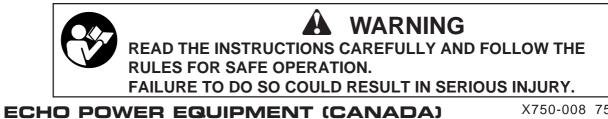


# OPERATOR'S MANUAL CHAIN SAW CS-370



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# **RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION**

- 1. Fatigue causes carelessness. Be more cautious before rest periods and before the end of your shift.
- 2. Personal protective clothing required by your safety organizations, government regulations, or your employer should be used; otherwise, sung fitting clothing, protective eyewear, safety footwear and hand, leg and hearing protection should be worn.

#### Note: Personal protective clothing should meet the requirements of applicable Standards.

- 3. Before fueling, servicing or transporting your chain saw switch off the engine. To help prevent fire, restart your chain saw at least 3 m from the fueling area.
- 4. When using a chain saw a fire extinguisher should be available.
- 5. When felling, keep at least 2 tree lengths between yourself and your fellow workers.
- 6. Plan your work; assure yourself of an obstacle-free work area and, in the case of felling, of an escape path from the falling tree.
- 7. Follow instructions in your operator's manual for starting the chain saw and control the chain saw with a firm grip on both handles when it is in operation. Keep handles dry, clean and free of oil. A chain saw should never be carried with the engine running.
- 8. When transporting your chain saw, use the appropriate transportation covers that should be available for the guide bar and saw chain.
- 9. Never operate a chain saw that is damaged, improperly adjusted, or is not completely and securely assembled. Be sure that the saw chain stops moving when the throttle control trigger is released. Never adjust the guide bar or saw chain when the engine operating.
- 10. Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning. Operate the chain saw in well-ventilated areas only.

- 11. Do not attempt a pruning or liming operation in a standing tree unless specifically trained to do so.
- 12. Guard against kickback. Kickback is the upward motion of the guide bar, which occurs when the saw chain, at the nose of the guide bar, contact an object. Kickback can lead to dangerous loss of the chain saw.

#### TO AVOID KICKBACK:

- (a) Contact of the guide bar tip with any object should be avoided.
- (b) Tip contact may cause the guide bar to move suddenly upward and backward which may cause serious injury.
- (c) Always use two hands when operating the chain saw.
- (d) Use a firm grip, thumbs and fingers encircling the handles.
- (e) Don't overreach.
- (f) Avoid cutting above shoulder height.
- (g) Follow the manufacture's instructions for sharpening and maintenance of the saw chain.
- 13. When boring with the chain saw, the initial cut should be introduced with the lower part of the nose (tip) until the hole is sufficiently large so as to introduce the entire nose (tip) of the guide bar. This technique should reduce the danger of kickback.
- 14. A chain saw is intended for two-handed use. Serious injury to the operator, helpers and/or bystanders may result from one-handed operation.

#### CAUTION

- A. Allow your chain saw to cool before refueling, and do not smoke while refueling.
- B. Do not allow other persons or animals close to running chain saw or close to where a tree is being felled.
- C. Use extreme caution when cutting small size brush and saplings because slender material may catch the saw chain and be whipped toward you.
- D. When cutting a limb that is under tension is alert for spring-back.

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## This spark ignition system complies with Canadian ICES-002.

This chain saw is designed for cutting wood or wood products. Do not cut solid metal, sheet metal, plastic or any non-wood materials.

Specifications, descriptions and illustrative material in this literature are as accurate as known at the time of publication, but are subject to change without notice. Illustrations may include optional equipment and accessories, and may not include all standard equipment.

#### **DANGER**

The safety alert symbol accompanied by the word "**DANGER**" calls attention to an act or condition which WILL lead to serious personal injury or death if not avoided.

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The safety alert symbol accompanied by the word "**WARNING**" calls attention to an act or condition which CAN lead to serious personal injury or death if not avoided.

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The safety alert symbol accompanied by the word "**CAUTION**" calls attention to an act or condition which may lead to minor or moderate personal injury if not avoided.

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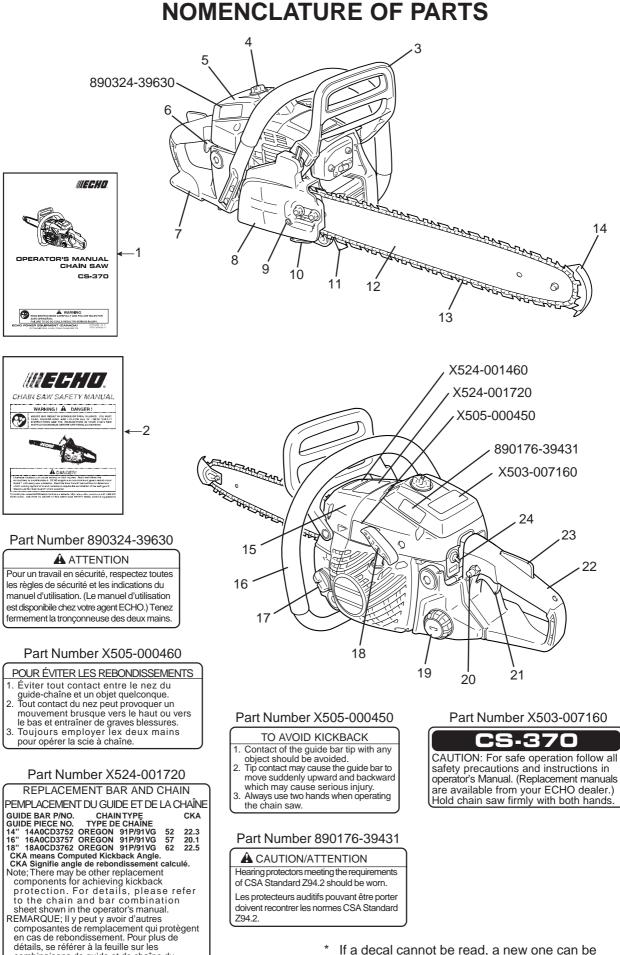
This symbol means the specific action shown is prohibited. Ignoring these prohibitions can result in serious or fatal injury.

