

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

CHAINSAW - PETROL

**ONLY TRAINED PERSONNEL
AUTHORISED TO OPERATE THIS EQUIPMENT**



Identified Hazards

- Eye Injuries
- Flying Debris
- Kick and Push Back
- Pull In
- Rotating Chain
- Noise
- Trip Hazards
- Loose Clothing Entanglement
- Fuel
- Manual Handling

Personal Protective Equipment Requirements to Operate



Other | Additional PPE Requirements:

Sun Protection | Remove Or Contain any Loose Jewellery | Restrain Long Hair | Chaps

Operating Instructions

Pre-Operational Safety Checks

- Ensure the machine is clean for easy identification of loose, worn or defective parts & other safety hazards.
- Perform a visual inspection of the saw for any obvious damage or faults. Do not use until rectified. Check:
 - That safety guards and other safety devices are fitted, secure and functioning.
 - The effectiveness of chain brakes and operating controls.
 - The fuel lines, tank, and area around carburettor for fuel leaks.
 - The condition of the anti-vibration mountings of the handles.
- Ensure the equipment has been regularly serviced.
- Ensure chain is sharp and correctly tensioned.

Operational Safety Checks

- **NEVER** operate a faulty piece of equipment. Report any faults, problems or hazards **IMMEDIATELY**.
- Ensure required PPE available and worn.
- Stop the engine before refuelling. Do not refuel while the engine is still hot as fuel may overflow & catch fire.
- Keep other persons out of the immediate area whilst operating. Use signage / bunting as required.
- When starting the chainsaw on the ground:
 - Ensure no obstructions are present particularly near the tip of the guide bar.
 - Place the right foot through the rear handle and place the left hand on the front handle.
 - Operate the starter with the right hand.
- Keep a firm grip on the chainsaw with both hands, with the thumb of the hand holding the front handle wrapped around the handle, maintaining a proper balance and secure footing when operating the chainsaw.
- Start the cut with the saw chain rotating at full speed and the spiked bumper in contact with the wood.
- Be aware of the guide bar nose at all times when the saw chain is in motion.
- Pay full attention to the operation and be alert for movement of the material being cut.
- Be alert to situations that may cause material to pinch the top of the saw chain.
- Apply chain brake when saw is at rest.
- Never use a chainsaw over shoulder height.
- Do not leave the chainsaw unattended when still running.
- Avoid the accumulation of debris - Remove any foreign material from the motor and guards.

REFER TO THE MANUFACTURER'S OPERATIONAL MANUAL FOR FULL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS