

Safe Operating Procedure

CHAINSAW - ELECTRIC

DO NOT use this machine unless you have been instructed in its safe use and operation

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Locate and ensure you are familiar with all machine operations and controls.
- ✓ Ensure all guards are fitted, secure and functional. Do not operate if guards are missing or faulty.
- ✓ Ensure the machine and extension cord are tagged and are current.
- ✓ Ensure the extension cord is in good condition and fully uncoiled.
- ✓ Ensure a tagged and tested RCD is used when operating the machine. Trip test the RCD before use.
- ✓ Ensure the chain guard and chain brake are functioning.
- ✓ Ensure the chain is sharp and correctly tensioned.
- ✓ Ensure the safety harness, if required, is in sound condition.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Maintain a proper balance and secure footing.
- ✓ Keep a firm grip on the chainsaw with both hands and the thumb of the hand holding the front handle wrapped around the handle.
- ✓ Start the cut with the saw chain rotating at full speed and the spiked bumper in contact with the wood.
- ✓ Pay full attention to the operation and be alert for movement of the material being cut.
- ✓ Be aware of the guidebar nose at all times when the saw chain is in motion.
- ✓ Be alert to situations that may cause material to pinch the top of the saw chain.
- ✓ Ensure no person or animal is endangered when operating equipment.

ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEANING UP

- ✓ Remove any foreign material from in and around motor and guards.
- ✓ Keep the work area and implement shed in a safe, clean and tidy condition.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND INJURIES

- ⓘ Kick-back.
- ⓘ Push-back.
- ⓘ Pull-in.
- ⓘ Rotating chain.
- ⓘ Flying debris.
- ⓘ Trip hazards.
- ⓘ Hair/clothing getting caught in moving machine parts.
- ⓘ Noise.

DON'T

- ✗ Do not use faulty equipment. Report suspect machinery immediately.
- ✗ Do not use in wet conditions.
- ✗ Never use a chainsaw over shoulder height

This SWP does not necessarily cover all possible hazards associated with this equipment. It is designed as a reminder to users prior to equipment use.