

## Parallel Tenon Cutting

Do not be fooled on the thought of having to pre-drill a pilot hole in the end of your log stock. There are a lot of benefits to using a tenon cutter with a guide pin; like being able to control the direction the tenon and producing parallel tenons, meaning the tenons on each end of the log stock are in perfect alignment of each other, making assembly easier. Traditional tenon cutters without a guide pin tend to wander, following the grain of the log stock, making it hard to control the direction of the tenon. Hand drills allows the operator to control the direction the tenon is being produced. This works great on real crooked, unusual log stock. A radial drill press with shop built jig to support long length log stock may also be used to produce parallel tenons. The pilot holes produced in the end of the log stock may also be used in shop built jigs that have 5/16" dowel pins used as a guide or support for log stock that is going to be peeled, trimmed, cut, split, routed or drilled. Use of the 5/16" pilot point drill bit provided with the Tenonator™ produces pilot holes in 15 seconds or less, as seen in our video.