#### NOTE

This enclosed message provides tips for use, care and maintenance of the unit.

#### IMPORTANT

The enclosed message provides information necessary for the protection of the unit.



If a decal cannot be read, a new one can be ordered from your ECHO dealer.

combinaisons de guide et de chaîne du manuel de l'utilisateur.

## NOMENCLATURE OF PARTS

- 1. Operator's manual Included with unit. Read before operation and keep for future reference to learn proper, safe operating techniques.
- 2. Safety manual Describe operating and safety instructions for this chain saw.
- **3. Front hand guard** Guard between the front handle and the saw chain for protecting the hand from injuries and aiding in control of the chain saw if the hand slips off the handle. This guard is used to activate the chain brake which is to stop the saw chain rotation.
- 4. Cleaner cover knob Device for installing the air cleaner cover.
- 5. Air cleaner cover Covers air filter.
- 6. Choke control knob Device for enriching the fuel/air mixture in the carburetor to aid cold starting.
- **7. Rear hand guard** Extension on the lower part of the rear handle for protecting the hand from the chain if it breaks or degrooves.
- 8. Clutch cover Protective cover to the guide bar, saw chain, clutch and sprocket when the chain saw is in use.
- **9. Chain tension adjuster** Device to adjust chain tension.
- **10.Chain catcher** A projection designed to reduce the risk of the operator's right hand from being hit by a chain which has broken or derailed from the guide bar during cutting.
- **11.Spiked bumper** Device, fitted in front of the guide bar mounting point, acting as a pivot when in contact with a tree or log.
- **12.Guide bar** The part that supports and guides the saw chain.

- **13. Saw chain** Chain, serving as a cutting tool.
- **14. Bar tip guard** Anti-kickback device attached on the bar nose.
- **15. Cylinder cover** The cooling airflow grill. It covers the cylinder, spark plug and silencer.
- **16. Front handle (for the left hand)** Support handle located at the front of the engine housing.
- 17. Oil tank cap For closing the oil tank.
- 18. Starter handle Pull handle slowly until starter engages then quickly and firmly. When engine starts, return handle slowly.
   DO NOT let handle snap back or damage to unit will occur.
- 19. Fuel tank cap For closing the fuel tank.
- **20. Throttle latch** Device for temporality setting the throttle in a partially open position to aid starting.
- 21. Throttle trigger Device activated by the operator's finger, for controlling the engine speed.
- 22. Rear handle (for the right hand) Support handle located towards the rear of the engine housing.
- 23. Throttle trigger lockout A safety lever which must be depressed before the throttle trigger can be activated in order to prevent the accidental operation of the throttle trigger.
- 24. Ignition switch Device for connecting and disconnecting the ignition system and thus allowing the engine to be started or stopped.

## **OPERATOR SAFETY**

#### **VIBRATION AND COLD**

• It is believed that a condition called Raynaud's Phenomenon, which affects the fingers of certain individuals, may be brought about by exposure to vibration and cold.

Exposure to vibration and cold may cause tingling and burning followed by loss of color and numbness in the fingers.

The following precautions are strongly recommended because the minimum exposure which might trigger the ailment is unknown.

- Keep your body warm, especially the head and neck, feet and ankles and hands and wrists.
- Maintain good blood circulation by performing vigorous arm exercises during frequent work breaks and also by not smoking.
- Limit the number of hours of operation. Try to fill each day with jobs where operating the chain saw, or other hand-held power equipment is not required.
- If you experience discomfort redness and swelling of the fingers, followed by whitening and loss of feeling, consult your physician before further exposing yourself to cold and vibration.

#### **REPETITIVE STRESS INJURY**

 It is believed that over-using the muscles and tendons of the finger, hands, arms and shoulders may cause soreness, swelling, numbness, weakness and extreme pain to the areas just mentioned.

Certain repetitive hand activities may put you at a high risk for developing a repetitive stress injury (RSI).

 An extreme RSI condition is Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS) which could occur when your wrist swells and squeezes a vital nerve that runs through the area. Some believe that prolonged exposure to vibration may contribute to CTS. CTS can cause severe pain for months or even years.

To reduce the risk of RSI/CTS, do the following:

- Avoid using your wrist in a bent, extended or twisted position.
- Take periodic breaks to minimize repetition and rest your hands.
- Reduce the speed and force in which you do the repetitive movement.
- Do exercises to strengthen hand and arm muscles.
- See a doctor if you feet tingling, numbness or pain in your fingers, hands, wrists or arms. The sooner RSI/CTS is diagnosed, the more likely permanent nerve and muscle damage can be prevented.

#### EYE AND HEARING PROTECTION

- Wear eye protection goggles that meet ANSI Z 87.1 requirements.
   Goggles meeting the requirements have the mark "Z 87" stamped on them.
- Wear hearing protection.
   If this guideline is not followed, hearing loss can occur.

ECHO recommends wearing hearing protection at all times.

#### WEAR PROPER CLOTHING

 Snug fitting durable clothing should be worn. Pants should have long legs, DO NOT WEAR SHORTS.

Do not wear loose fitting clothing, scarves, neckties, jewelry or any item that may become tangled in surrounding growth or the chain saw itself.

- Wear shoes with non-skid soles.
   DO NOT wear open toed shoes or operate unit barefooted.
- Wear no-slip, heavy duty work gloves to improve your grip on the chain saw handles.
   The gloves also help reduce the transmission of machine vibration to your hands.

#### HOT HUMID WEATHER

 Heavy protective clothing can increase operator fatigue which may lead to heat stroke.

Schedule heavy work for early morning, or late afternoon hours when temperatures are cooler.

#### **AVOID HOT SURFACES**

- During operation, the muffler or catalytic muffler and surrounding cover become hot.
- Never suspend the saw on a lanyard with the engine running.
- Always use the saw from the right-hand side of your body **NEVER** from the left side.
- Always wear proper safety clothing to protect your lower body from sharp saw chain and hot muffler.
- Always keep exhaust area clear of flammable debris during transportation or when storing, otherwise serious property damage or personal injury may result.

