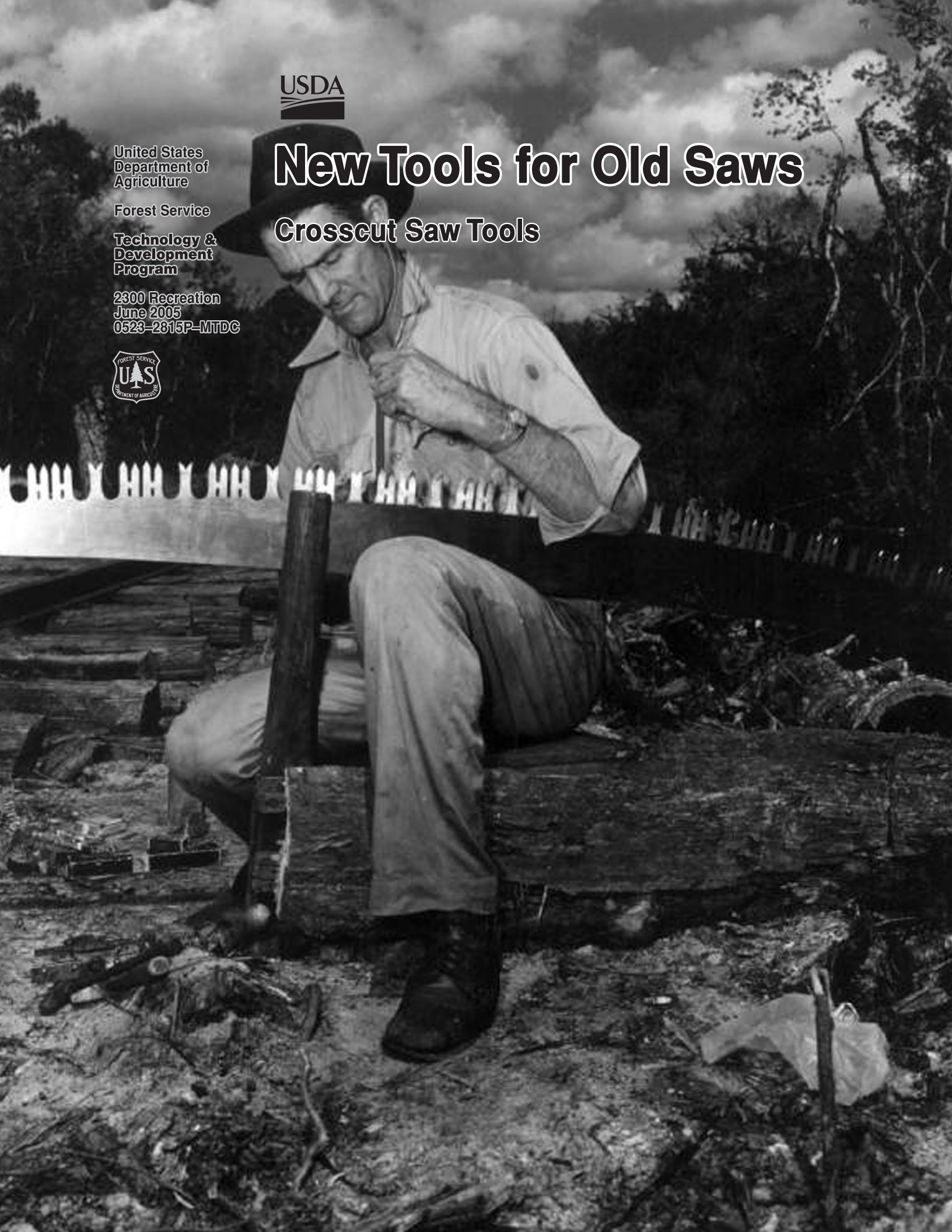

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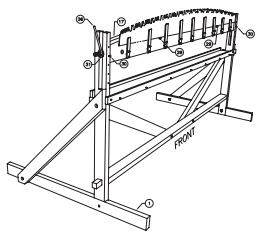
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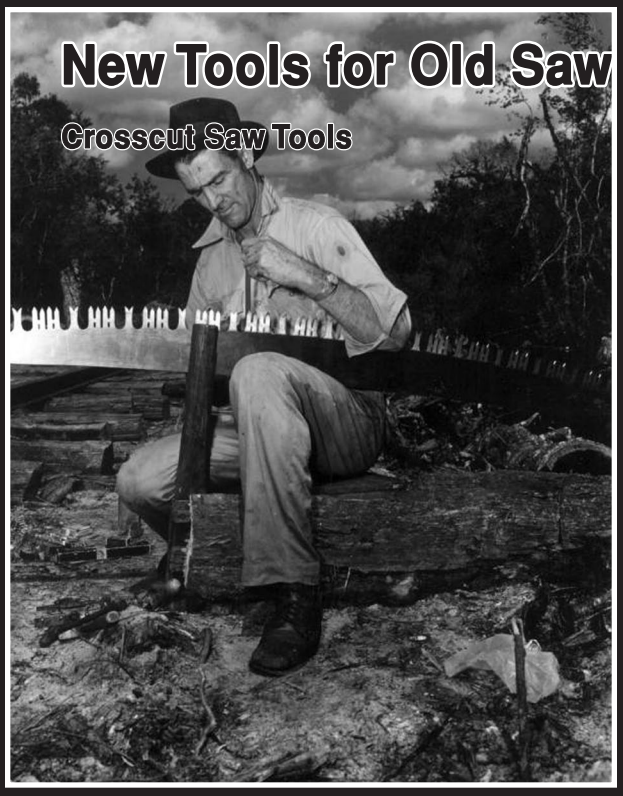

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—***Cover photo:*** Rufus M. Beebe files his saw after felling a cypress tree in 1948.
(Photo courtesy of the Florida State Archives.)

Introduction

Crosscut saws and the tools to maintain them are becoming increasingly difficult to find. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC) used traditional designs to build prototypes of some common tools needed to maintain crosscut saws. Mechanical drawings for these tools are included in this report. Individuals with the proper skills and equipment may wish to build their own crosscut-saw sharpening tools. Others can take the drawings to a machinist who should be able to build the tools.

When a crosscut saw is used and cared for properly, it shouldn't need to be sharpened more than once a year. Although chain saws are easier to sharpen than crosscut saws, they are more likely to be dulled when they strike rocks or dirt. If a crosscut saw does need to be tuned up during the season, it can be maintained in the field when the proper tools are available. A crosscut saw that is sharpened properly is an extremely efficient tool.

Crosscut saws have to be used in wilderness areas, where motorized tools are not allowed. But sawyers may find that crosscut saws can play an important role outside of the wilderness. When crews clear trails, the majority of their time is spent moving material, not cutting wood. Sawyers on trail crews may find that it's easier to carry a crosscut saw than to carry a chain saw, gas, oil, and the personal protective equipment required to use a chain saw safely. In addition, injuries from crosscut saws are likely to be less severe than those caused by chain saws.

Highlights...

- MTDC redesigned eight traditional tools used to maintain crosscut saws.
- A machinist can make the tools using the drawings in this report.

Maintaining a Crosscut Saw

This report explains the basic function of tools for crosscut saw maintenance, but it does not explain how to use them properly. The Lolo National Forest's Ninemile Wildlands Training Center (406–626–5201) offers a 5-day course in crosscut saw maintenance. Courses are open to anyone. Course information and schedules are available at the Web site: *http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/resources-culture/nwtc/courses.html*.

The *Crosscut Saw Manual* (7771–2508–MTDC, *http://www.fs.fed.us/eng/php/eng_search.php/*) by Warren Miller is an excellent reference for crosscut saw maintenance. Single copies can be ordered by calling 406–329–3978.

Jointer (Drawing MTDC–1013)

When a crosscut saw is jointed, the teeth are filed to a uniform height. The jointer (figure 1) includes a crosscut file with its tang (the projection for attaching the handle) broken off. A worn file is better than a new file for use with the jointer. A new file might remove more metal than necessary.

After the file is secured to the jointer, the jointer is run across the saw's cutting edge until all the teeth are cut down to the same height. When you see a flat or shiny spot on the tip of each tooth, you will know that the teeth have been cut to the same height. Some teeth will be cut down more than others. Longer teeth will be cut down the most. They may have a large flat spot. The shortest tooth will have only a glimmer of a flat or shiny spot.

Traditionally, filers used a short jointer, often combined with the raker gauge. We modeled our jointer after the "Gibbs" long jointer. The traditional peg- (tooth) and-raker saws used in the Forest Service were built with an arc-shaped design. The arc is important, because the arc determines how many teeth are cutting at a time. The MTDC long jointer has "two shoes" on either end that adjust to the shape of the saw, helping to maintain the saw's arc.

Figure 1—The jointer allows a saw's teeth to be filed to a uniform height before the cutting teeth are pointed (sharpened). Long jointers, such as the one shown here, help maintain the arc of the saw better than short jointers.

Raker/Pin Gauge (Drawing MTDC–1021)

A crosscut saw's rakers remove wood shavings that have been severed by the cutting teeth. To remove the severed wood efficiently, the rakers should be slightly lower than the cutting teeth. If the rakers are too long, they will sever uncut fibers, rather than lifting and removing severed material as they were designed to do. If the rakers are too low, they won't remove all the cut material and the saw will drag.

The raker depth is determined by the raker gauge (figure 2). The raker gauge has an adjustable slotted steel filing plate, which fits over the two tips of the raker. The filing plate is adjusted to the desired raker depth and the rakers are filed even to the plate. After the rakers have been filed, they need to be shaped.

There are two basic methods of shaping rakers, the straight method and the swaged method. The straight method is relatively simple. The swaged method, although more difficult, produces a chisel-like tip that allows the raker to pick up severed material more easily. Swaging uses a hammer to form the leading edge of the raker. An 8- to 16-ounce upholsterer's hammer or a tinner's riveting hammer works well for swaging.

The *pin* part of the raker gauge (figure 3) is used to compare the height of a raker to an adjacent cutting tooth. When the pin is set to 0.002 or 0.003 inches, the appropriate setting for most wood, the raker will be 0.002 or 0.003 inches shorter than the adjacent cutting tooth.

The rakers on some saws may be too hard. Their tips may break when they are swaged. To reduce the rakers' hardness, they can be heated with a propane torch. Apply heat only to the rakers, not to the cutting teeth.

