

Squaring a Fence to the Blade

Set the rip fence for ripping, but stop after barely nibbling the work piece. While keeping the edge of the work piece against the fence, move it upward and back to the rear of the fence/blade (turn the saw off first).

IF the fence IS parallel to the blade, the nibbled kerf will match up to the back of the saw blade.

And this (miter gauge square):

Set the miter gauge to 0. Place a work piece against the miter gauge face and mark that edge that abuts the gauge face. Use a wide board at least a foot long.

Cut the work piece completely through at the center. Notice if the blade nibbles the work piece at the rear of the blade. If nibbling occurs, the miter gauge slots are not parallel to the blade. This applies to both miter gauge slots so try it on both sides.

Now take those two halves of the workpiece just cut, set them 'on end' (the ends just cut) with the marked edges adjacent. IF the gauge IS square, the marked edges will be parallel.