendicular to the work and guide the blade straight, without bending or allowing it to sag between the rollers. It is impossible to get satisfactory work or to avoid blade damage, unless these assemblies are kept correctly adjusted at all times. Refer to ADJUSTMENTS, page 3.

6. Check the blade tension. Refer to CHANGING BLADES.

### NOTE

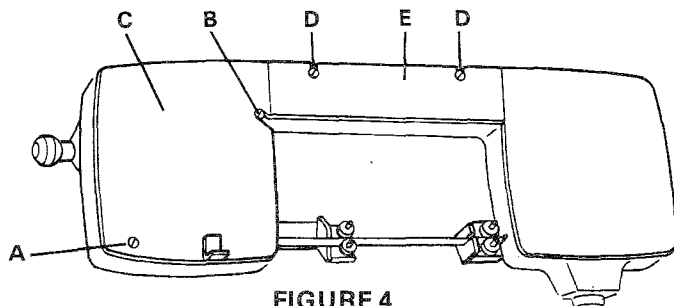
Do not use lubrication on the blade, lubricants will cause the blade to slip on the drive wheels.

7. Start the motor.
8. Open the feed cylinder valve to the proper setting for this operation. "Proper" setting depends upon the type of material, the type of cross-section (amount of material), and the straightness of cut desired. Soft materials (aluminum, brass, fiber) require less feed than hard material (steel or iron). Cross-sections having little material (thin-wall tubing) require less feed than solid cross-sections. Generally, reduced feed pressure will result in a straighter, more accurate cut. Experience is the best guide; the 1/4 - turn markings provided will help duplicate settings found to be desirable. Never overfeed, as this causes blade breakage and poor quality cuts. Never underfeed, as this causes premature dulling of blade teeth. If in doubt watch the cutting action, proper feed is when the chips are curled, without being burned.
9. When the cut is finished, turn off the motor.



### CHANGING BLADES (See Figure 3)

1. Elevate frame and close the feed cylinder valve to hold it stationary.
2. Wrap the feed cylinder stem with a cloth or provide similar means of protection so that the stem will not be scratched when changing saw blades.
3. Loosen screws (A, B & D, Fig. 4) swing guard (C) out of way. Tighten screw A to hold guard. Slide guard E off screws D.



4. Loosen the idler wheel support nut just enough to allow movement of the idler wheel support when the tension screw knob is turned. Turn tension screw knob counterclockwise until blade is free.
5. Carefully remove the blade and install new blade, with teeth at bottom and aimed toward the drive wheel.
6. Tighten blade by turning tension screw knob clockwise. Blade tension is properly adjusted when tension screw knob is 1/4 inch from boss on saw frame. Tighten idler wheel support nut securely.
7. Replace the saw blade guards and tighten holding screws.
8. Re-adjust the guide roller assemblies, if necessary.

### CUTTING PROBLEMS AND CAUSES

#### NOTE

Blade life will average between 5 and 10 hours of cutting, depending on material being cut.

#### BLADE BREAKAGE AND/OR TEETH RIPPING OUT:

1. Workpiece not clamped securely in saw vise.
2. Blade is too coarse. A minimum of two teeth should always be in contact with the work at the same time.
3. Wrong blade thickness. Many commercial blades are not of the correct thickness and will soon break under the strain of turning around the pulleys - use only blades which are designed for the use with the Craftsman saw.
4. Excessive blade tension.
5. Excessive feed rate.
6. Improper guide roller adjustment.
7. Guide roller assemblies not holding blade perpendicular.

#### PREMATURE BLADE DULLING:

1. Blade is too coarse.
2. Insufficient feed pressure.

#### BLADE RUNNING OFF PULLEYS:

1. Insufficient blade tension.
2. Improper guide roller adjustment.
3. Guide roller assemblies not properly adjusted.
4. Adjustable guide roller assembly too far from work-piece.

### UNEVEN CUTS:

1. Workpiece not clamped securely in saw vise.
2. Improper guide roller adjustment.
3. Adjustable guide roller assembly too far from work-piece.
4. Insufficient blade tension.
5. Excessive feed rate.

### ADJUSTMENTS

**FEED CYLINDER:** If oil level is low, an erratic feed rate will result. To add oil, turn feed cylinder knob ccw and remove by pulling upward. Fill tube with Shell Tellus 29 or equivalent (automotive SAE #10 may be substituted) oil to top. Reinsert knob and stem assembly; excess oil will spill out as this is done. Turn knob cw until solidly seated; then back off a couple of turns. Now raise and lower saw frame a few times to expel air from lower part of cylinder.