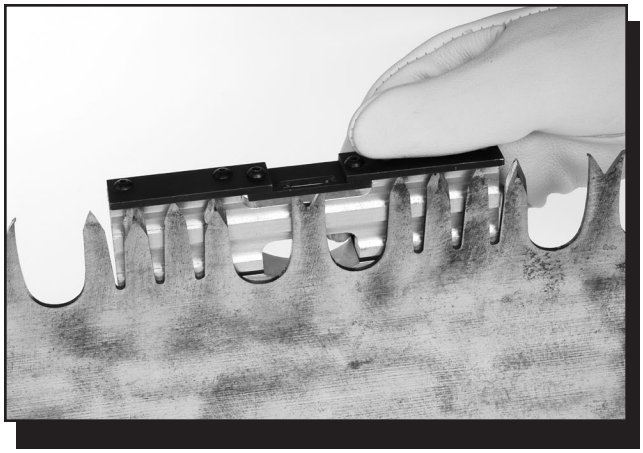

Figure 2—A saw raker fits into the slot of the adjustable raker gauge for filing.

Figure 3—The pin on the raker gauge can be adjusted to the desired raker height.

Tooth-Setting Tools (Drawings MTDC–998 and MTDC–1018)

After the saw has been jointed and the rakers have been shaped, the saw is ready for sharpening. Filers typically use a high-quality 7- or 8-inch special crosscut saw file for sharpening. After the saw's cutting teeth have been sharpened, they must be set.

Setting bends the tip of each cutting tooth slightly away from the plane of the saw. Too little set could cause the saw to bind. Too much set would make a wider kerf, removing more wood than necessary and possibly leading to sloppy or curved cuts. Dry wood or hardwood requires less set than green wood or softwood. There are several ways to set a saw's teeth. The tools redesigned by MTDC use the hammer and anvil method, the most common method.

MTDC built two types of tooth-setting devices, the crosscut saw tooth-set tool (drawing MTDC–998, figure 4) and the hand-held anvil (drawing MTDC–1018, figure 5). The crosscut saw tooth-set tool is a combination anvil and swinging hammer. The tooth tip is placed in a designated slot and the anvil is placed behind the tooth. The swinging hammer is struck with a hand-held hammer until the tooth has been set properly. When the hand-held anvil is used, it is placed behind the tooth and the tooth is struck with a hammer until the tooth has the proper set.

Choosing which of the two tools to use is a matter of personal preference. Experienced saw filers seem to prefer the hand-held anvil, while less-experienced filers may find that the tooth-set tool gives them better control and reduces the chance that they might strike a glancing blow when setting the tooth. If the hand-held anvil is not available, any similarly shaped flat piece of metal could be used in its place.

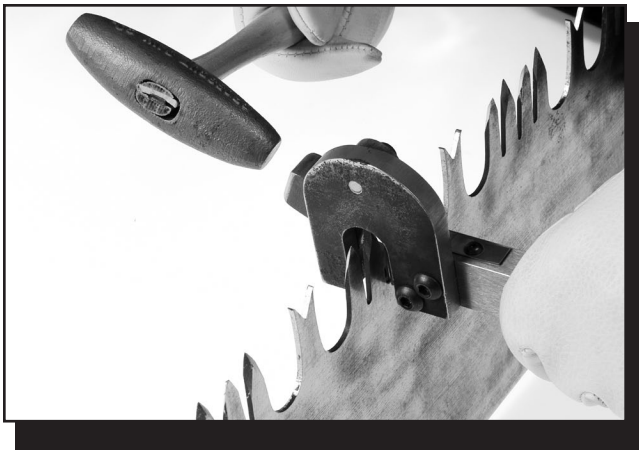

Figure 4—The tooth-set tool is placed on the saw when setting a tooth. Some saw filers prefer the tooth-set tool because it reduces the chance of a glancing blow.

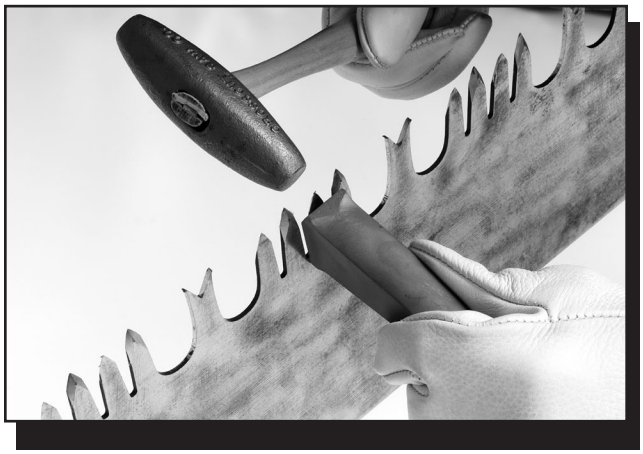

Figure 5—Hand-held anvils are less cumbersome than the tooth-set tool. They may be preferred by experienced saw filers.

Adjustable Spider Gauge (Drawing MTDC–1014)

The adjustable spider gauge (figure 6) measures the set of the tooth. The spider gauge has three fixed legs and one adjustable leg.

Using a feeler gauge, adjust the spider leg to the desired saw set. To determine the set of a tooth, place the three fixed legs of the spider on the saw's main body and the longer adjustable leg on the tip of the tooth being set. To change a tooth's set, use the tooth-setting tool or hand-held anvil, and hammer to strike the tooth's tip, checking the set frequently with the spider. A set of 0.012 inch is good for most cutting applications. Flat-ground saws require more set to prevent them from binding than do tapered saws.

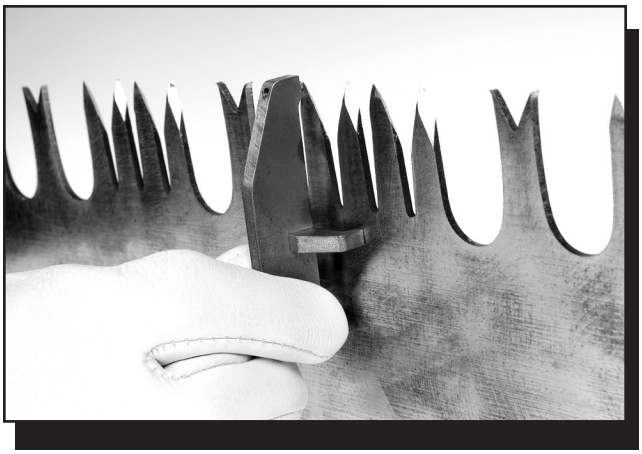

Figure 6—The adjustable spider gauge is used to determine the amount of set in a tooth. This spider gauge can be adjusted by using an allen wrench to turn the top screw to the desired tooth set.

Freestanding Crosscut Saw Vise

Crosscut saw-filing vises (figure 7, drawing MTDC–1044) come in a variety of designs and styles. You can field sharpen your saw with a small or improvised vise, but this usually is done to correct an immediate problem. To properly sharpen your crosscut saw, a vise is needed to hold the entire length of the saw securely. The freestanding saw vise drawing in this report will accommodate up to a 7-foot crosscut saw. The drawing can be adjusted for larger saws. The freestanding saw vise can be adjusted and the vise can be rotated to a comfortable angle for the filer. The drawing includes a shelf for additional crosscut saw maintenance tools.

The freestanding saw vise can be assembled and disassembled quickly.

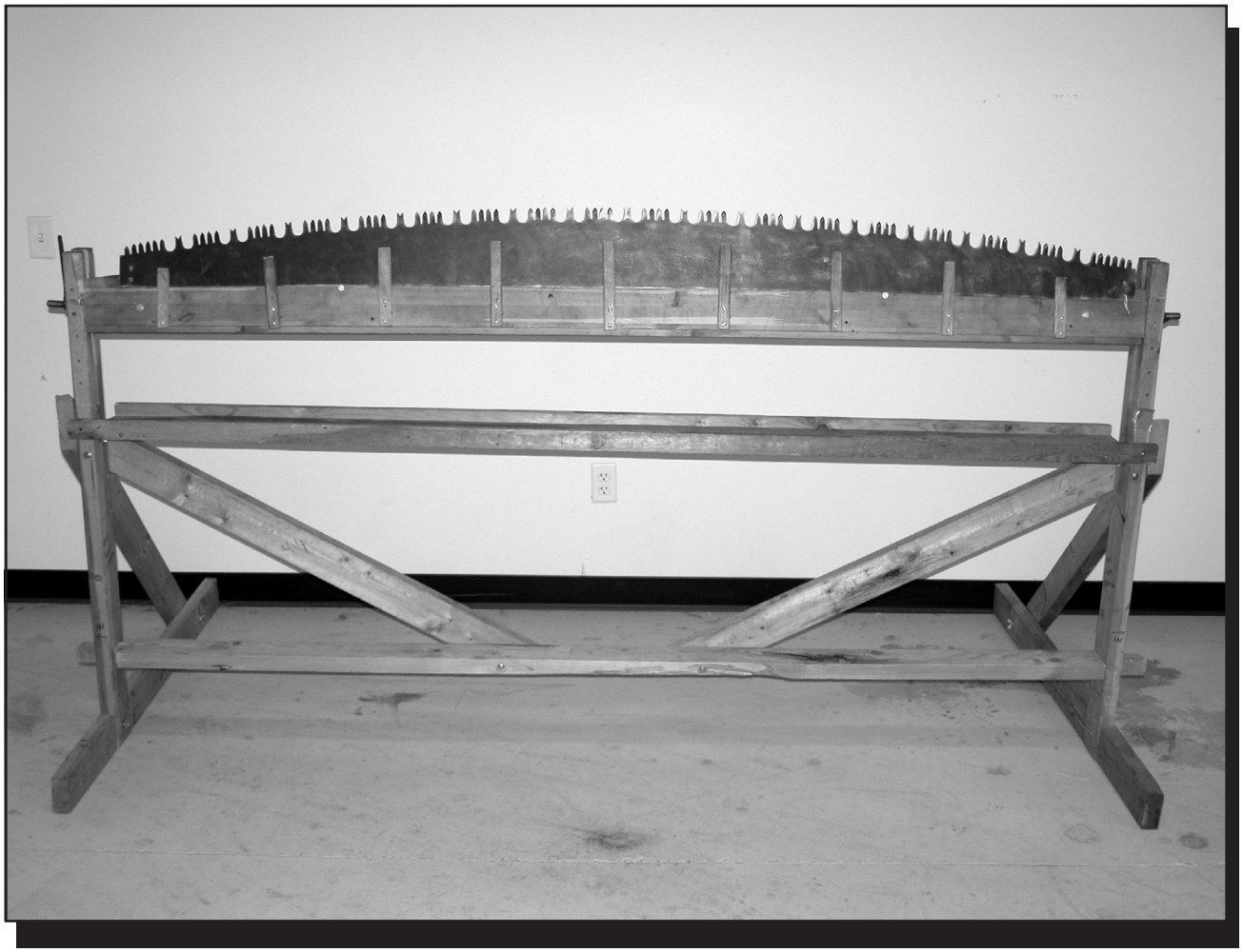

Figure 7—Freestanding crosscut saw vise.

