



Using the Chainsaw

1. Wear ALL of the chainsaw protective equipment.
2. Take the guidebar cover off, and release the chain brake.
3. Make sure you have a firm footing, and that there is no danger of slipping or stumbling while working.
4. Check that the saw chain runs freely, and stops when the switch is released.
5. Push the front hand guard forward to check that the chain brake works.
6. Check that the chain oiler is working by holding the chainsaw pointing down over some clear ground, with the chain running. Oil should be sprayed onto the ground.
7. Make sure that the tip of the guide bar does not accidentally touch anything. If it does, the saw may kick back and cause an injury.
8. Always keep left hand on the front handle, with right hand on the rear handle while the saw is running. Stop the saw if you need one hand free to do some other task.
9. If the saw throws out sawdust instead of chippings, it is a sign that the chain is becoming blunt. Switch off and unplug, and change the chain, adjusting the tension to suit.
10. You should always be alert when using the chainsaw. If you are tired, leave the job until another day.
11. Switch off and unplug if leaving the machine unattended.
12. Stop the saw and put the guide bar cover back on, before putting it down.
13. If moving to a new location, switch off at the supply and remove the plug from the supply socket before moving the cables.
14. Keep the cable out of the way.
15. Take care not to accidentally pull the plug from the socket
16. If it starts to rain, stop work. Put the chainsaw and electric cables somewhere dry.
17. Put the guide bar cover back on when work is finished.
18. If the equipment does not work properly, do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.
19. You may want to read this leaflet again. Please keep it until you finish work.

Please keep this leaflet as it may be required for future reference



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The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

It is important to read all of this leaflet BEFORE you use the Chainsaw

1. Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
2. This chainsaw is a powerful cutting tool which can cause very serious injuries if not used properly. You must be fully competent to use it. Do not allow anyone else who is not fully competent to use it.
3. Great care must be taken at all times when working with the saw. If you are in any doubt about how to use the saw, do not use it.
4. Work with trees and timber can be hazardous - if you are in any doubt about your competence to do the job in hand, do not do it. Get a trained, competent professional to do the work, or find an alternative method which you are competent to handle.
5. Electricity can be hazardous and must always be used with great care.
6. This chainsaw is designed for felling and trimming timber. Do not use it for anything else.
7. You should wear as a minimum, the following personal protective equipment:
Helmet;
Face shield or chainsaw mesh visor;
Ear defenders;
Chainsaw safety mitts;
Chainsaw leg protectors giving all-round leg protection;
Chainsaw protective gaiters;
Industrial steel toe-cap boots.
You will also need an rcd if using a 230 volt supply.
Chainsaw protective boots can be worn in lieu of safety boots and gaiters.
8. Chainsaws must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
9. Chainsaws are designed for use by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using them.



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230 VOLT MACHINES (SQUARE PIN OR BLUE PLUG)

1. Use a residual current device (‘rcd’) plugged directly into the 230volt socket. Plug the machine into the rcd. This will help to protect against electric shock if the cable or machine is damaged.
2. Use the ‘TEST’ button to check that the rcd is working each time you use it. Reset the rcd according to the instructions supplied with it.
3. If an extension cable is required, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire company have not given any special instructions, you should only use a suitably rated heavy duty one, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet). Plug it directly into the rcd.
4. Lay it out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. Unroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.
5. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.

110 VOLT MACHINES (YELLOW PLUG)

1. If using a portable transformer, plug the transformer directly into the 230 volt socket. Do not use any 230v extension cables.
2. Read the instructions below for the machine. 110v machines will have a yellow industrial plug fitted. 230v machines will have either a normal square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial plug.
3. The chain should move easily, around the guidebar, without being loose.
4. Check the chain brake by pushing the front hand guard forward. You should not be able to move the chain.
5. Some work with trees should only be done by a fully competent professional operator.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

1. Do not use the saw for cutting small shrubs or trees without solid wood.
2. Do not try to cut down any tree over 4 metres in height or with a trunk greater than 150mm diameter. Do not try to cut up any fallen trees that were over those sizes when standing. Do not attempt to cut down any storm damaged or hung-up trees. Get a professional tree surgeon to do these jobs.
3. Do not use the saw for any work that requires the user to be off the ground, for example standing on a ladder or a platform.
4. Do not use the saw for cutting timber that may have nails or other foreign bodies in it.
5. Check that the chain oil tank is topped up before starting work.
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11. Make sure that the control switch is off before checking the chain tension. Wear chainsaw mitts.

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COMPETENT OPERATOR

1. You must be competent to use this chainsaw. Before starting work, check that you fully understand all of the following points. If there is anything you do not understand, do not use the saw. Check with your employer, or the hire company, The location, and function of all the controls.
2. The hazardous areas on the saw.
3. What ‘kick back’ is and what cutting actions lead to ‘kick back’.
4. How the chain breaks works and what it does.
5. How to stand correctly when using the saw and what the correct cutting action is.
6. How to start, and stop, the saw.
7. How to avoid blunting the chain.
8. What to do if the chain becomes blunt.

WORK AREA

1. Do not use this chainsaw where there is a danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders.
2. Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no-one is near to you or could distract you.
3. Protect other people from the noise and work area. Warn others to keep away, put up warning signs or barriers around your work area.
4. Make sure that the timber you are going to cut will not move. Use a proper ‘horse’ when cutting smaller pieces of wood.

CHAINSAWS

1. Check the chainsaw, chain, cables, plugs and all equipment. Do not use anything found damaged - contact the hire company.
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OPERATORS

1. If you are using the chainsaw ‘at work’, you must be trained and competent. You may require a recognised certificate of confidence for any work with trees. You should not allow anyone who does not have the required competence to use the saw.
2. The following items of personal protective equipment (ppe) are the minimum that should be worn whenever using this chainsaw. Particular jobs or environments may require additional PPE.