

## Bandsaw Blade Break-In – Quick Cheat Sheet

ALWAYS BREAK IN A NEW BLADE

Think of a new bandsaw blade like a freshly sharpened pencil: press too hard too soon, and you'll snap the tip. Bandsaw blades are no different. The tips of new teeth are razor sharp with micro-fine edges that need to be gently worn into shape, or they will fracture and blunt prematurely



### 1. SET UP

- Use normal blade speed for the material
- Reduce feed pressure to ~50%

### 2. START CUTTING

- Blade must cut, not rub
- You should see chips, not dust

### 3. WATCH CLOSELY

- ✓ Curled / silver chips → correct
- ✗ Dust → feed too light (increase slightly)
- ✗ Blue chips / heat → too heavy (back off)
- ✗ Noise / chatter → reduce feed

### 4. RAMP UP

- After 10–20 minutes cutting
- Increase feed gradually
- Return to full production feed

### DO NOT

- ✗ Start at full feed
- ✗ Run too light (rubbing kills teeth)
- ✗ Ignore vibration
- ✗ Cut unstable or poorly clamped material

### RESULT

- Longer blade life
- Cleaner cuts
- Lower cost per cut

**RULE:** Ease it in — or you'll blunt it early