Crosscut Saw Handle Brackets (Drawings MTDC–1024 and MTDC–1025)

Crosscut saw handles are becoming hard to find. MTDC has prepared drawings of two common styles of handle brackets: the Western style (drawing MTDC–1024) and the Eastern style (drawing MTDC–1025). The Western-style handle has a four-point adjustable hand and knuckle guard. The Eastern-style handle is a straight handle without hand or knuckle guards. Although loop-style handles were fairly common, MTDC prepared drawings of pin-through saw handles. The pin-through handles are easier to build and seem to be preferred by the majority of modern sawyers.

Crosscut Saw Tooth-Set Tool

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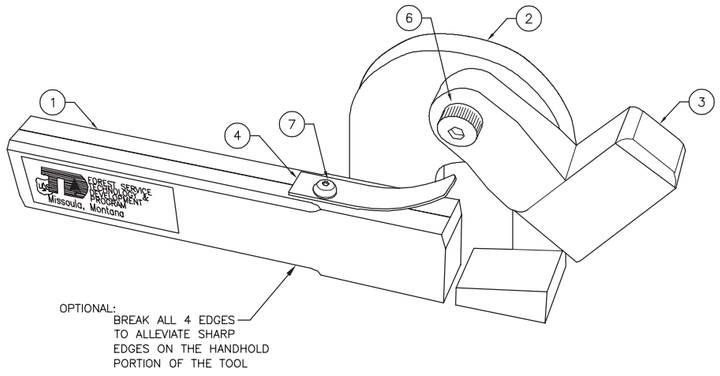

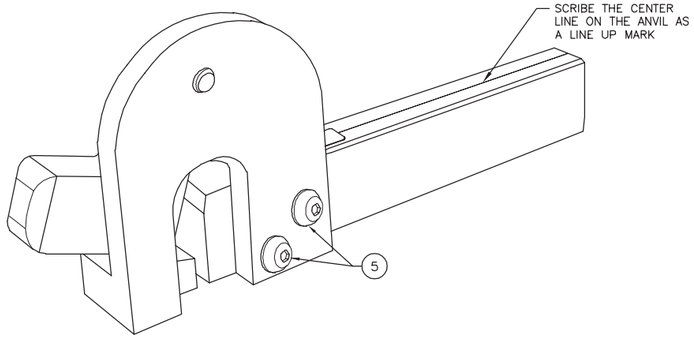

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4	SPRING	1	0.028 X 3/8 SPRING STEEL
5	FASTENER	2	1/4–20 X 3/4 BUTTON HEAD CAP SCREW
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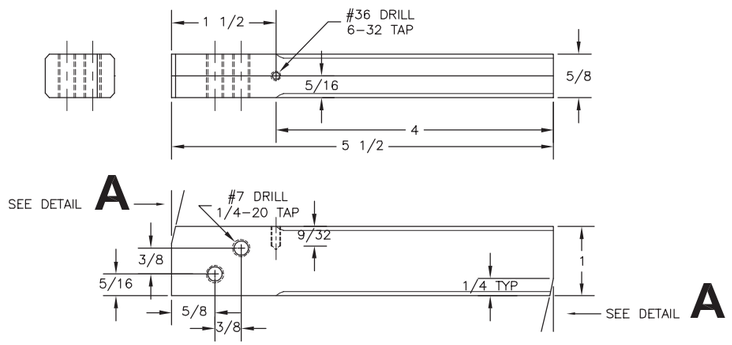
7	FASTENER	1	6–32 X 1/4 BUTTONED CAP SCREW



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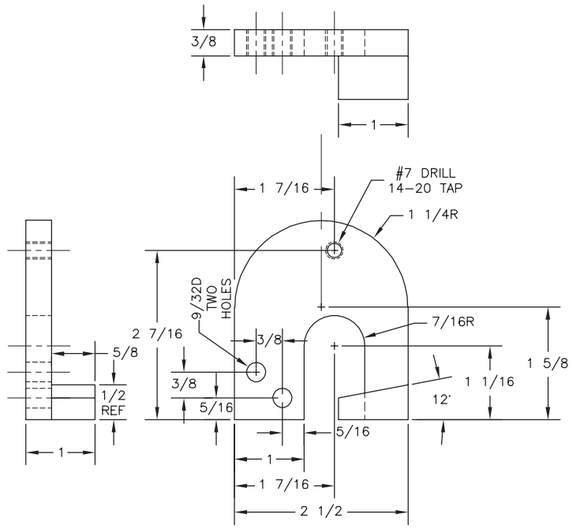

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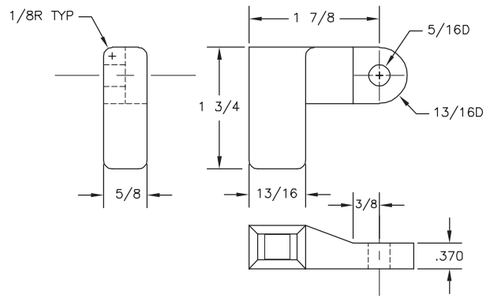

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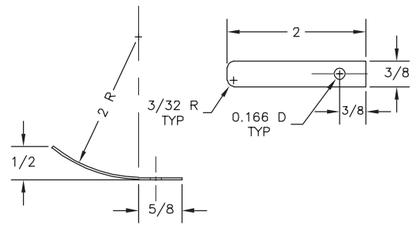

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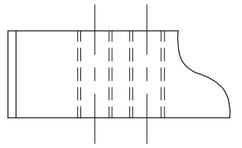

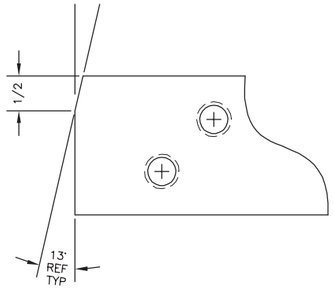

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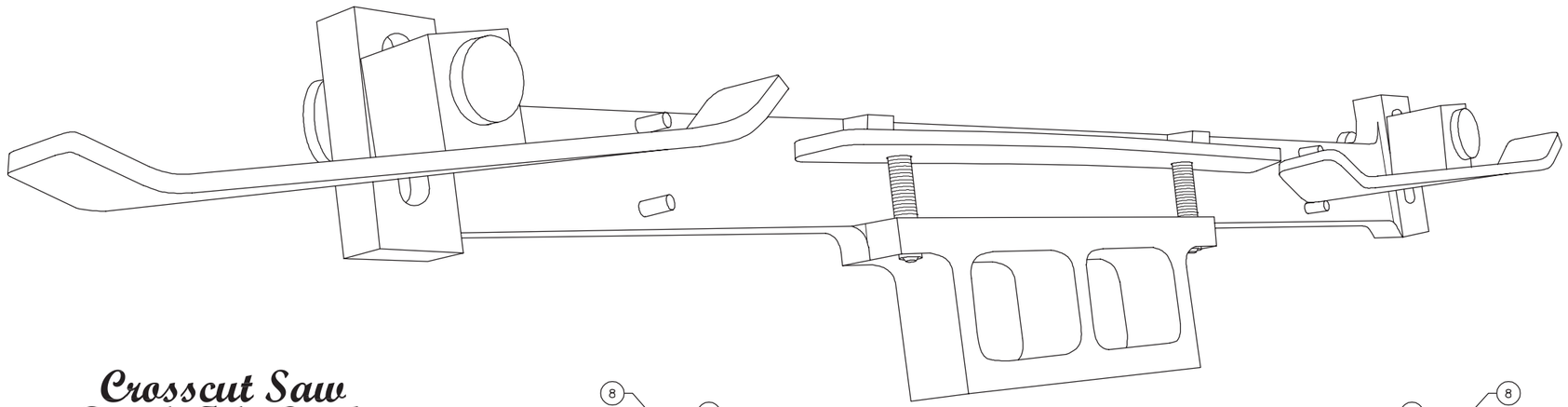

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5	SHOE NUT	2	1/2 X 1 LG ROUND ROD, MILD STEEL
6	STOP	2	1/8 X 7/16 LG DOWEL PIN
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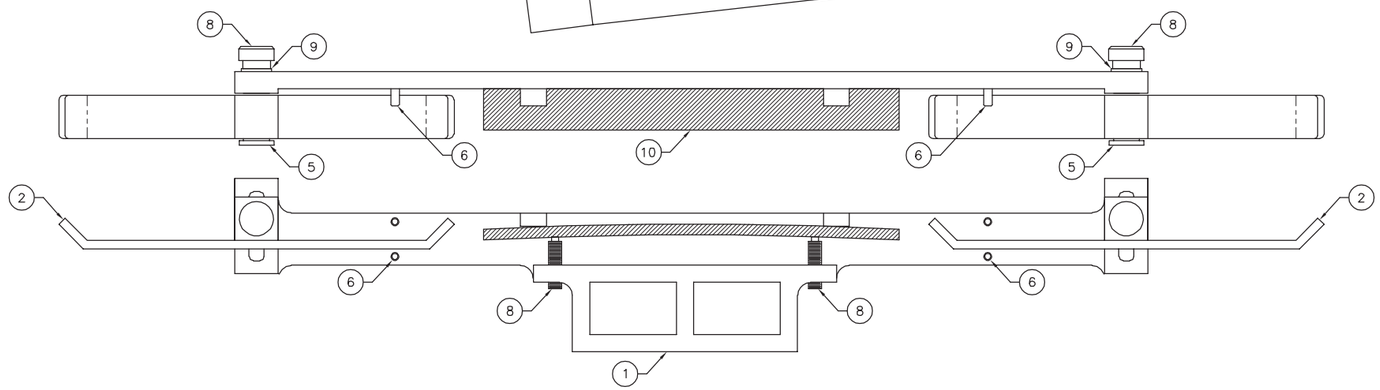

