

TK HIRE



Operating and safety instructions for a Petrol chainsaw

SAFETY FIRST:

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. In accordance with Health and Safety in Employment Act requirements, this sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for use at a commercial worksite, so that the information is available to all users.



Pre Start Checks and Safety

- ! Check for overhead wires
- ! Chain is lubricated (chain oil)
- ! Remove chain protector
- ! Check chain tension
- ! Always carry the saw with the blade to the rear and stopped
- ! Check machine for any binding of moving parts or breakages
- ! Always have a clear working area
- ! Have a planned retreat when cutting down a tree
- ! Don't use in damp or wet conditions
- ! Always keep saw away from leads
- ! Don't use for purpose not intended eg Steel
- ! Don't cut overhead or light materials (ie bamboo, hedges etc)
- ! Don't cut into ground, cables, stones pipes etc.
- ! Beware of falling branches
- ! Beware of loose clothing
- ! Fuel tank is full (2 stroke 40:1 mix)
- ! Do not drop start or place a running saw on the ground

Starting procedure

- Engage the chain brake (where applicable), and move the stop/start switch to start.
- Cold start – pull out choke
- Warm start – push choke out
- Depress throttle trigger and lock into place with throttle lock
- Place left hand on handle and right foot into rear of handle
- Pull starter cord lightly until resistance is felt, then give a short sharp pull.
- When engine fires push the choke in
- Once engine is running release the starting throttle lock by squeezing trigger.
- Disengage chain brake where applicable

When operating

- Always wear the required safety equipment
- Always hold saw handle firmly with both hands
- Do not stand over or directly behind saw when operating
- Always keep a slight downward pressure on saw when cutting, release pressure when coming to the end of a cut
- Use the spiked bumper against the wood to help steady the saw
- Don't cut overhead. Don't cut light material such as bamboo or hedges. Don't cut into the ground.
- Beware of falling branches

Re checking the chain tension

- Stop the chainsaw (see below) and then adjust the chain tension by loosening the bar securing bolts and tightening the adjusting screw.

Stopping and after use

- Move stop/start switch to stop
- Engage chain brake
- Refit chain protector

