

Woodwork Career Alliance Correlation Chart



The content of the text and Lab Workbook correlates to Woodwork Career Alliance (WCA) skill standards. The WCA establishes a benchmark to measure and recognize an individual's skills and knowledge. The WCA skill standards help ensure that students are prepared for rigorous industry standards, and provide a pathway for advancement for professional woodworkers.

The WCA skill standards define the minimum requirements for specific woodworking machine operations. Using the WCA skill standards in a wood training program can help you, your students, and your program obtain industry recognition. The *Modern Cabinetmaking* textbook and Lab Workbook are correlated to the performance standards, helping prepare your students for certification.

10. Joinery

Joinery Considerations

- Pre-Operation Checklist is a prerequisite for ANY operation.
- Clamps, biscuits, and glue are prepared for quick assembly.
- Disengage from power source until everything is ready to begin cutting operation.
- Operator cleans tool and work area after use.
- Operator clears machine and cleans work area after use.
- Required OSHA-approved personal protective equipment is worn.
- Lock-out/tag-out procedure is in place and followed.
- Process is completed in a timely manner.
- There are numerous types of machines and portable tools for creating pocket hole joinery. This standard is concerned with the execution and assembly of this joinery. Setup and adjustments will differ by manufacturer.

Biscuit Joiner

Pre-Operation Checklist				
Level	Objective	Performance Standard	Textbook Chapter	Lab Workbook Material
1		Verifies stock is properly clamped (if required).	Chapter 37	
		Demonstrates proper holding of machine to prevent vertical or horizontal movement when engaging cutter head.	Chapter 37	
		Verifies dust collection operable/operating (if equipped).	Chapter 37	
2		Verifies stock is properly clamped (if required).	Chapter 37	
		Demonstrates proper holding of machine to prevent vertical or horizontal movement when engaging cutter head.	Chapter 37	
		Verifies dust collection operable/operating (if equipped).	Chapter 37	
Opera	tion—Machine 90° Butt Jointed	Corner		
Level	Objective	Performance Standard	Textbook Chapter	Lab Workbook Material
1	Given material properly prepared for machining, with joint location specified, execute the joint between	Demonstrates ability to place cutter head ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of location mark.	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-15
	a shelf and vertical end or divider to	Uses layout rod or company standard to mark biscuit	Chapter 37	Section Project

	receive biscuits keeping the shelf flush with the front edge. Minimum	locations.		4-15
	of two biscuits per joint	Makes a joint face which is flush ±0.005".	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-15
		Joins opposing parts within ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of intended lateral position.	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-15
2	Given material properly prepared for machining, lay out material for joints,	Marks layout of the joint square to edge and within ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of intended position.	Chapter 37	
	set up machine, and execute the joint between a shelf and vertical end or divider to receive biscuits keeping the	Marks center points for the biscuits on shelf and vertical within ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of intended position.	Chapter 37	
	shelf flush with the front edge.	Adjusts machine fence and guides to 90° setting.	Chapter 37	
		Meets Level 1 performance standard.		

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Pre-Op	Pre-Operation Checklist				
Level	Objective	Performance Standard	Textbook	Lab Workbook	
			Chapter	Material	
1		Verifies stock is properly clamped (if required).	Chapter 37		
		Demonstrates proper holding of machine to prevent vertical or horizontal movement when engaging cutter head.	Chapter 37		
		Verifies dust collection operable/operating (if equipped).	Chapter 37		

2		Checks cutter for cleanness and replaces if needed.	Chapter 37	
		Tests equipment for movement of cutter head (plunge and retraction into housing).	Chapter 37	
		Installs or adjusts fence.	Chapter 37	
		Adjusts machine for depth of cut appropriate to the biscuit size being used.	Chapter 37	
		Meets Level 1 performance standard.		
Opera	tion—Intermediate 90° Joint			
Level	Objective	Performance Standard	Textbook Chapter	Lab Workbook Material
1	Given material properly prepared for machining, with panel location laid out, execute the joint between a	Demonstrates ability to place cutter head ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of location mark.	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-5
	shelf and vertical face or divider to receive biscuits keeping the shelf flush with the front edge. Minimum	Uses layout rod or company standard to mark biscuit locations.	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-5
	of two biscuits per joint.	Makes a joint face which is flush ±0.005".	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-5
		Joins opposing parts within ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of intended lateral position.	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-5
		Angle of joint of any two opposing parts is within 0.5° of intended position.	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-5
		Maximum gap caused by biscuit machining is 0.001" in	Chapter 37	Section Project

2	Given material properly prepared for machining, lay out material for joints,	Marks layout of the joint square to edge and within ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of intended position.	Chapter 37
	set up machine, and execute the joint between a shelf and vertical face or divider to receive biscuits keeping the shelf flush with the front edge.	vertical within ± 0.4 mm $(1/64'')$ [0.0156''] of intended	Chapter 37
		Adjusts machine fence and guides to 90° setting.	Chapter 37
		Meets Level 1 performance standard.	