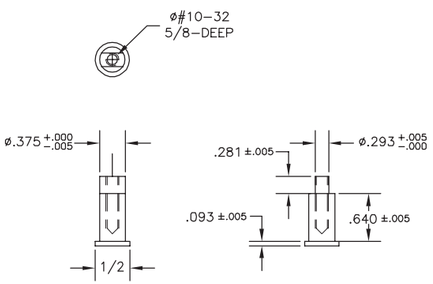

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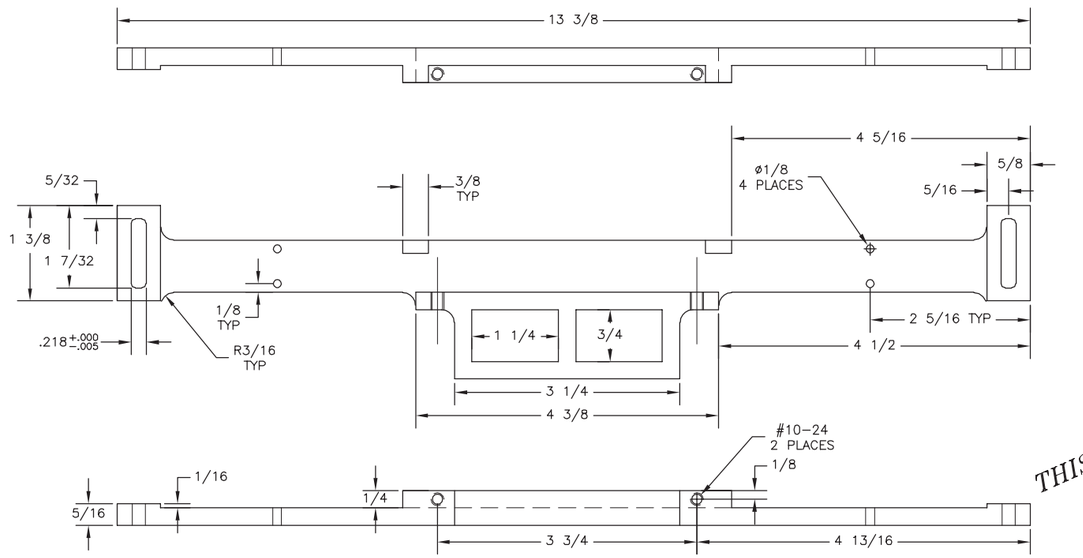

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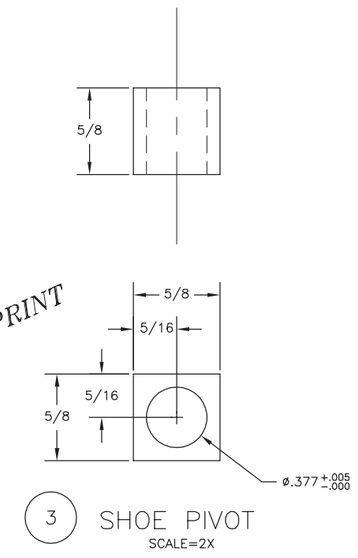

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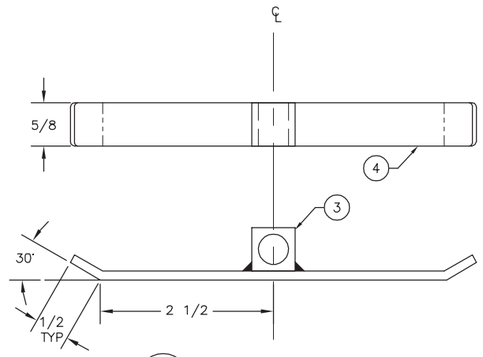

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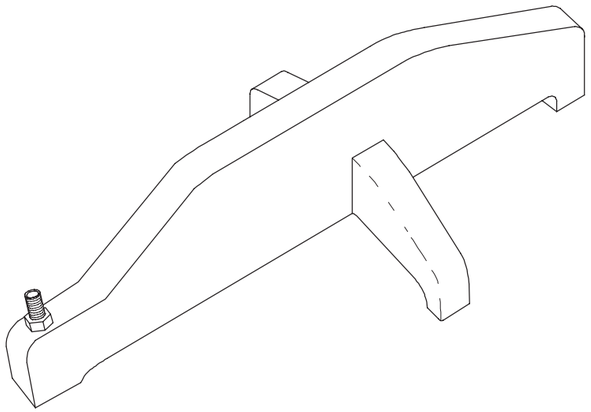

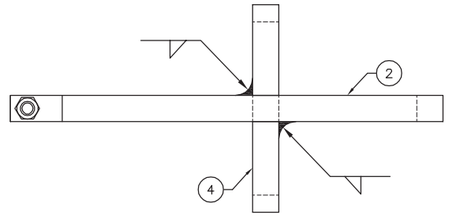

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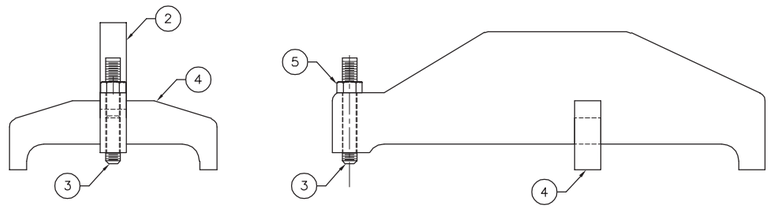

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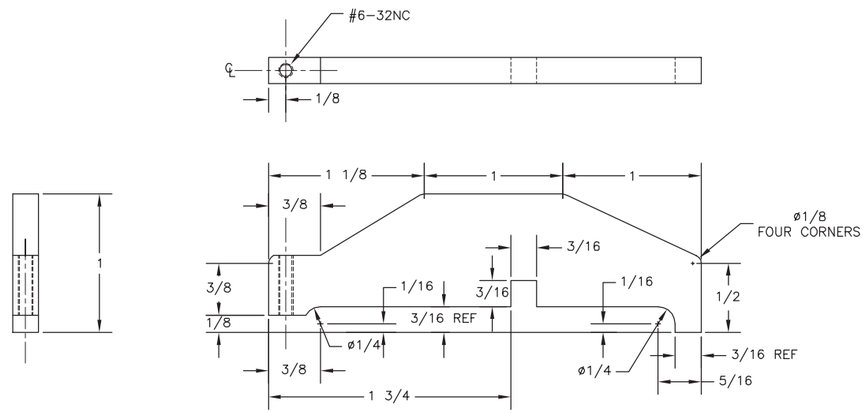

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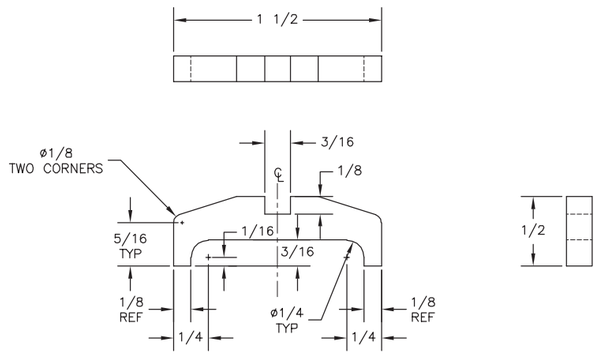

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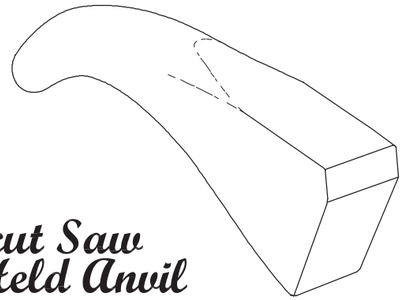

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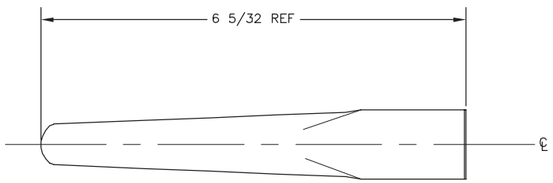

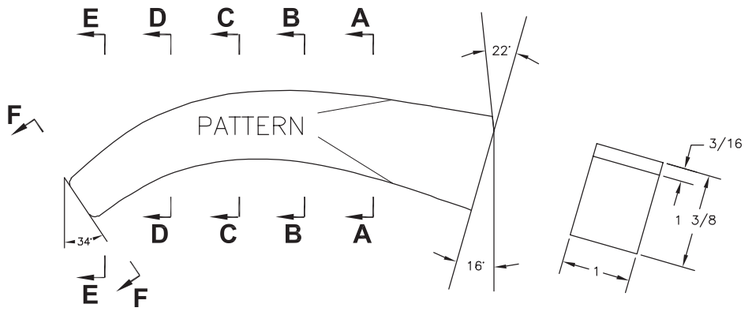

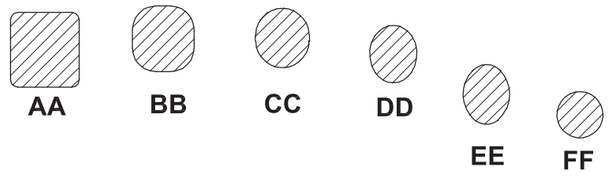

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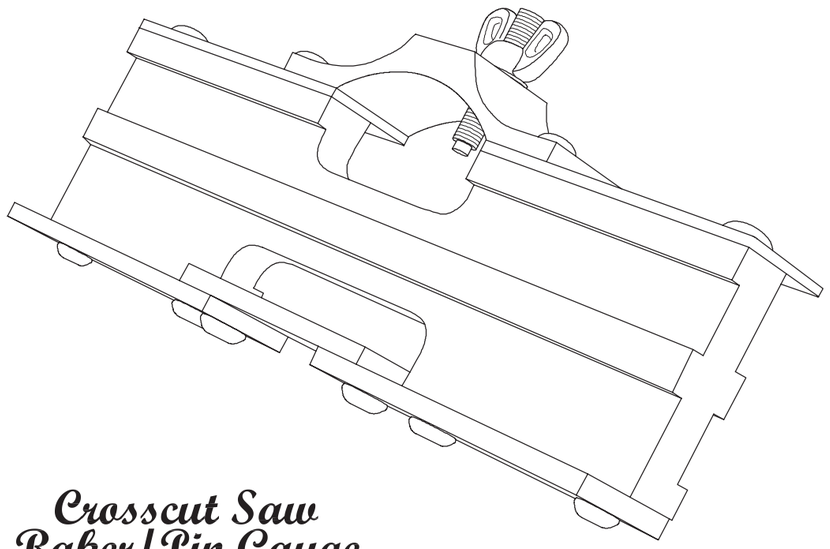

