

4 Blade Handling

SECTION 4 BLADE HANDLING

This section covers coiling the blade, uncoiling the blade and inverting the blade.



WARNING! Always wear gloves and eye protection when handling bandsaw blades. Keep people away from work area when coiling or moving blades.

4.1 Coiling The Blade

See Figure 4-1. Raise the blade in front of you, with the teeth pointed upward. (About 1/3 to 1/4 of the blade should be between your hands.) Hold your hands about shoulder-width apart. Place your thumbs on the outside of the blade and your fingers on the inside of the blade. Squeeze the blade inward, making it oval-shaped.



FIG. 4-1

See Figure 4-2. Keeping your wrists locked in position, turn your forearms upward and inward. (The teeth will rotate inward and the bottom of the blade will rotate outward.)



FIG. 4-2

See Figure 4-3. Bring your hands together. The blade will form three loops. Snap the bottom loop upward and catch the three-loop coil in your hands.



FIG. 4-3