Biscuit Joiner

Pre-O	Pre-Operation Checklist				
Level	vel Objective Performance Standard		Textbook	Lab Workbook	
			Chapter	Material	
1		Verifies stock is properly clamped (if required).	Chapter 37		
		Demonstrates proper holding of machine to prevent vertical or horizontal movement when engaging cutter head.	Chapter 37		
		Verifies dust collection operable/operating (if equipped).	Chapter 37		

2		Checks cutter for cleanness and replaces if needed.	Chapter 37	
		Tests equipment for movement of cutter head (plunge and retraction into housing).	Chapter 37	
		Installs or adjusts fence.	Chapter 37	
		Adjusts machine for depth of cut appropriate to the biscuit size being used.	Chapter 37	
		Meets Level 1 performance standard.		
Opera	tion— Machine Edge Miter Join	t		
Level	Objective	Performance Standard	Textbook	Lab Workbook
			Chapter	Material
1	Given material properly prepared for machining, execute the joint between two mitered lengths to receive	Demonstrates ability to place cutter head ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of location mark.	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-5
	biscuits.	Uses layout rod or company standard to mark biscuit locations.	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-5
		Makes a joint face which is flush ±0.005".	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-5
		Joins opposing parts within ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of intended lateral position.	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-5
		Angle of joint of any two opposing parts is within 0.5°	Chapter 37	Section Project

		Maximum gap caused by biscuit machining is 0.001" in joint between opposing parts after assembly.	Chapter 37	Section Project 4-5
2	Given material properly prepared for machining, lay out material for joints,	Marks layout of the joint square to edge and within ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of intended position.	Chapter 37	
	set up machine, and execute the joint between a shelf and vertical face or divider to receive biscuits keeping the shelf flush with the front edge.	Marks center points for the biscuits on shelf and vertical within ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of intended position.	Chapter 37	
		Adjusts machine fence and guides to proper angle setting if required	Chapter 37	
		Meets Level 1 performance standard.		

Pneumatic Nailers

Opera	Operation—Fasten 19 mm Solid Wood—90°			
Level	Objective	Performance Standard	Textbook	Lab Workbook
			Chapter	Material
1		No head repercussion marks are apparent.	Chapter 20	
2	Given material and clamps, clamp parts and drive a series (not less than three) of fasteners through solid	Aligns material and applies clamps with proper pressure to hold material in place without compressing faces.	Chapters 20, 37	
	wood to create a 90° joint.	Meets Level 1 performance standard.		

Pneumatic Nailers

Operat	Operation—Fasten 19 mm Particle Board—90°			
Level	Objective	Performance Standard	Textbook Chapter	Lab Workbook Material
1		No head repercussion marks are apparent.	Chapter 20	

Screw Pocket Machine

Pre-Operation Checklist				
Level	Objective	Performance Standard	Textbook Chapter	Lab Workbook Material
1		Clears area around machine for unobstructed access.	Chapter 37	
		Positions foot switch for ease of use.	Chapter 37	
		Tests safety mechanism for proper operation.	Chapter 37	
		Demonstrates proper holding of stock to prevent vertical or horizontal movement when engaging cutter/drill.	Chapter 37	
		Verifies dust collection operable/operating (if equipped).	Chapter 37	
		Clears excess dust buildup from machine if dust collection not present.	Chapter 37	

2	Inspects hold-down for damage and proper operation.	Chapter 37
	Inspects for free unobstructed movement of cutting apparatus before power is applied.	Chapter 37
	Checks tooling and replaces/cleans if needed.	Chapter 37
	Adjusts machine settings appropriate to the material thickness.	Chapter 37
	Meets Level 1 performance standard.	

Operation—90° Pocket Screw Joint				
Level	Objective	Performance Standard	Textbook Chapter	Lab Workbook Material
1	Given material and a machine set up, cut pockets and assemble a 90° joint.	Makes a joint face which is flush ±0.005".	Chapter 37	
		Maximum gap of 0.001" in joint between opposing parts after assembly caused by screw pocket machining.	Chapter 37	
		Holes are more than 3 mm (1/8") [0.125"] away from any edge of stock being machined.	Chapter 37	
		Joint is located within ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of desired location.	Chapter 37	
2	Given material, set up machine to cut pockets and assemble a 90° joint.	Adjusts screw pocket position relative to edge (web distance) for length of screw being used.	Chapter 37	
		Adjusts pocket cutting feed rate for optimal cutting relative to material type and tool sharpness.	Chapter 37	
		Meets Level 1 performance standard.		

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1		Clears area around machine for unobstructed access.	Chapter 37	

		Positions foot switch for ease of use.	Chapter 37	
		Tests safety mechanism for proper operation.	Chapter 37	
		Demonstrates proper holding of stock to prevent vertical or horizontal movement when engaging cutter/drill.	Chapter 37	
		Verifies dust collection operable/operating (if equipped).	Chapter 37	
		Clears excess dust buildup from machine if dust collection not present.	Chapter 37	
2		Inspects hold-down for damage and proper operation.	Chapter 37	
		Inspects for free unobstructed movement of cutting apparatus before power is applied.	Chapter 37	
		Checks tooling and replaces/cleans if needed.	Chapter 37	
		Adjusts machine settings appropriate to the material thickness.	Chapter 37	
		Meets Level 1 performance standard.		
Operat	tion—Angled Edge Joint			
Level	Objective	Performance Standard	Textbook Chapter	Lab Workbook Material
1	Given materials prepared and machine or jig set up, execute pocket joints and assemble product.	Makes a joint face which is flush ±0.005".	Chapter 37	
		Maximum gap of 0.001" in joint between opposing parts after assembly caused by screw pocket machining.	Chapter 37	

		Holes are more than 3 mm (1/8") [0.125"] away from any edge of stock being machined.	Chapter 37
		Joint is located within ±0.4 mm (1/64") [0.0156"] of desired location.	Chapter 37
2	Given material and clamps, clamp parts and drive a series (not less than	Adjusts machine and tooling for proper depth of cut.	Chapter 37
	three) of fasteners through particle board to create a 90° joint.	Adjusts screw pocket position relative to edge (web distance) for length of screw being used.	Chapter 37
		Adjusts pocket cutting feed rate for optimal cutting relative to material type and tool sharpness.	Chapter 37
		Meets Level 1 performance standard.	