## SIMOMETER INSTRUCTIONS

To Check Tension on a Taught Blade

Loosen thumbscrews and place gauge on blade. Tighten thumbscrew on solid end of guage. Move lever arm to pre-load indicator (1/2 to ¾ revolution) and lock thumbscrew. Tap blade with fingers to settle guage and bezel dial face to "zero" position. Release blade tension on machine and read dial.

## To Apply Correct Tension

Place guage on blade that is straight but without tensile load. Tighten thumbscrew on solid end of guage. Mover lever arm on guage to pre-load indicator (1/2 to 1/4 revolution) and lock thumbscrew. Tap blade with fingers to settle guage and bezel dial face to "zero" position. Adjust blade tension on machine until desired reading is obtained. Tap blade to ensure correct reading.

	Recommended Tension			Recommended Tension
Band Saw Blade	PSI	BAR		
Weld Edge 1 1/2" & wider	3000-4000 PSI	206-275 BAR		00-11 YELLOW ZONE : WEAK TENSION
Weld Edge Thru 1 1/4" wide	2500-3500 PSI	172-240 BAR		
Solid High Speed Steel	2000-2500 PSI	137-172 BAR	+	
Hard Edge Carbon	2000-2500 PSI	137-172 BAR	* 6	11-20 BLUE ZONE : RECOMMENDED TENSION
Hard Edge Flex back Carbon	1500-2000 PSI	103-137 BAR	(4)	
	Power Hacksaw Blade			OVER 20 - DED ZONE - CTRONG TENGION
All Styles	2500-3500 PSI	172-240 BAR		OVER 20 : RED ZONE : STRONG TENSION

The above tension ranges are supplied as a guide for normal average cutting conditions. Insufficient tension can affect the cutting efficiency of the blade. Excessive tension may cause breakage of band saws or hacksaws and can damage machine bearings.

As a general rule of thumb the higher end of the tension range should be used when the guide arms are further apart and the lower end of the range should be used when the guide arms are closer together.