#### SPARK ARRESTOR MUFFLER

- The spark arrestor muffler controls the exhaust noise and prevents hot, glowing particles of carbon from leaving the muffler. Make sure the spark arrestor screen is in good repair and properly seated in the muffler.
- · Certain internal combustion engines operated on forest, brush, and/or grass-covered areas in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Minnesota, New Jersey and Maine, are required to be equipped with a spark arrestor.

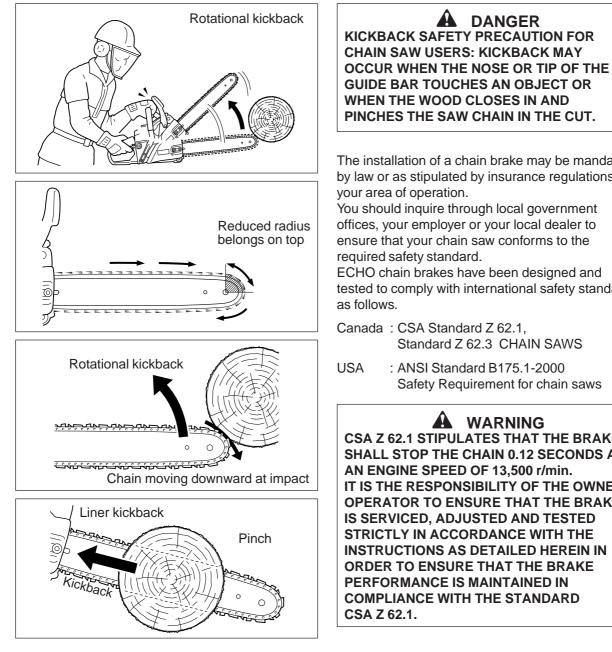
This requirement also applies to all U.S. Forest Service lands.

In some of these areas, the spark arrestor system must be certified per USDA Forest Service Regulation SAE J 335.

Check with your local or state authorities for specific regulations in your area.

Failure to follow these requirements is a violation of the law.

## **CORRECT USE OF CHAIN BRAKE**



PINCHES THE SAW CHAIN IN THE CUT. The installation of a chain brake may be mandatory

by law or as stipulated by insurance regulations in

You should inquire through local government offices, your employer or your local dealer to ensure that your chain saw conforms to the

ECHO chain brakes have been designed and tested to comply with international safety standards

- Canada: CSA Standard Z 62.1, Standard Z 62.3 CHAIN SAWS
- : ANSI Standard B175.1-2000 Safety Requirement for chain saws

#### WARNING

**CSA Z 62.1 STIPULATES THAT THE BRAKE** SHALL STOP THE CHAIN 0.12 SECONDS AT AN ENGINE SPEED OF 13,500 r/min. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER / **OPERATOR TO ENSURE THAT THE BRAKE** IS SERVICED, ADJUSTED AND TESTED STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS AS DETAILED HEREIN IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE BRAKE PERFORMANCE IS MAINTAINED IN **COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARD** 

## **PREPARATION FOR USE**



SAW CHAIN IS SHARP! ALWAYS WEAR GLOVES WHEN HANDLING ASSEMBLY, OTHERWISE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY MAY RESULT.

#### KICK GUARD<sup>®</sup> TO BAR INSTRUCTIONS

Tools Needed: Two 11 mm Wrenches.

For saws with Kick Guard<sup>®</sup> P/N 2893201 and Symmetrical Low-Kick type (Double Guard) guide bars.

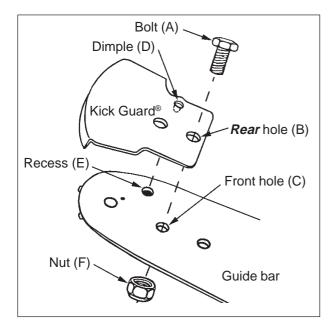
- 1. Install bolt (A) in *rear* hole (B) of Kick Guard<sup>®</sup> and through front hole (C) in guide bar.
- 2. **IMPORTANT:** Dimple (D) in Kick Guard<sup>®</sup> must engage recess (E) in guide bar.
- Tighten nut (F) and bolt (A) using 11 mm wrenches until snug. Make certain Kick Guard<sup>®</sup> is flush against guide bar.
- 4. Tighten nut (F) 1/8 additional turn.
- 5. Check to make certain Kick Guard<sup>®</sup> is tight on guide bar.

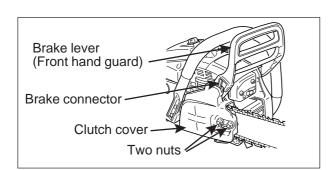
#### GUIDE BAR AND SAW CHAIN INSTALLATION/REMOVAL

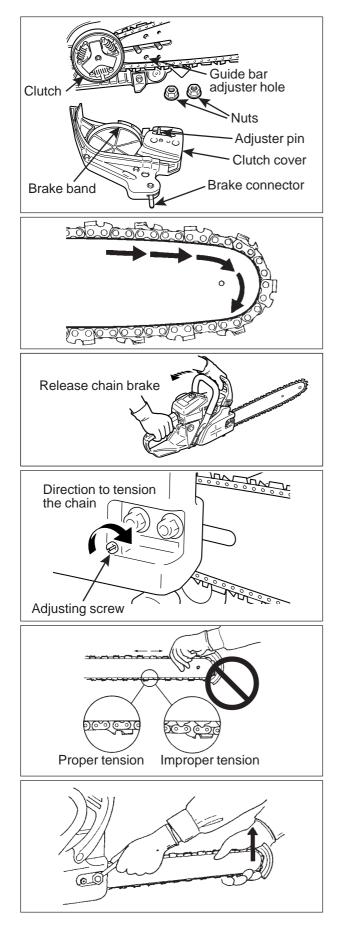
#### NOTE

Move chain brake lever (Front hand guard, Brake connector) fully rearward to remove or install the clutch cover to the chain saw.

- 1. Remove spark plug lead. (See page 20)
- 2. Remove two clutch cover nuts and remove clutch cover.
- 3. Remove bar and saw chain if necessary. See "Maintenance and Care" section for guide bar/ saw chain maintenance procedures.







- 4. Mount guide bar on studs and slide toward clutch to make saw chain installation easier. Install chain with cutters on top of guide bar facing foward.
- 5. Release the chain brake, and install the clutch cover over the guide bar studs. Ensure chain tension adjuster pin fits into the guide bar adjuster hole, brake band is positioned around clutch drum, and tab at rear of clutch cover fits underneath tab on engine cover. Tighten clutch cover nuts finger tight.
- 6. Turn saw over, and check brake band for correct position on clutch drum. If brake band is not in place around drum, remove cover, make sure brake is released, and reinstall. Tighten clutch cover nuts finger tight.

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IMPROPER CLUTCH COVER ASSEMBLY CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY, AND WILL CAUSE SEVERE SAW DAMAGE IF UNIT IS STARTED. NEVER START OR OPERATE SAW IF BRAKE BAND IS NOT IN PLACE ON CLUTCH DRUM. ALWAYS CHECK CHAIN BRAKE OPERATION AFTER REPLACING COVER. DO NOT USE SAW IF CHAIN BRAKE DOES NOT FUNCTION PROPERLY.

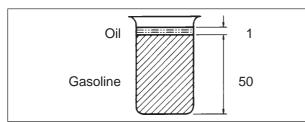
## ADJUSTING CHAIN TENSION

#### IMPORTANT

Always loosen clutch cover nuts before turning chain tension adjuster, otherwise the clutch cover and tensioner will be damaged.

- 1. Remove spark plug lead. (See page 20)
- 2. Loosen two clutch cover nuts, if necessary.
- 3. Hold the bar nose up, and turn the adjuster screw clockwise until chain fits snugly against underside of the bar.
- 4. Tighten both nuts with the bar nose held up.
- 5. Pull the chain around the bar by hand. Loosen the adjustment if you feel tight spots.
- When chain is properly tensioned, tighten clutch cover nuts securely - 20 to 23 N-m (200 to 230 kgf-cm).
- 7. Keep chain properly tensioned at all times.

# FUEL AND LUBRICANT



Fuel Mix Chart 50 : 1

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	Gasoline	Oil
	L	mL
	4	80
	8	160
	20	400

#### **IMPORTANT**

ECHO premium Power Blend<sup>™</sup> Universal 2-Stroke Oil may be mixed at 50 : 1 ratio for application in all ECHO engines sold in the past regardless of ratio specified in those manuals.

#### A DANGER

FUEL IS VERY FLAMMABLE. USE EXTREME CARE WHEN MIXING, STORING OR HANDLING OR SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY MAY RESULT.

- USE AN APPROVED FUEL CONTAINER.
- DO NOT SMOKE NEAR FUEL.
- DO NOT ALLOW FLAMES OR SPARKS NEAR FUEL.
- FUEL TANKS/CANS MAY BE UNDER PRESSURE. ALWAYS LOOSEN FUEL CAPS SLOWLY ALLOWING PRESSURE TO EQUALIZE.
- NEVER REFUEL A UNIT WHEN THE ENGINE IS HOT!
- NEVER REFUEL A UNIT WITH THE ENGINE RUNNING.
- DO NOT FILL FUEL TANKS INDOORS. ALWAYS FILL FUEL TANKS OUTDOORS OVER BARE GROUND.
- SECURELY TIGHTEN FUEL CAP AFTER REFUELING.
- INSPECT FOR FUEL LEAKAGE. IF FUEL LEAKAGE IS FOUND, DO NOT START OR OPERATE UNIT UNTIL LEAKAGE IS REPAIRED.
- MOVE AT LEAST 3 m FROM REFUELING LOCATION BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE.

#### FUEL STATEMENT

**GASOLINE -** Use 89 Octane [(R+M)/2] (mid grade or higher) gasoline or gasohol known to be good quality.

Gasohol may contain up to 10 % Ethyl (grain) alcohol or 15 % MTBE (methyl teriary-butyl ether). Gasohol containing methyl (wood) alcohol is **NOT** approved.

**TWO-STROKE OIL -** A two-stroke engine oil meeting ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and JASO <u>FC</u> Standards must be used. ECHO brand premium Power Blend<sup>™</sup> Universal 2-Stroke Oil meets these standards. Engine problems due to inadequate lubrication caused by failure to use an ISO-L-EGD and JASO <u>FC</u> certified oil, such as ECHO premium Power Blend<sup>™</sup>, will void the two-stroke engine warranty. (Emission related parts <u>only</u> are covered for two years, regardless of two-stroke oil used, per the statement listed in the Emission Defect Warranty Explanation.)

#### HANDLING FUEL MIXING INSTRUCTIONS -

- 1. Fill an approved fuel container with half of the required amount of gasoline.
- 2. Add the proper amount of two-stroke oil to gasoline.
- 3. Close container and shake to mix oil with gasoline.
- 4. Add remaining gasoline, close fuel container, and remix.

#### IMPORTANT

- Spilled fuel is a leading cause of hydrocarbon emissions. Some states may require the use of automatic fuel shut-off containers to reduce fuel spillage.
- Stored fuel ages.
   Do not mix more fuel that

Do not mix more fuel than you expect to use in thirty (30) days, ninety (90) days when a fuel stabilizer is added.

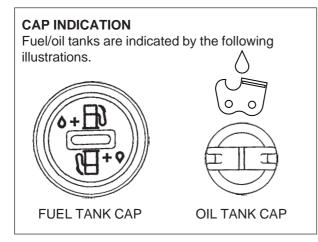
• Stored two-stroke fuel may separate. ALWAYS shake fuel container thoroughly before each use.

#### AFTER USE -

DO NOT store a unit with fuel in its tank. Leaks can occur. Return unused fuel to an approved fuel storage container.

#### STORAGE -

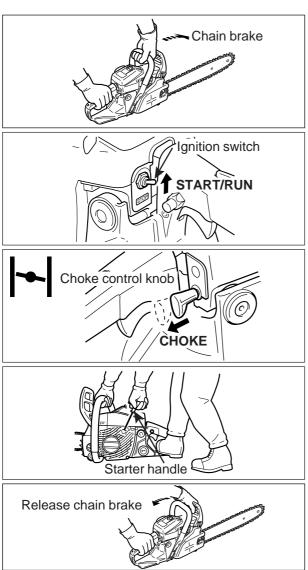
Fuel storage laws vary by locality. Contact your local government for the laws affecting your area. As a precaution, store fuel in an approved, airtight container. Store in a well-ventilated, unoccupied building, away from sparks and flames.