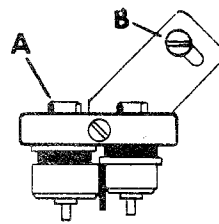
### ADJUSTING SWITCH CLIP (See Fig. 1)

Switch clip should turn off motor as soon as cutting edge of saw blade is slightly below surface of saw base.

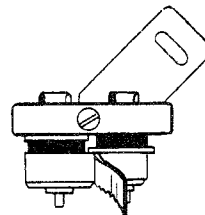
Switch clip is held to frame with 2 screws. If necessary to adjust - loosen screws - move clip as necessary. Re-tighten screws.

**GUIDE ROLLERS:** Adjustment is made by loosening the nut (A, Figure 5) and moving the outside roller toward or away from the flanged roller. Rollers are correctly positioned when the blade barely touches both rollers and the blade remains straight as it passes between the rollers.

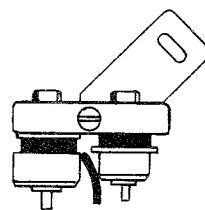
**GUIDE ROLLER ASSEMBLIES:** If either guide assembly holds the blade so that it is not perpendicular to its cut, loosen the screw (B, Figure 5) that holds the bracket and tap the bracket to straighten the assembly. Retighten the screw securely.



Correct adjustment - no sag or bend.



If rollers are too close, blade will bend.



If rollers are too far, blade will sag.

**FIGURE 5**

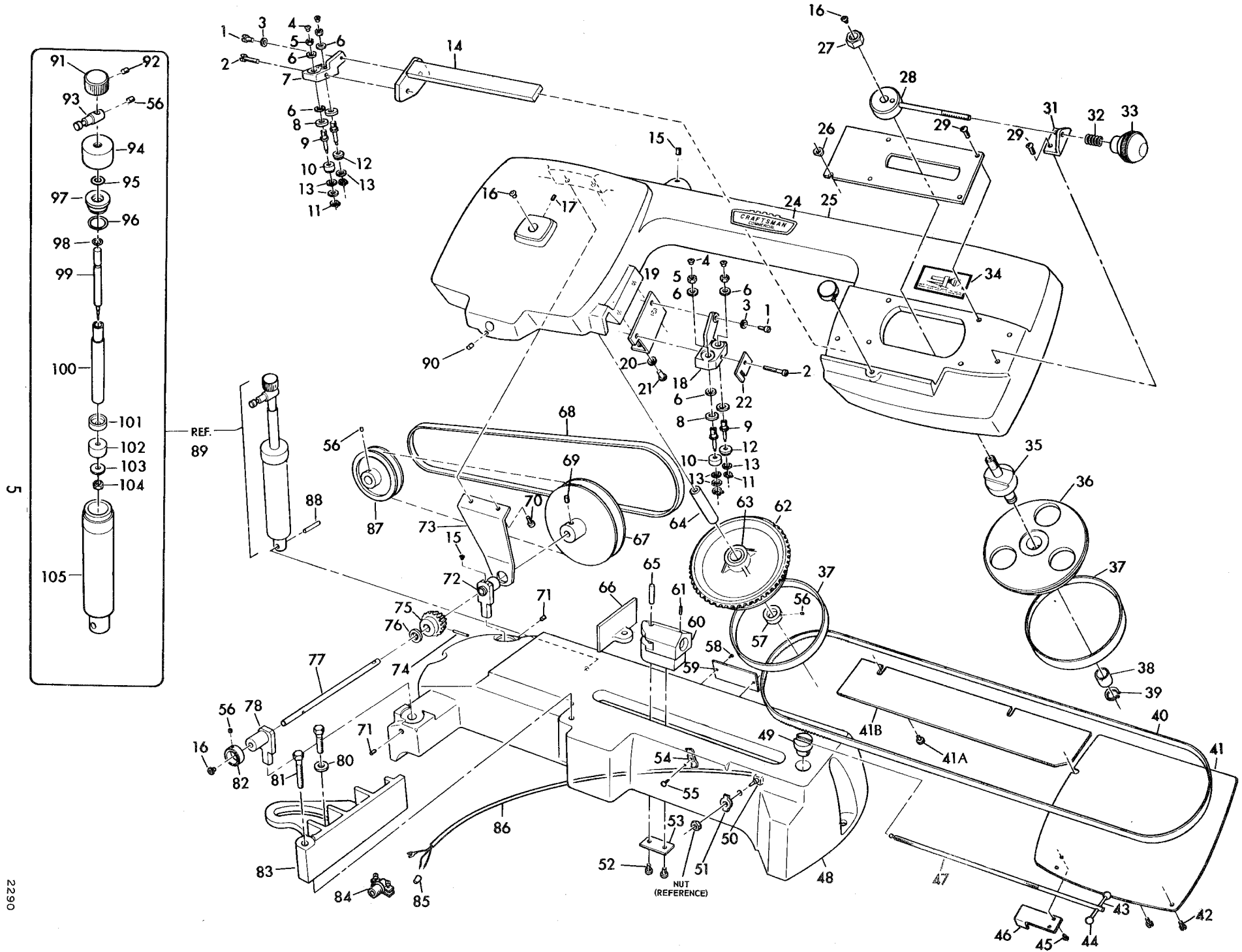
**BEVEL GEARS:** Should play develop between the wheel and bevel gear (62 and 75, Page 5) remove the collar (82) at pivot point of frame. While exerting force against the frame, turn set screw (90) ccw until play is removed. Then, replace collar (82) snugly against frame and tighten in place.