Crosscut Saw Raker/Pin Gauge

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MATERIAL LIST

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1	FRAME	1	6061 T–6 ALUMINUM
2	FILE GUIDE	1	A2 TOOL STEEL, HARDENED
3	BOTTOM GUIDE	2	A2 TOOL STEEL, HARDENED
4	TOP GUIDE	2	A2 TOOL STEEL, HARDENED
5	PIN GUIDE	1	6061 T–6 ALUMINUM
6	SCREW	8	#8–32 X 1/2 LG BUTTON HEAD SOCKET CAP SCREWS
7	GAUGE SCREW	1	#10–32 X 1 LG STANDARD SOCKET PILOT/DOG SET SCREW
8	WASHER	1	#10 FLAT WASHER
9	WING NUT	1	#10–32 STANDARD SHAPE WING NUT
10	SCREW	2	#8–32 X 1/4 LG BUTTON HEAD SOCKET CAP SCREWS

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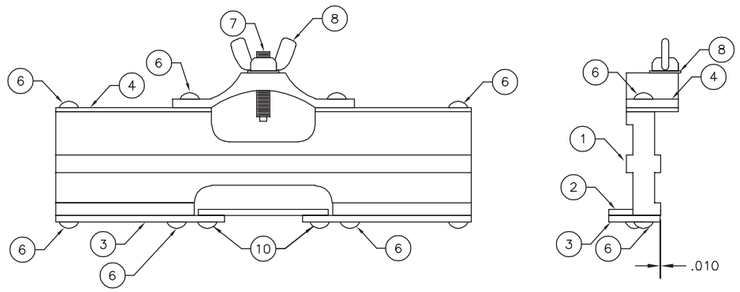

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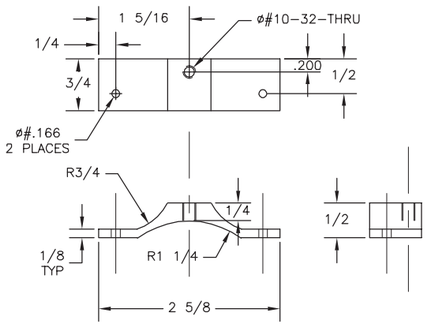

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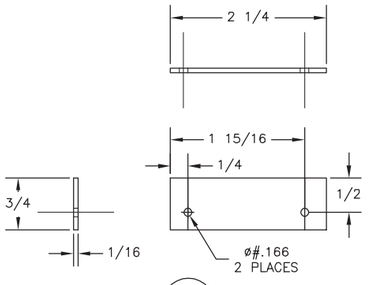

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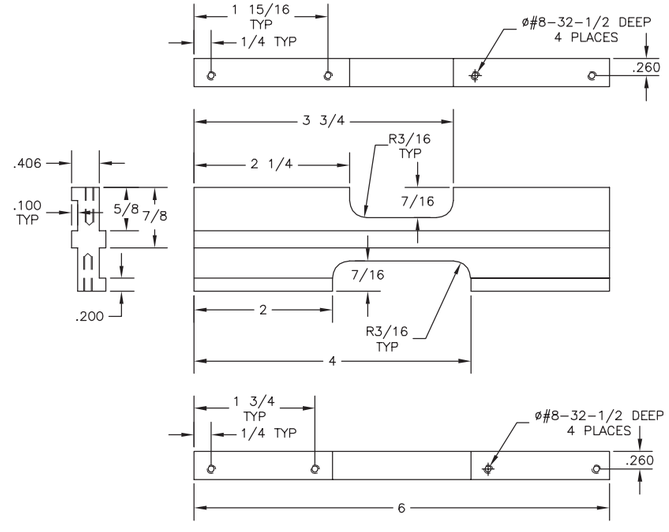

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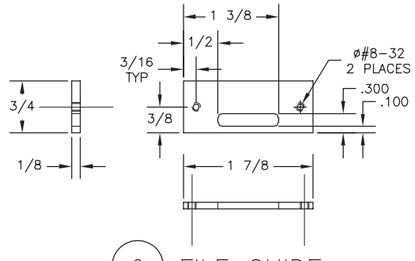

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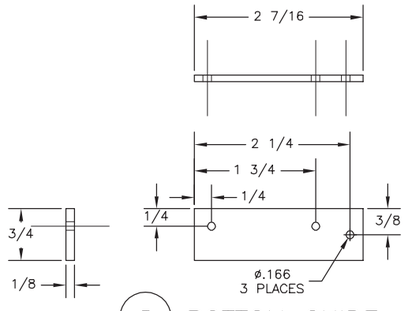

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RAKER/PIN GAUGE

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Crosscut Saw
Western Handle Bracket

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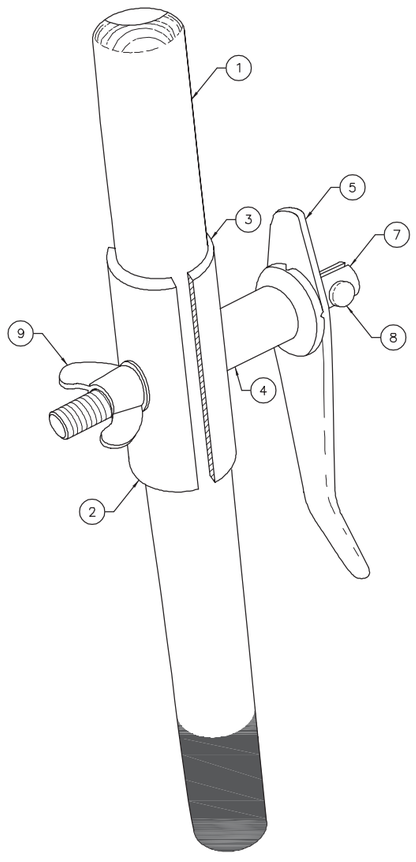

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MATERIAL LIST

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1	HANDLE	1	1–1/4 ROUND HARDWOOD
2	BACK PLATE	1	1–1/4 SCHEDULE 80 STEEL PIPE
3	FRONT PLATE	1	1–1/4 SCHEDULE 80 STEEL PIPE
4	STANDOFF	1	1–1/2 ROUND COLD ROLLED STEEL
5	HANDGUARD	1	5/16 X 1 COLD DRAWN FLAT STEEL (CASE HARDENED)
6	DOWLPIN	2	1/8 X 1/4 HARDENED STEEL McMASTER–CARR #98381A469
7	THROUGH BOLT	1	3/4 ROUND COLD ROLLED STEEL
8	RIVET	1	1/4 X 3/4 ROUND HEAD SOLID STEEL RIVET
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9	WING NUT	1	7/16–14 ZINC–PLATED STEEL McMASTER–CARR
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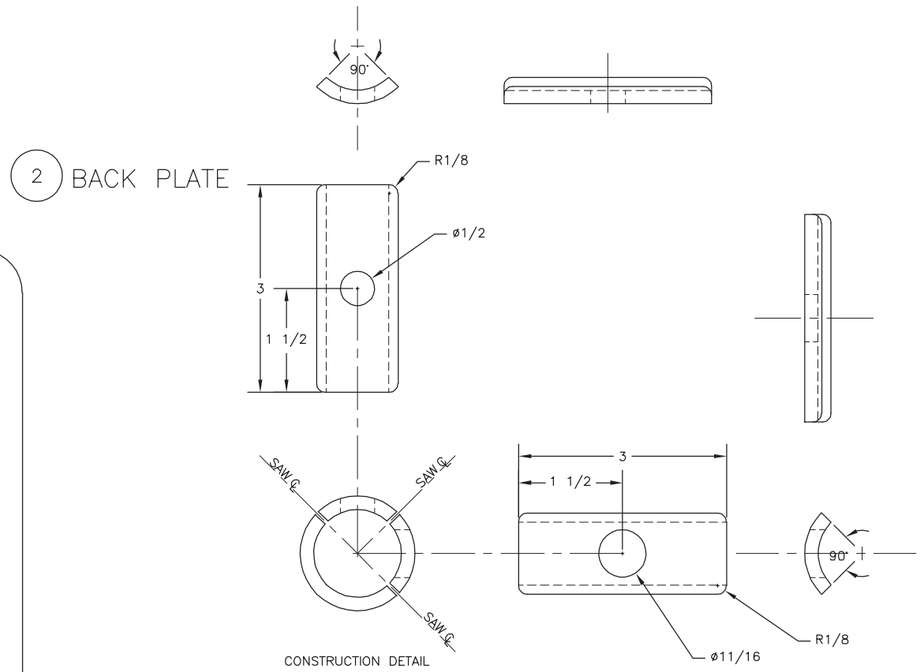

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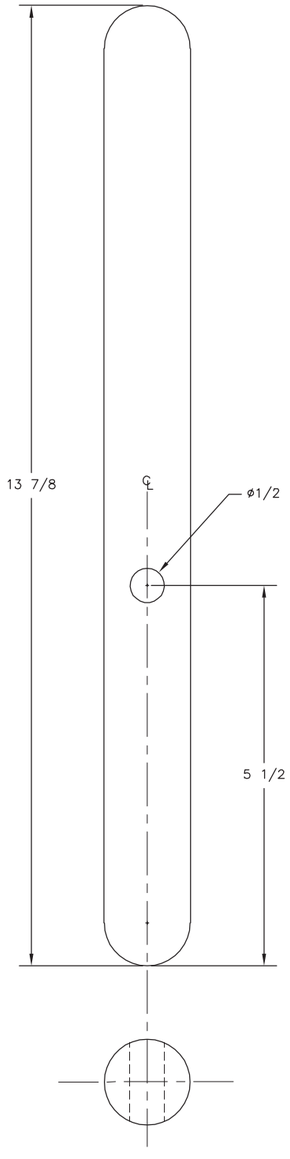

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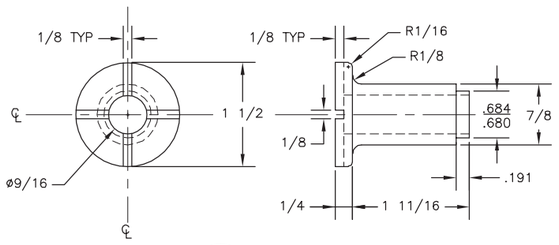

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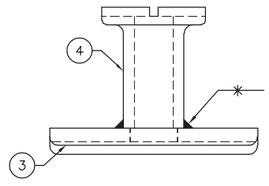

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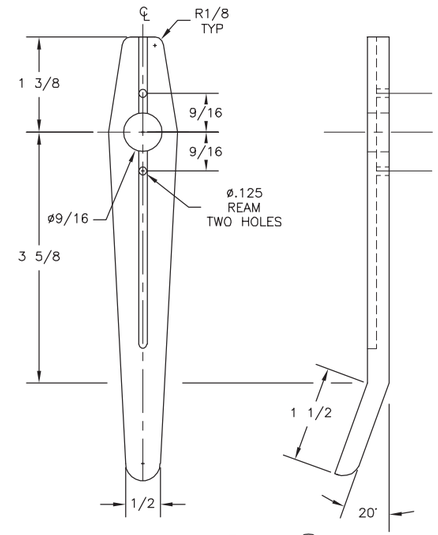

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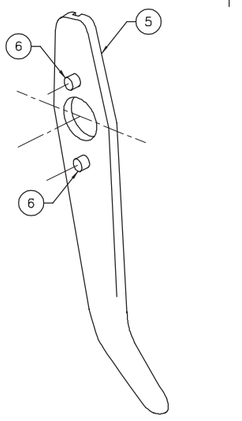

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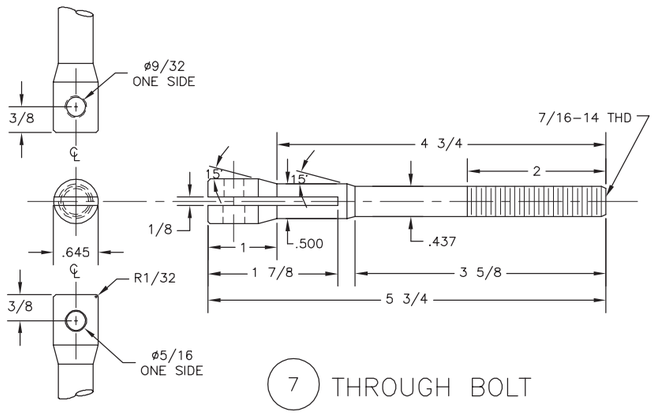

7 THROUGH BOLT

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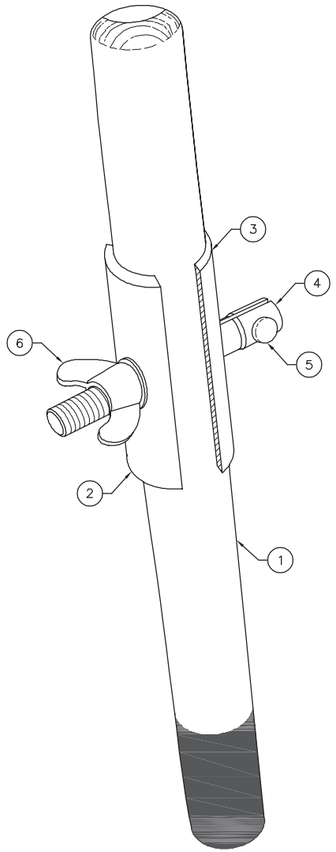

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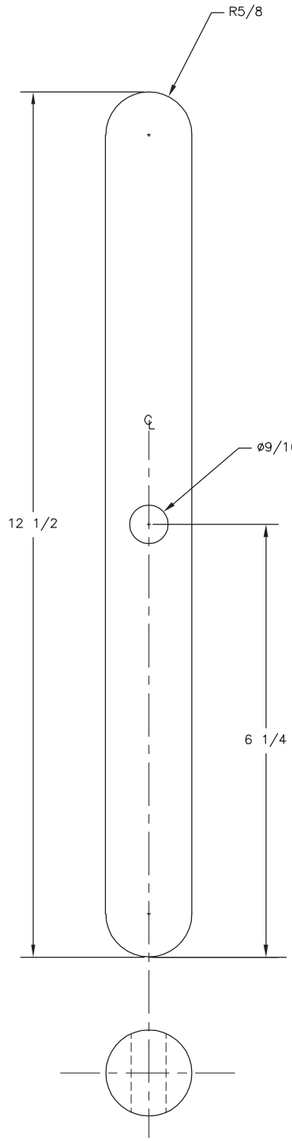

1 HANDLE

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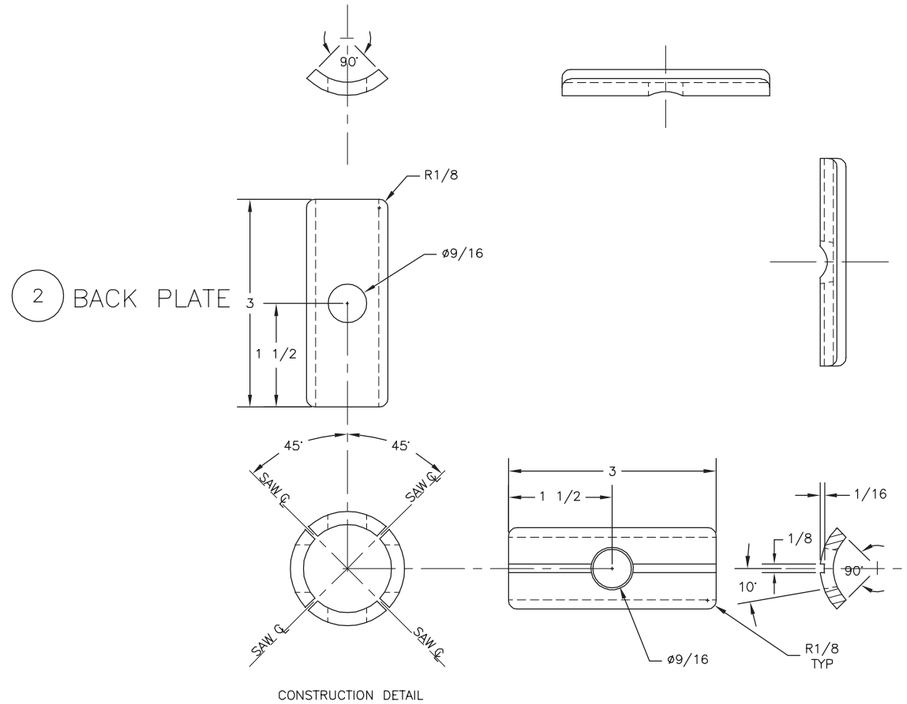

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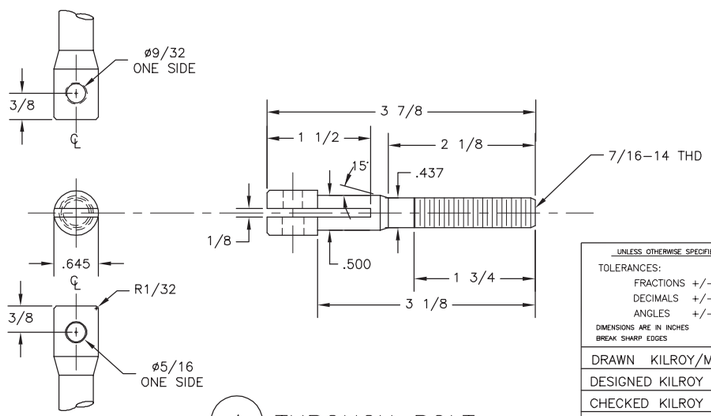

4 THROUGH BOLT

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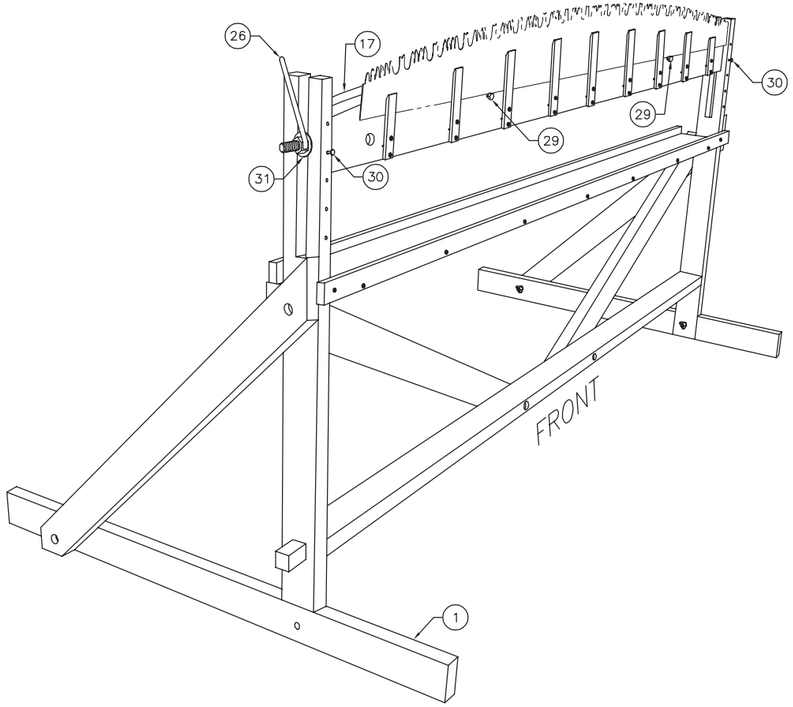