#### **CHAIN LUBRICANT**

Proper lubrication of the chain while in operation reduces friction between the chain and the guide bar to a minimum and assures a longer service life.

- Use bar and chain oil of high quality for this purpose.
- Do not use used or reclaimed oil to avoid various oiler problems.
- Use ECHO bar and chain oil.
- When ECHO bar and chain oil is not available: Use motor oil, etc.
- Use bar and chain oil of the following grades: SAE No. 30 ...... in summer SAE No. 10 ...... in winter or when cutting resinous trees.
- When refueling, also refill chain oil.

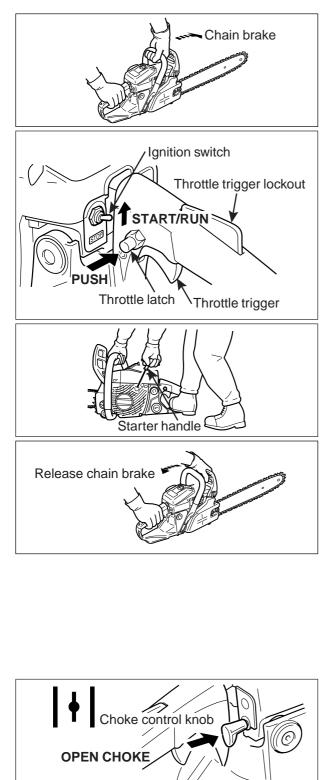


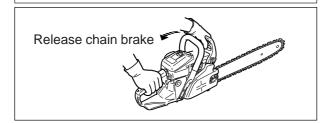
## OPERATION

## WHEN THE ENGINE IS COLD

## **CAUTION** Make sure bar and chain are free from any obstruction when starting the saw.

- Move chain brake lever fully forward to engage chain brake before starting.
- Fill the fuel tank with fuel mixture. It is not permitted to fill fuel above the shoulder level of fuel tank.
- Fill the chain oil tank with lubricant. Do not over fill.
- Move ignition switch to "RUN" position.
- Pull choke control knob all the way out. (Choke position)
- Securely hold the chain saw as shown and pull starter handle several times until first firing sound.
- Push choke control knob all the way in.
- Pull starter handle to start the engine.
- After starting the engine, pull front hand guard towards the operator immediately. (Chain brake RELEASED position)





#### WHEN THE ENGINE IS HARD TO START

## **CAUTION** Make sure bar and chain are free from any obstruction when starting the saw.

- Move chain brake lever fully forward to engage chain brake before starting.
- Press throttle trigger lockout down while grasping throttle trigger and push in throttle latch.
- Move ignition switch to "RUN" position.
- Securely hold the chain saw as shown and pull starter handle.
- When engine starts, immediately squeeze throttle trigger, to release throttle latch, and pull front hand guard towards the operator immediately. (Chain brake RELEASED position)

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- 1. When using throttle latch for starting, keep the brake in brake position.
- 2. After starting the engine, squeeze throttle trigger slightly to release throttle latch and pull front hand guard towards the operator immediately.

(Chain brake RELEASED position)

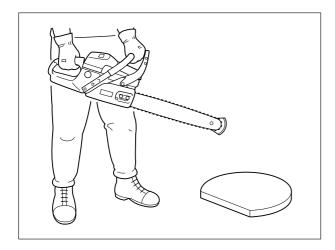
- 3. Do not increase engine speed while chain brake is engaged.
- 4. Use the chain brake only in starting or in emergencies.

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The chain will attempt to rotate when engine is started with throttle latch engaged. After engine starts, release throttle trigger to idle engine, otherwise brake damage may occur. Never use throttle latch for cutting. Use it only when starting the engine.

## WHEN THE ENGINE IS WARM

- Move chain brake lever fully forward to engage chain brake before starting.
- Confirm there is fuel and chain oil in the tanks.
- Move ignition switch to "RUN" position.
- Securely hold the chain saw as shown and pull starter handle.
- Choke may be used if necessary, but be sure to push it back on first firing sound.
- After starting the engine, pull front hand guard towards the operator immediately. (Chain brake RELEASED position)



#### RUNNING

- When engine starts, keep idling for a few minutes.
- Set the brake lever in the released position before starting to cut.
- Pull throttle trigger gradually and increase revolution of the engine.
- The chain starts running when the engine reaches to 3,800 r/min approximately.
- Confirm proper acceleration and lubrication of chain and bar.
- Do not run the engine at high speed unnecessarily.
- Be sure that saw chain stops moving when throttle trigger is released.

#### **STOPPING**

• Release throttle trigger and move ignition switch down to "STOP" position.

#### NOTE

If engine does not stop, pull choke control knob out fully to stop engine.

Return the unit to your authorized ECHO dealer to check and repair stop switch before starting the engine again.

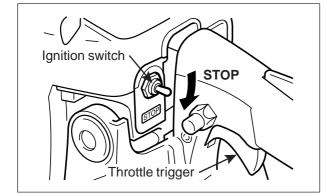
#### **CHECKING CHAIN TENSION**

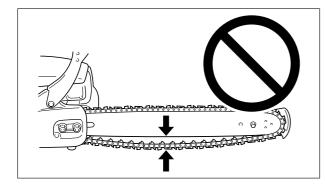
- Chain tension should be checked frequently during work and corrected as necessary.
- Tension the chain as tight as possible, but so it can still be pulled easily along the bar by hand.

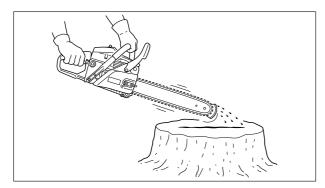


#### **CHAIN LUBRICATION TEST**

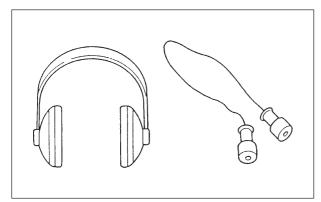
Hold the chain just above a dry surface and open the throttle to half speed for 30 seconds. A thin line of "thrown" oil should be seen on the dry surface.

