

## SAFETY FIRST

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. This sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for commercial use so that the information is available to all users. Before starting any job, be sure to spend a few minutes planning and understanding the hazards and risks of the activity and determining how you will control them to prevent injury or damage.



## Required Safety Equipment



Head Protection



Hearing Protection



Eye Protection



Hand Protection



Foot Protection



Protective Clothing



Full Face Shield



Chaps

## 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 e.g. steel
- Don't cut overhead or light materials (e.g. 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 25:1 mix)
- Do not drop-start the saw or place a running saw on the ground

## Starting procedure

1. Engage the chain brake (where applicable), and move the Stop-Start switch to Start
2. Cold start – engage the choke
3. Warm start – disengage the choke
4. Depress throttle trigger and lock into place with throttle lock
5. Place left hand on handle and right foot into rear of handle
6. Pull starter cord lightly until resistance is felt, then give a short sharp pull
7. When engine fires push the choke in
8. Once engine is running release the starting throttle lock by squeezing trigger
9. Disengage chain brake where applicable

## When Operating

- Always wear the required safety equipment (as listed)
- 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
- Re-fit chain protector