

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Property Damage – Cut Off Saw Failure

A crooked log entering the Cut Off Saw was stopped to cut off the overhung end. The crooked log was trapped under two other logs on the cut-off saw infeed conveyor. Once cut, the crooked log fell sideways into the running Cut-Off saw blade, causing the blade to break apart. There were no injuries and the 72” circular saw blade pieces were contained within the guard.



Crooked log trapped under two others



Cut-Off saw blade after breakage

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

1. If possible, reverse the infeed chains to eliminate problematic logs.
2. Call for help to lift logs out of Cut Off Saw infeed.
3. Coach Cut Off Saw workers to stop, assess the risk and develop safe plans to address upset conditions.

Most Important Take Away

Stop and assess upset conditions using your site FLHA process. Determine the safest way to clear jam-ups rather than forcing them through the process.