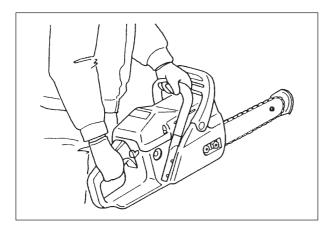


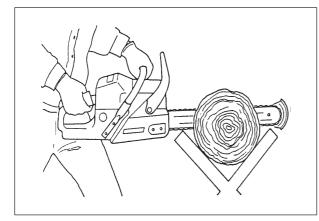


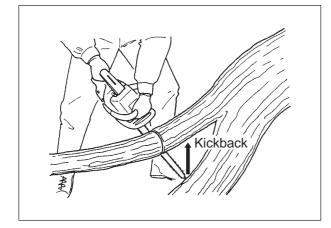


# **CUTTING INSTRUCTION**









#### GENERAL

## CAUTION

- Read the ECHO "CHAIN SAW SAFETY MANUAL" included with your chain saw for additional cutting and safety instructions.
- Wear suitable hearing protective device such as earmuffs or earplugs to protect against objectionable or uncomfortable loud noises.

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 Do not let the tip of the bar touch anything while the engine is running. At cutting speed the chain is moving, at a

high rate of speed. Should the tip contact a limb or log while the chain is moving, the tip will be pushed upward with considerable force. This is known as kickback. Avoid it!

In all circumstances the operation of the chain saw is a one-man job.

It is difficult at times to take care for your own safety, so don't assume the responsibility for a helper as well.

After you have learned the basic techniques of using the saw, your best aid will be your own good common sense.

The accepted way to hold the saw is to stand to the left of the saw with your left hand on the front handlebar and your right hand on the rear handle so you can operate the throttle trigger with your right index finger.

Before attempting to fell a tree, cut some small logs or limbs.

Become thoroughly familiar with the controls and the responses of the saw.

Start the engine, see that it is running properly. Squeeze the trigger to open the throttle wide open and start the cut. If the chain is properly sharpened, the cutting should be relatively effortless.

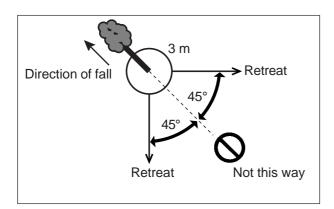
It is not necessary to press down hard to make the saw cut.

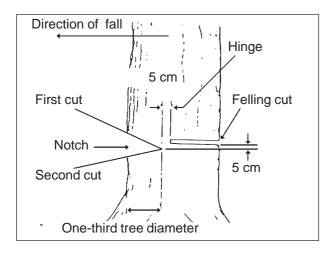
Pushing the saw too hard will slow the engine and cutting will actually be more difficult.

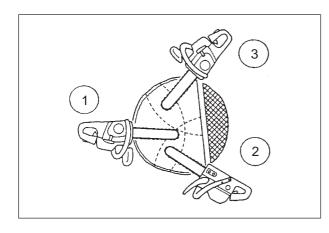
Some material may adversely affect the housings of your chain saw.

(Example palm Tree Acid, fertilizer etc.)

To avoid housing deterioration, carefully remove all packed sawdust around clutch and guide bar area and wash with water.







#### **FELLING THE TREE**

A falling tree can seriously damage anything it may hit - a car, a house, a fence, a power-line, or another tree.

There are ways to make a tree fall where you want it, so first decide where that is!

Before cutting, clear the area around the tree. You will need good footing while working and you should be able to work the saw without hitting any obstacles.

Next, select a path of retreat.

When the tree begins to fall you should retreat away from the direction of fall at a 45-degree angle and at least 3 m from the trunk to avoid the trunk kicking back over the stump.

Begin the cut on the side to which the tree is to fall. Cut a notch about 1/3 of the way into the tree. The position of this notch is important since the tree will try to fall "into" the notch.

The felling cut is made on the side opposite the notch and at a level about 5 cm above the bottom of the notch.

Do not try to cut through to the notch with the felling cut.

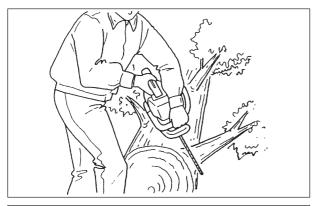
The remaining wood between the notch cut and felling cut about 5 cm will act as a hinge when the tree falls, guiding it in the desired direction. When the tree starts to fall, kill the engine, place the saw on the ground and make your retreat quickly.

To fell big trees with a diameter exceeding twice the bar length, start the notching cuts from one side and draw the saw through to the other side of the notch.

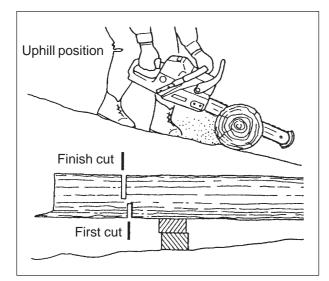
Start the back cut on one side of the tree, pivoting the saw through to form the desired hinge on that side.

Then remove the saw for the second cut. Insert the saw in the first cut, very carefully so as not to cause kickback.

The final cut is made by drawing the saw forward in the cut to reach the hinge.







#### LIMBING

Limbing a fallen tree is much the same as bucking. Never remove a limb from a tree while it is supporting your weight.

When limbing, caution is the word. Be careful of the tip touching other limbs. Always use both hands.

Don't cut with the saw overhead or the bar in a vertical position. If the saw should kickback, you may not have enough control to prevent possible injury.

## BUCKING

Bucking is the sawing of a log or fallen tree into smaller pieces.

There are a few basic rules which apply to all bucking operations.

Keep both hands on the handles at all times. Support logs if possible.

When cutting on a slope or hillside, always stand uphill.

Keep in mind that the wood is heavy and that it will bend and pinch the saw if improperly supported. The trunk will weaken at the point where you make

the cut unless the tree is lying on perfectly flat ground or supported as shown.