### LUBRICATION

Lubricate regularly by putting 3 to 4 drops of Shell Tellus 29 or equivalent (automotive SAE #10 may be substituted) oil into each of the eight oil holes. The holes have fitted covers (Parts 4 and 16, Page 5). Locations are:

- At the top of the drive and idler wheel shafts;
- At the end of the pivot shaft;
- At the top of each guide roller shaft.

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# PARTS LIST FOR CRAFTSMAN METAL CUTTING BAND SAW MODEL NO. 101 2290

KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	114354	Screw Fil. Hd. Slotted, 1/4-20 x 5/8 (2 Req'd)	36	4352-24	Idler Wheel Assembly (Includes item 38)	67	560-166	Pulley, Drive (Includes Item 63)
2		Screw, Fil. Hd., Slotted, Mach. 1/4-20 x 1-1/2(2 Req'd)	37	061-003	Band, Saw Friction (2 Req'd)	68	051-056	Belt, "V" Size 37 x 3/8
3		Washer, 1/4 Plain (2 Req'd)	38	049-146	Bushing, Idler Wheel	69	139063	Set Screw, Soc., 3/8-16 x 3/8
4	W30-16	Oiler (4 Req'd)	39	641-005	Retainer, Ring	70	216277	Screw, Soc. Hd. 1/4-20 x 3/8 (2 Req'd)
5	114494	Hex, Jam Nut 3/8-24	40	042-033	Saw Blade (14 Teeth per In.)	71	102593	Set Screw, Soc. 3/8-16 x 1/2
6	59-2102	Washer, 3/8 x 5/8 x 1/32 (6 Req'd)		042-034	Saw Blade (10 Teeth per In.)	72	4352-20	Hanger Bearing Assembly
7	041-360	Bracket, R.H. Saw Guide	41	042-035	Saw Blade (24 Teeth per In.)	73	041-446	Bracket, Pivot Shaft
8	720-035	Shield, Guide Roller Dust (4 Req'd)	41A	556-286	Plate, Cover	74	455277	Roll Pin 1/8 x 1-3/8
9	700-284	Shaft, Guide Roller (4 Req'd)			Screw, Pan Hd. Mach. 1/4-20 x 1/4 (2 Req'd)	75	341-299	Gear, Bevel
10	642-022	Roller, Lower Guide (2 Req'd)	41B	122-235	Cover, Blade	76	043-043	Bearing, Thrust
11	641-145	Retainer, Ring (4 Req'd)	42	436570	Screw, Rd. Hd. Mach. #10-24 x 3/8 (2 Req'd)	77	700-324	Shaft, Drive
12	642-021	Roller, Upper Guide (2 Req'd)	43	L2-29B	Handle	78	4352-21	Hanger Bearing Assembly
13	59-2106	Washer, 1/4 x 1/2 x 1/32 (6 Req'd)	44	L2-41A	Ball (2 Req'd)	79	138242	Screw, Soc. Hd., 3/8-16 x 1
14	705-060	Support, Guide Bracket	45		Screw, Pan Hd. Sht. Metal, #6 x 3/8 (2 Req'd)	80	9-93	Washer
15	53-2105	Set Screw, Soc., 1/4-20 x 1/4 Cup Pt. Nylon Lock	46	128-028	Clip, Switch	81	100140	Screw, Hex. Hd., 3/8-16 x 3
16	DB4-35	Oiler (3 Req'd)	47	696-226	Screw, Vise	82	123-138	Collar
17		Set Screw Soc., 1/4-20 x 3/8 Cup Pt.	48	050-110	Base, Band Saw	83	431-013	Jaw, Vise
18	041-361	Bracket, L.H. Saw Guide	49	537-159	Nut, Vise Screw	84	9-424C	Connector, Straight
19	041-445	Bracket, Blade Guide	50	41-44A	Switch, Toggle	85	135-041	Connector, Screw on
