

## 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

- Ensure the machine has a current electrical tag
- 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
- Ensure a transformer or Residual Current Device (RCD) is used and an adequate extension lead
- 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

## Starting procedure

1. Plug machine into extension lead and RCD
2. Ensure the chain brake is disengaged
3. Hold chainsaw firmly with both hands
4. Pull in trigger switch to make chainsaw go while pressing switch safety lockout.

## When Operating

- Always wear the required safety equipment
- Always hold saw handle firmly with both hands
- Study tree to be cut and surroundings
- Always be sure of your footing
- Do not stand over or directly behind saw when operating
- Always keep a slight downward pressure on saw when cutting but allow the saw to do the work
- Release pressure when coming to the end of a cut
- Use the spiked bumper against the wood to help steady the saw
- Periodically check chain bar oil level

## Re-checking the Chain Tension

1. Stop the chainsaw
2. Unplug lead
3. Adjust the chain tension by loosening the bar securing bolts and tightening the adjusting screw
4. Retighten the bar securing bolts

## Stopping and After Use

- Release trigger switch
- Turn off at power supply
- Unplug lead
- Re-fit chain protector