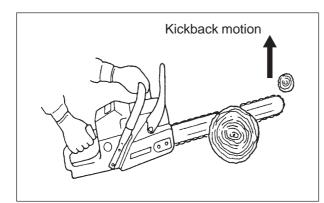
If you make the cut with the tree on the ground, don't let the saw's chain dig into the earth; it is harmful for the saw, and you stand a good chance of being struck by flying debris.

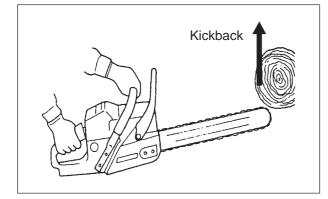
To cut the trunk, use the bucking and two-cut sequence shown.

The first cut should be no deeper than one-third the trunk diameter.

#### A DANGER

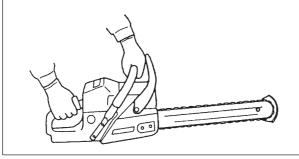
- KICKBACK IS GENERATED WHEN THE ROTATION OF THE CHAIN IS ARRESTED FOR SOME REASON. THE MOST DANGEROUS EFFECT OF THIS ACTION OCCURS WHEN THE NOSE OF THE BAR CONTACTS ANOTHER OBJECT, THE CHAIN IS MOMENTARILY STOPPED AND ALL THE ENERGY OF THE ENGINE THROWS THE BAR UPWARDS AND BACKWARDS TOWARDS THE OPERATOR.
- THE CHAIN SAW INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PRESCRIBE VARIOUS SAFETY DEVICES, BUT THE BEST PROTECTION IS TO AVOID KICKBACK.
- COMPLY WITH THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AS LISTED ON PAGE 2 OF THIS MANUAL AND SAFETY MANUAL.



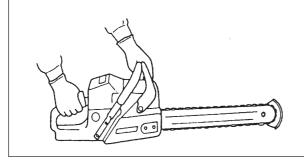


#### Chain brake function

When the lever is pushed forward, chain brake instantly stops the chain.



#### Chain brake release When the lever is fully pulled, toward the operator, brake is released.



#### **CHAIN BRAKE OPERATION**

- Set the lever in the released position before starting to cut.
- If the brake is tripped by kickback reaction, the chain will stop immediately. Release the throttle to avoid possible damage to the engine or clutch.
- Do not attempt to operate the engine with the brake engaged.

#### **TESTING THE BRAKE**

- Start the engine on a solid level surface and run at a fast idle until warm.
- Hold the saw firmly by the handles and accelerate the engine to a fast idle.
- Slowly operate the chain brake lever while holding the saw firmly on the ground.
   When the brake lever trips, the chain should stop.

Immediately release the throttle trigger.

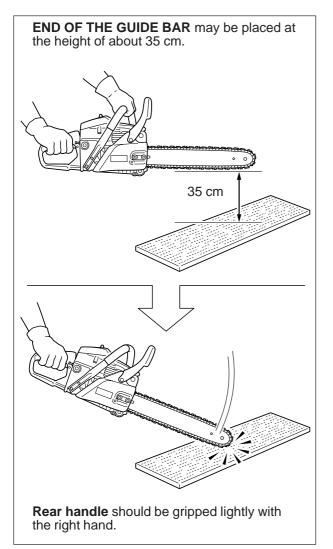
#### WARNING IF THE CHAIN DOES NOT STOP IMMEDIATELY, RETURN THE SAW TO YOUR AUTHORIZED ECHO DEALER FOR REPAIR.

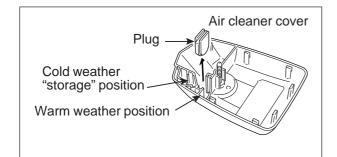
#### NOTE

- For practice, while cutting a small tree, push the lever forward to engage the brake.
- Confirm that the brake works properly before each use.
- If the chain brake is clogged with wood chips, function of the brake deteriorates a little. Always keep the device clean.
- Do not increase engine revolution while the chain brake is engaged.
- Use the chain brake only in starting or in emergencies.
- When using throttle latch at starting, keep the chain brake engaged. And after starting the engine, release the brake immediately.
- Never test the brake in an area where gasoline fumes are present.

#### IMPORTANT

Do not allow the saw to tip forward in order to avoid damage to the chain.





#### **AUTOMATIC CHAIN BRAKE**

Kickback produced from the tip of the guide bar will trip the automatic chain brake. To make sure that the automatic chain brake operates properly, follow these steps:

- 1. Stop the engine.
- 2. Hold the saw with the guide bar approximately 35 cm above a wooden surface. Right hand should hold the rear handle, and left hand should hold the front handle.
- 3. Release the front handle and drop the end of the guide bar against the wooden surface.
- 4. The impact should activate the chain brake.

#### IMPORTANT

When checking the operation of the automatic chain brake, use a soft surface substance like wood to provide the impact so the chain is not damaged.

#### WINTER OPERATION

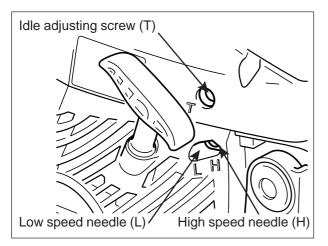
Use the winter kit with chain saw to prevent carburetor trouble in winter.

 Remove air cleaner cover. Remove plug from warm weather position, and install into cold weather "storage" position.

#### NOTE

For operation at normal temperature return the plug to its original place. (5°C) It causes over heating of the engine.

## **MAINTENANCE AND CARE**



#### CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT

Every unit is run at the factory and the carburetor is set in compliance with Emission Regulations. In addition, the carburetor is equipped with "H" (High Speed) and "L" (Low Speed) needle adjustment limiters that prevent settings outside acceptable limits.

- 1. Before adjusting carburetor clean or replace air filter and muffler, "Spark Arrestor Screen".
- 2. Make sure the bar and chain are properly adjusted.
- 3. Start engine and run several minutes to bring to operating temperature. Flash choke twice during warm-up to clear any air from the fuel system.
- 4. Stop engine.

Turn "H" speed needle counterclockwise (CCW) to stop.

Turn "L" speed needle midway between full clockwise (CW) stop and CCW stop.

- 5. Idle Speed Adjustment:
  - Start engine, turn "Idle" speed adjustment screw CW until the saw chain begins to turn, then turn screw out CCW until the saw chain stops turning.

