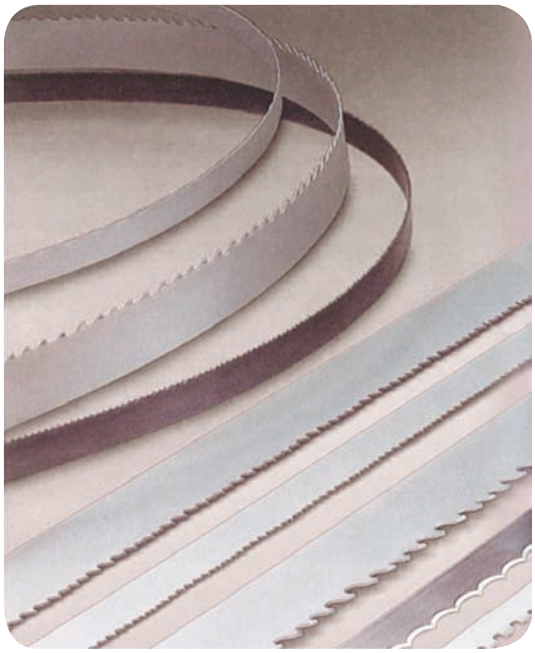
BLADE SELECTION CHARTS

Band saw tooth size is determined by the size of the cross section to be cut. In general cutting thinner sections requires more teeth per inch, thicker sections require coarser pitches, or less teeth per inch.

To select an appropriate tooth size please refer to the table immediately below unless material to be cut is a tube, in which case refer to the larger table below. For general purpose cutting use a constant pitch blade, for more aggressive production cutting of harder to cut materials use a variable pitch blade.

SOLID SECTION

Section Size (mm)	Constant Pitch (TPI)	Variable Pitch (TPI)
Up to 10	24 or 18	14/18 or 10/14
10-15	14	8-12
16-30	10	6-10
31-50	8	5-8
51-80	6	4-6
81-120	4	3-4
121-200	3	2-3
Over 200	2 or 1.25	1.4-2 or 0.8-1.3



TUBE SECTION

Wall Thickness (mm)	Outside diameter of tube or maximum profile section length (mm)												
	20	40	60	80	100	120	150	200	300	500	600	700	800
2	14	14	14	14	14	14	10-14	10-14	8-12	8-12	6-10	5-8	5-8
3	14	14	10-14	10-14	10-14	10-14	8-12	8-12	6-10	6-10	5-8	5-8	5-8
4	14	14	10-14	10-14	8-12	8-12	6-10	6-10	5-8	5-8	4-6	4-6	4-6
5	14	10-14	10-14	8-12	8-12	6-10	6-10	5-8	5-8	4-6	4-6	4-6	4-6
6	14	10-14	10-14	8-12	8-12	6-10	6-10	5-8	5-8	4-6	4-6	3-4	3-4
8	14	10-14	8-12	8-12	6-10	6-10	5-8	5-8	4-6	4-6	3-4	3-4	3-4
10		8-12	8-12	6-10	6-10	5-8	5-8	4-6	4-6	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4
12		8-12	6-10	6-10	5-8	5-8	4-6	4-6	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	2-3
15			6-10	5-8	5-8	4-6	4-6	4-6	3-4	3-4	3-4	2-3	2-3
20				5-8	4-6	4-6	4-6	3-4	3-4	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3
30					4-6	4-6	3-4	3-4	3-4	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3
50						3-4	3-4	3-4	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3
75							2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	1.4-2	1.4-2