

# Give Us Good Rubbings!

- ✓ Start with a saw that has precisely the shape you want your saws to arrive with.
- ✓ Use a clean, white, unlined sheet of 8.5 x 11" paper
- ✓ Rub the saw with a dirty finger (don't trace it!), making sure that there is no shift in the paper while you rub the saw
- ✓ Make sure that we get the whole tooth profile (three teeth minimum), or the entire tooth module, plus the tooth before and after, for variable pitch saws
- ✓ Don't send us faxed or photocopied rubbings, the machines distort the dimensions
- ✓ Make sure that every rubbing is dated and shows the name of the mill, and the size of the saw.
- ✓ On the rubbing please include the dimensions of the tooth, for variable pitch saws send the length and depth of every tooth.
- ✓ **Remember, we don't need new rubbings if you are getting the shape you want, only if you are not!**

When you're making a rubbing use a dirty fingertip, or a wooden handle with a bit of dirt on it, or do it with a piece of babbitt, as Jimmy demonstrates.



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# Guidelines for Rubbings

(da do's an' da don'ts)

## Do's

- Update rubbings only when you need us to change the profile we are sending. If what you are getting is correct we don't need a new rubbing!
  - Every rubbing **must** provide some very basic information, specifically:
    - saw size and type 36'6 x 12" x .078, sliver tooth
    - mill name Schmuckatelli Stave Works
    - date April 6, 1957
- (We have got to be able to relate the rubbing to a specific saw in a specific mill and know which rubbing is most current!)
- Use clean white 8-1/2 x 11 paper.
  - Send us originals, not copies, keep an extra original with all the same information on it every time you make one for us.

## Don'ts

- Don't use lined or colored paper.
- Don't fax or photocopy rubbings (it distorts them)
- Don't trace teeth, it shrinks gullets and distorts teeth.
- Don't spray paint rubbings, the paint bleeds and distorts the outline.
- Don't put rubbings for more than one saw on the same sheet.
- Don't let the paper shift, if the lines become unclear start again.
- Don't rub saws that show grinding problems (like hollow back teeth).

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