Crosscut Saw
Freestanding Saw Vise

FOR 7–FOOT SAW

MATERIAL LIST

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1	STAND ASSEMBLY	1	PARTS 2 THRU 16	
2	TRAY ASSEMBLY	–	PARTS 3 THRU 6	2
6	SCREW	2	SEE PART NO. 6	2
7	BASE	–	SEE PART NO. 7	2
8	BACK BRACE	–	SEE PART NO. 8	2
9	SIDE BRACE	–	SEE PART NO. 9	2
10	ARM	–	SEE PART NO. 10	2
11	FOOT RAIL	–	SEE PART NO. 11	3
12	BOLT	4	1/4–20NC X 6 LG ROUND HEAD, SQUARE NECK,	
			CARRIAGE BOLT	
13	WASHER	8	1/4–INCH FLAT WASHER	
14	NUT	8	1/4–20NC STANDARD WING NUT	
15	BOLT	2	1/4–20NC X 2 LG ROUND HEAD, SQUARE NECK,	
			CARRIAGE BOLT	
16	BOLT	4	1/4–20NC X 3–1/2 LG ROUND HEAD, SQUARE	
			NECK, CARRIAGE BOLT	
17	VICE ASSEMBLY	–	PARTS 17 THRU 25	3
26	HANDLE ASSEMBLY	–	PARTS 27 & 28	3
29	BOLT	2	3/8–16NC X 2–1/2 LG HEX HEAD BOLT	
30	STOP	2	1/4–INCH X 4 LG ROUND ROD OR 60d SPIKE	
31	WASHER	2	3/4 ID X 1–1/2 OD FLAT WASHER	

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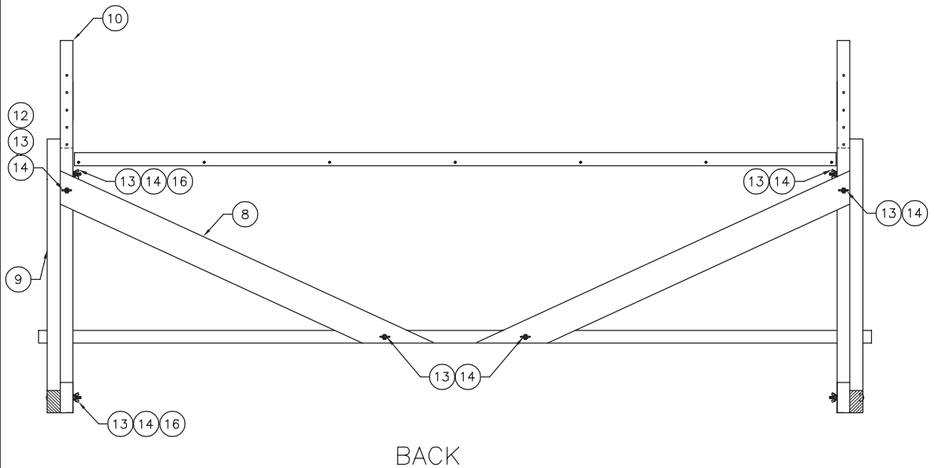

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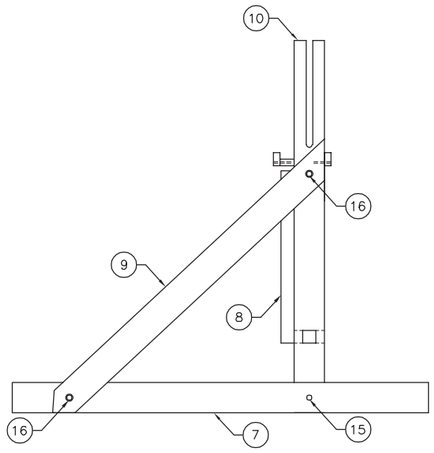

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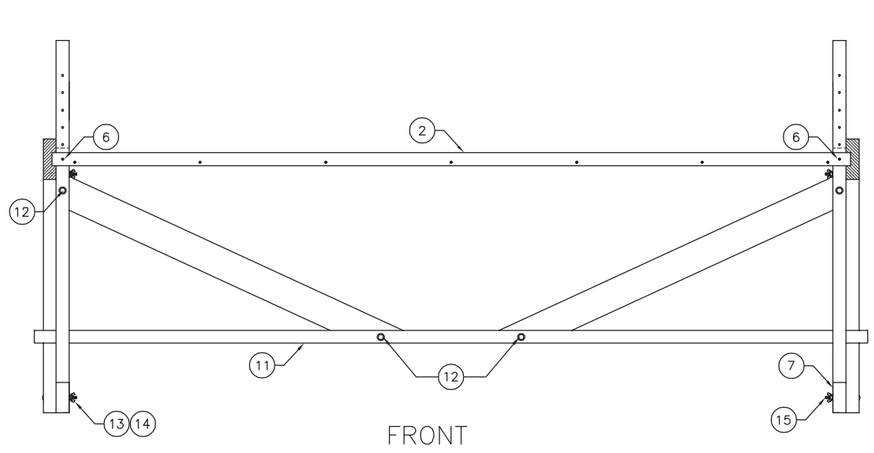

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CHECKED –	
APPROVED R.BECKLEY	
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MATERIAL LIST

NO	PART NAME	REQD	MATERIAL–DESCRIPTION	SHEET
2	TRAY ASSEMBLY	1	PARTS 3 THRU 6	
3	TRAY	1	1 X 6 LUMBER	
4	BACK RAIL	1	1 X 2 LUMBER	
5	FRONT RAIL	1	1 X 2 LUMBER	
6	SCREW	14	#8 X 1–1/2 LG STANDARD FLATHEAD WOOD SCREW	
7	BASE	2	2 X 4 LUMBER	
8	BACK BRACE	2	2 X 4 LUMBER	
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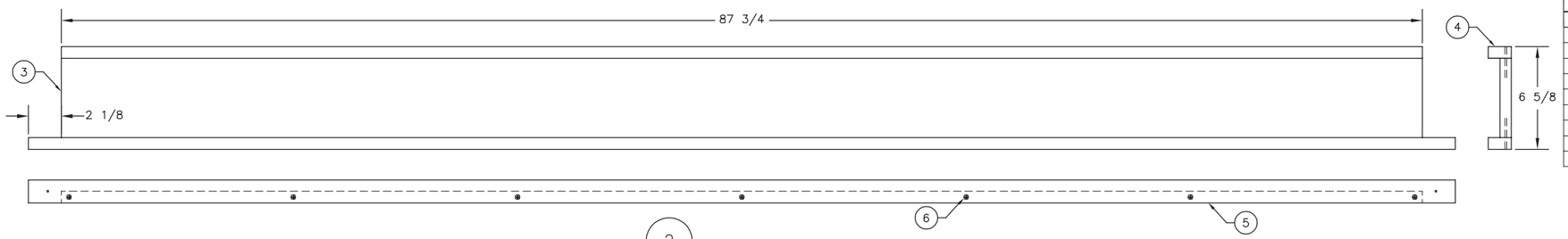

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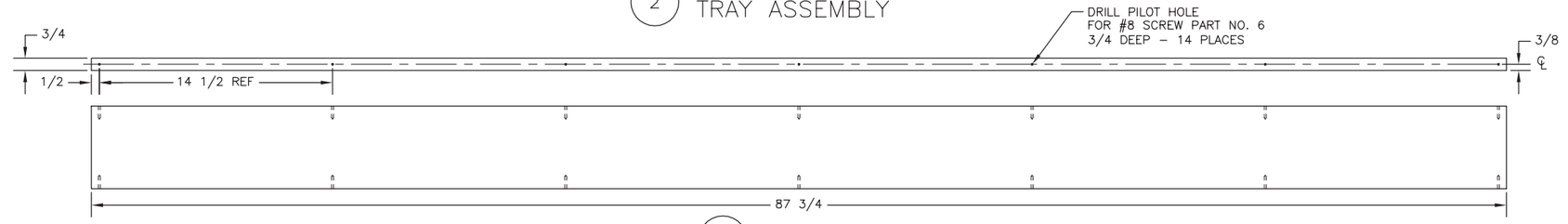

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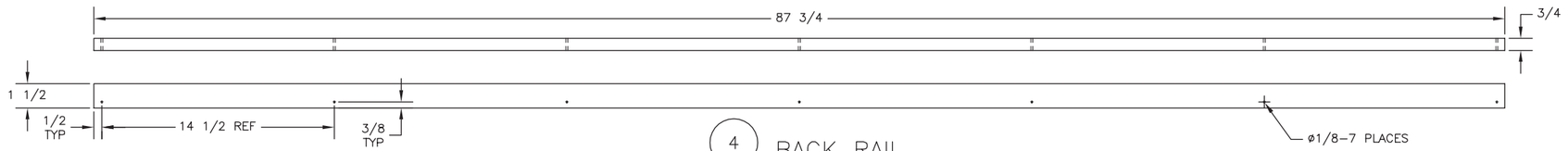

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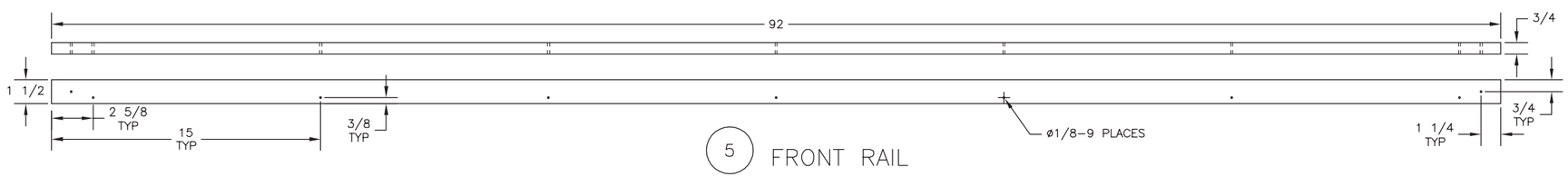

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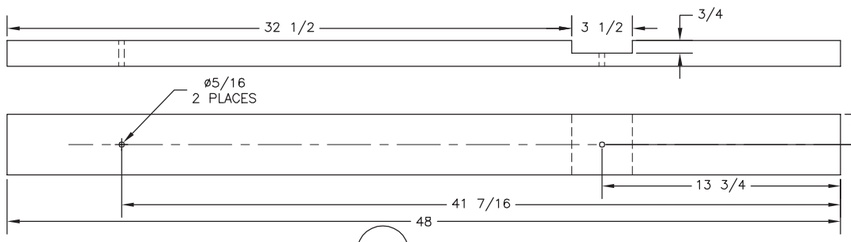