20		3/16 Washer (2 Req'd)	51	556-308	Plate, Switch	86	136-043	Cable, Conductor
21	216277	Hex. Hd. Cap Screw, 1/4-20 x 1/2 (2 Req'd)	52	106324	Screw, Hex. Hd. 5/16-18 x 5/8 (2 Req'd)	87	560-167	Pulley, Motor Drive (Includes Item 56)
22	938-010	Wiper Saw Blade	53	556-287	Plate, Vise Slide	88		Roll Pin 1/4 x 1-1/4
23	126-100	Clamp, Adjustment (2 Req'd)	54	126-037	Clamp, Cable	89	4352-23	Feed Cylinder Assembly
24	536-041	Nameplate, Craftsman	55		Screw, Pan Hd. Mach., #10-24 x 1/2	90		Screw, Soc., Set Nyloc, Oval Pt., 5/16-18 x 1/2
25	291-006	Frame	56	102569	Set Screw, Soc. 1/4-20 x 1/4 Cup Pt. (4 Req'd)	91	441-098	Knob, Feed Cylinder
26	699-218	Spacer	57	123-122	Collar, Hinge Pin	92		Screw, Soc. Set., Cup Pt. #10-24 x 5/16
27	114496	Hex. Jam Nut, 1/2 x 20	58		P.K. Drive Screw #2 x 3/16 Type "U" (2 Req'd)	93	573-004	Pivot, Feed Cylinder
28	4352-18	Collar & Screw Assembly	59	10F-176	Plate, Model Number	94	387-035	Head, Feed Cylinder
29	113955	Screw, Rd. Hd., Mach. 1/4-20 x 1/2 (6 Req'd)	60	704-058	Slide, Vise	95	567-075	Packing, "O" Ring
30	556-333	Plate, Idler Wheel	61	455862	Roll Pin 1/8 x 7/8	96	567-040	Packing, "O" Ring
31	041-444	Bracket, Tension Screw	62	4352-14	Drive Wheel Assembly (Includes Item 57)	97	122-224	Cover, Feed Cylinder Seal
32	697-097	Spring, Blade Tension	63	049-149	Bushing, Drive Wheel	98	567-038	Packing, "O" Ring
33	441-097	Knob, Tension Screw	64	700-285	Shaft, Drive Wheel	99	911-037	Valve, Feed Cylinder
34	231-025	Decal, Blade Tension	65	981-051	Roll Pin 1/8 x 7/8	100	4352-12	Feed Cylinder Stem Assembly
35	4352-33	Idler Wheel Shaft & Oiler Assy. (Includes W30-16-Oiler)	66	431-014	Jaw, Swivel	101	705-037	Support, Feed Cylinder Seal
						102	708-022	Seal, Feed Cylinder
						103	9420759	Washer, 5/16 x 7/8 x 5/64
						104	114502	Hex. Jam Nut, 5/16 - 18
						105	4352-19	End Cap & Cylinder Assembly
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**HOW TO ORDER  
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The Model Number will be found on a plate attached to your saw, at the rear of the base. Always mention the Model Number when requesting service or repair parts for your METAL CUTTING BAND SAW.

All parts listed herein may be ordered through SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO. or SIMPSONS-SEARS LIMITED. When ordering parts by mail, selling prices will be furnished on request or parts will be shipped at prevailing prices and you will be billed accordingly.

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