



SAFETY ADVISORY NOTICE

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Subject: Warning Labels for Okuma and Okuma Howa Machines

Products:

Okuma and Okuma Howa machines built before 1996.

Overview:

Customer safety is of paramount importance to Okuma. We would like to remind our customers of the importance of complying with all of the safety warnings contained in Okuma's Operation and Maintenance manuals as well as all of the warning labels placed on the machines.

Okuma America Corporation would like to point out that there is a danger of serious personal injury or death if a work piece escapes the chuck or work holding device and is ejected from the cutting area at a high velocity. The use of polycarbonate / glass in the viewing window within the door of these machine tools may not be sufficient in all cases to contain such a work piece within the machine and prevent it from being ejected. Successor models of the machines changed the design of the viewing window and included express warning labels with pictographs depicting the inherent dangers of standing in front of the machine during operation (spindle rotation).

Okuma has created an updated warning label for each of the impacted Okuma and Okuma Howa models along with a Safe Operating Practices instruction. This document, designed to be reviewed with machine operators, warns about the potential dangers of standing in front of the viewing window while the machine is in operation and provides inspection instructions to assist in minimizing the possibility of part ejection.

If you have an Okuma machine or Okuma Howa machine manufactured prior to 1996 and have not yet received your warning label packet, please contact your authorized Okuma Distributor (http://www.okuma.com/distributor_network). The labels and the Safe Operating Practices instruction will be provided to you free of charge. Once you have received the packet, you should review the Safe Operating Practices with all of your operators and impacted plant floor personnel.

Routine inspections are of greater importance simply due to the age of these machine(s). Okuma America Corporation highly recommends the use of only OEM replacement parts on your Okuma machine tools and that any repair work required should be completed by an authorized Okuma distributor.

If you have any further questions regarding this information, please contact your local Okuma distributor representative.

Thanks in advance for your swift attention to this serious safety matter.