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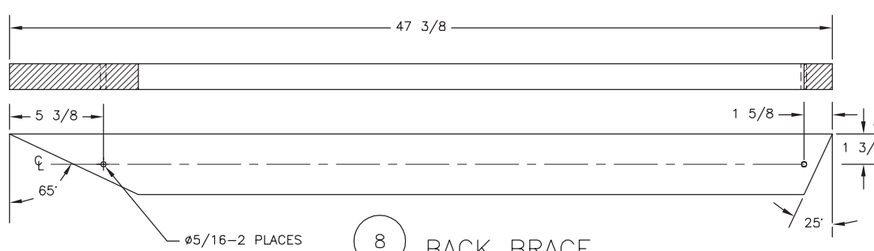

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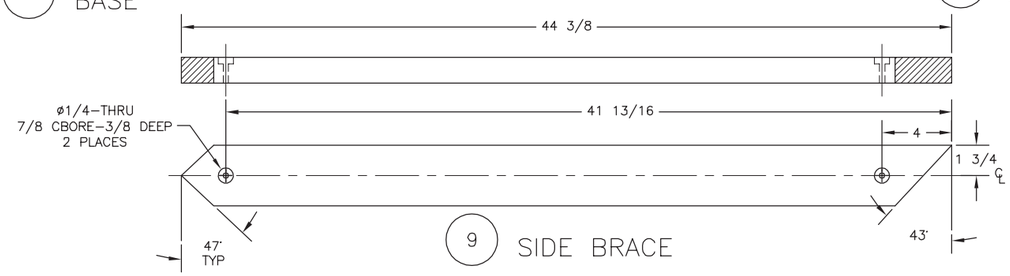

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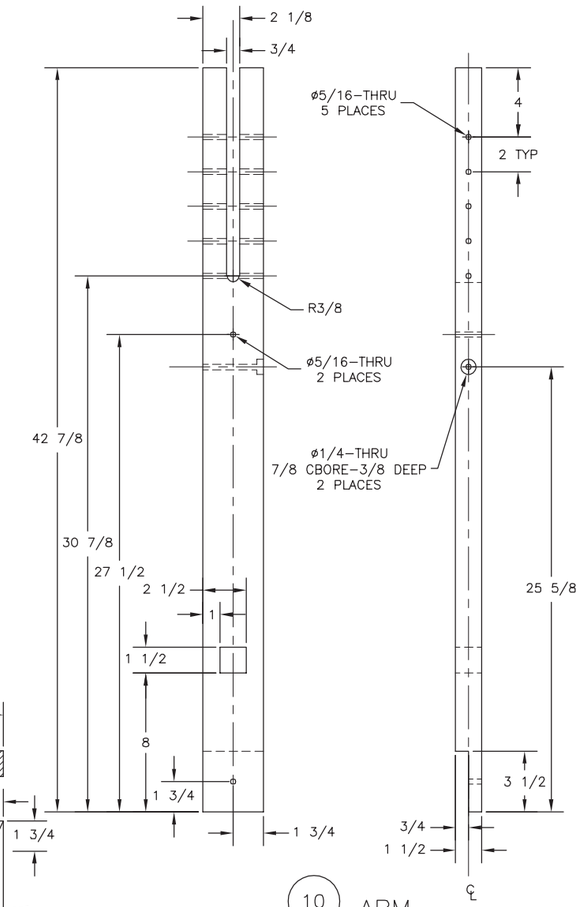

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Traditional Tool Series

FREESTANDING CROSSCUT SAW VISE STAND
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MATERIAL LIST

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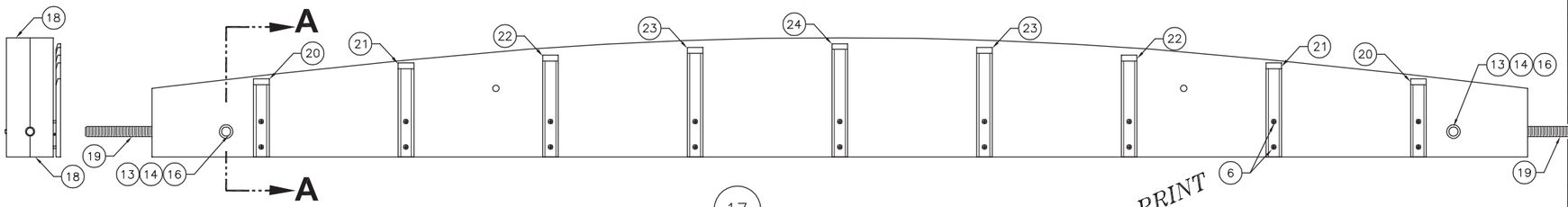
6	SCREW	14	SEE PART NO. 6	2
11	FOOT RAIL	1	2 X 4 LUMBER	
13	WASHER	2	SEE PART NO. 13	2
14	NUT	2	SEE PART NO. 14	2
16	BOLT	2	SEE PART NO. 16	2
17	VISE ASSEMBLY	1	PARTS 7 THRU 25	
18	BODY	2	2 X 10 LAMINATED TRUCK DECKING	
19	ROD	2	5/8–11NC X 10 LG ALL THREAD ROD	
20	SLAT	2	5/16 X 1 HARDWOOD SLAT (OAK)	
21	SLAT	2	5/16 X 1 HARDWOOD SLAT (OAK)	
22	SLAT	2	5/16 X 1 HARDWOOD SLAT (OAK)	
23	SLAT	2	5/16 X 1 HARDWOOD SLAT (OAK)	
24	SLAT	1	5/16 X 1 HARDWOOD SLAT (OAK)	
25	SPACER	9	5/32 X 1 LG ROUND ROD, STEEL	
26	HANDLE ASSEMBLY	2	PARTS 27 & 28	
27	NUT	2	5/8–11NC HEX NUT	
28	GRIP	2	3/8 X 6–1/2 LG ROUND ROD, STEEL	



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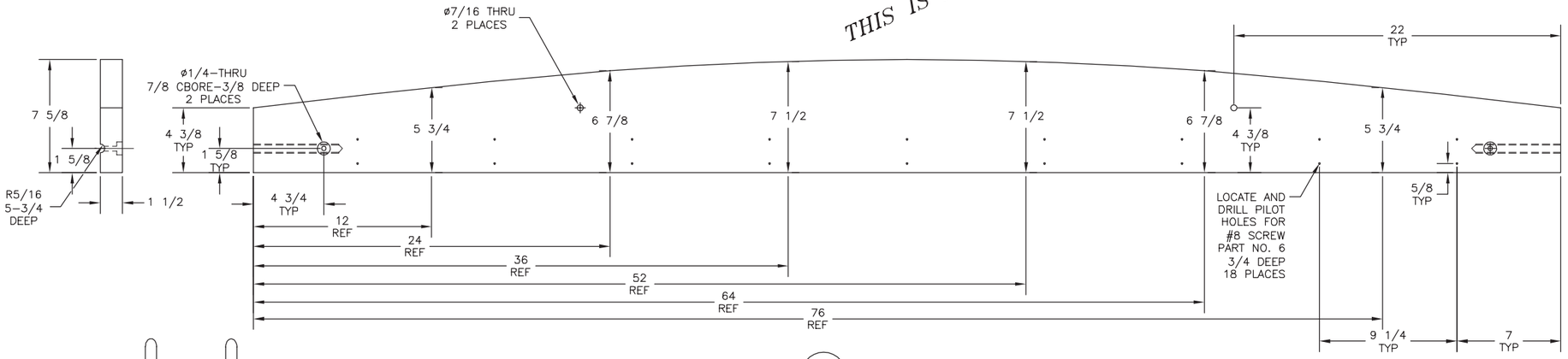

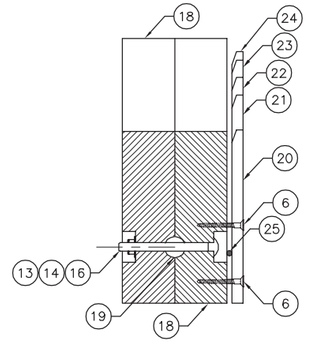

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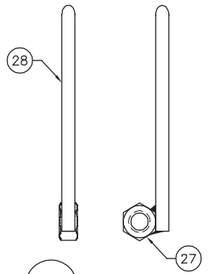

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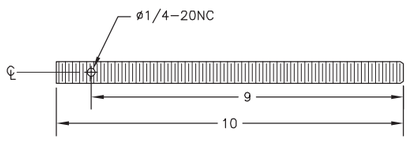

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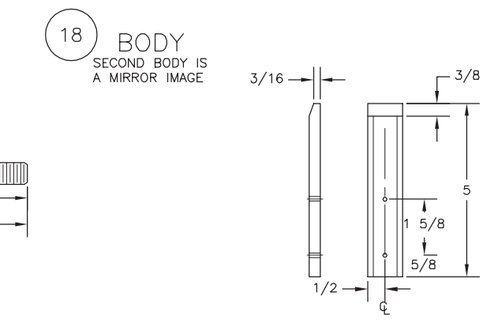

DRILL PILOT HOLES FOR #8 SCREWS
PART NO. 6, 3/4 DEEP, 2 PLACES ON EACH
SLAT

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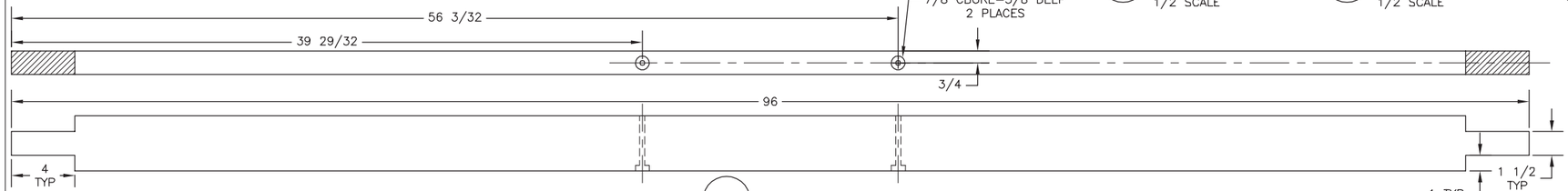

11 FOOT RAIL

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
TOLERANCES:
FRACTIONS +/– ____
DECIMALS +/– ____
ANGLES +/– ____
DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES
BREAK SHARP EDGES

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