Turn screw out, CCW, an additional 1/4 turn.

#### WARNING CUTTING ATTACHMENT MUST NOT MOVE WHEN UNIT IS IDLING.

6. Accelerate to full throttle for 2 - 3 seconds to clear any excess fuel in the engine, then return to idle.

Accelerate engine to full throttle to check for smooth transition from idle to high speed. If engine hesitates turn "L" needle CCW 1/8 turn and repeat acceleration.

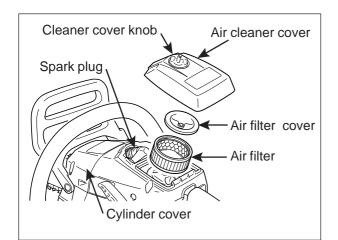
Continue adjustment until smooth acceleration results.

7. Check idle speed and reset if necessary as described in item 5. If a tachometer is available idle speed should be set to 2,400 - 2,900 r/min.

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When starting, idling adjustment speed should be adjusted not to rotate the saw chain. Correct idle speed is adjusted 2,400 to 2,900 r/min. Or 1/4 turn CCW from the point the chain stops moving.

When there is some trouble with the carburetor, contact your dealer.



#### **AIR FILTER**

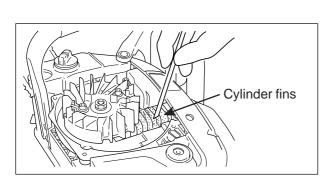
- Check before every use.
- Loosen cleaner cover knob and remove air cleaner cover and filter.
- Brush off dust lightly, or clean with compressed air, or replace the air filter.
- Reinstall air filter and cover.

### CHECK FUEL SYSTEM

- Check before every use.
- After refueling, make sure fuel does not leak from around fuel pipe, fuel grommet or fuel tank cap.
- In case of fuel leakage there is a danger of fire. Stop using the machine immediately and request your dealer to inspect or replace.

#### SPARK PLUG

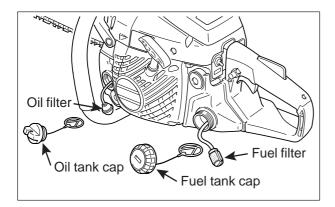
- Check periodically.
- The standard spark gap is 0.6 to 0.7 mm.
- Correct the spark gap if it is wider or narrower than the standard gap.
- Fastening torque: 15 to 17 N-m (150 to 170 kgf-cm).

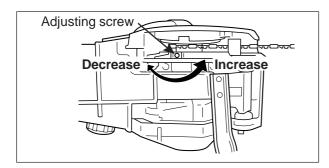


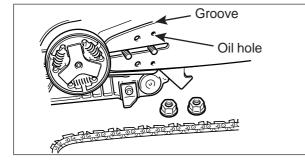
-0.6 to 0.7 mm

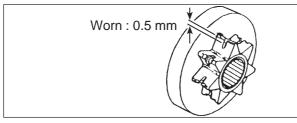
### **CYLINDER FINS**

- Check periodically.
- Clogged fins will result in poor engine cooling.
- Remove dirt and dust from between fins to let cooling air pass easily.









### **FUEL FILTER**

- Check periodically.
- Do not allow dust to enter fuel tank.
- A clogged filter will cause difficulty in starting engine or abnormalities in engine performance.
- Pull the fuel filter out through fuel inlet port with a piece of steel wire or the like.
- When the filter is dirty, replace it.
- When the inside of the fuel tank is dirty, rinsing the tank out with gasoline can clean it.

### **OIL FILTER**

- Check periodically.
- Do not allow dust to enter into oil tank.A clogged oil filter will affect the normal
- lubricating system.
- Pull it out through oil filling hole with a piece of steel wire or the like.
- If the filter is dirty, wash it in gasoline or replace it.
- When the inside of the tank gets dirty, rinsing the tank out with gasoline can clean it.

## AUTOMATIC OILER

- The discharge volume of the automatic oiler is adjusted to 4 mL/min approximately at 7,000 r/min, prior to shipment from factory.
  - To increase the delivery volume, turn the adjusting screw counterclockwise.
     When the screw touches stopper and stops, this position indicates maximum discharge volume. (13 to 14 mL/min at 7,000 r/min)
  - Do not turn the adjusting screw beyond the maximum or minimum limit of volume adjustment.

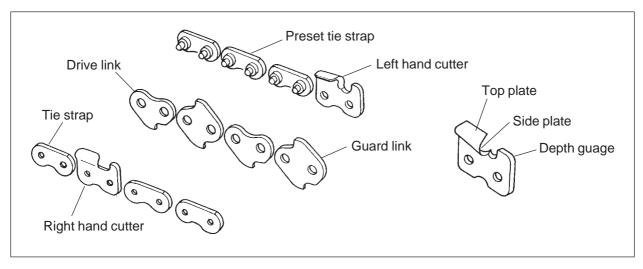
### **GUIDE BAR**

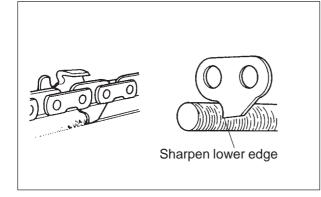
- Clean before using.
- Clean the groove of the guide bar with a small screwdriver.
- Clean oil holes with a wire.
- Check sprocket and the clutch and clean the bar mount area before installation of thebar. Replace either or both if worn.

### SPROCKET

- The damaged sprocket will cause premature damage or wear of saw chain.
  - When the sprocket has worn out 0.5 mm or more, replace it.
- Check sprocket when you install new chain. Replace it if worn.

## SETTING THE SAW CHAIN



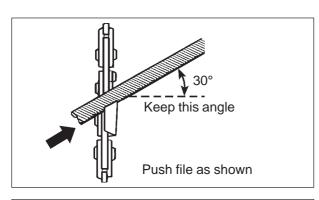


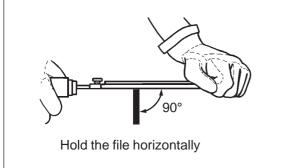
Important points for proper maintenance of saw chain:

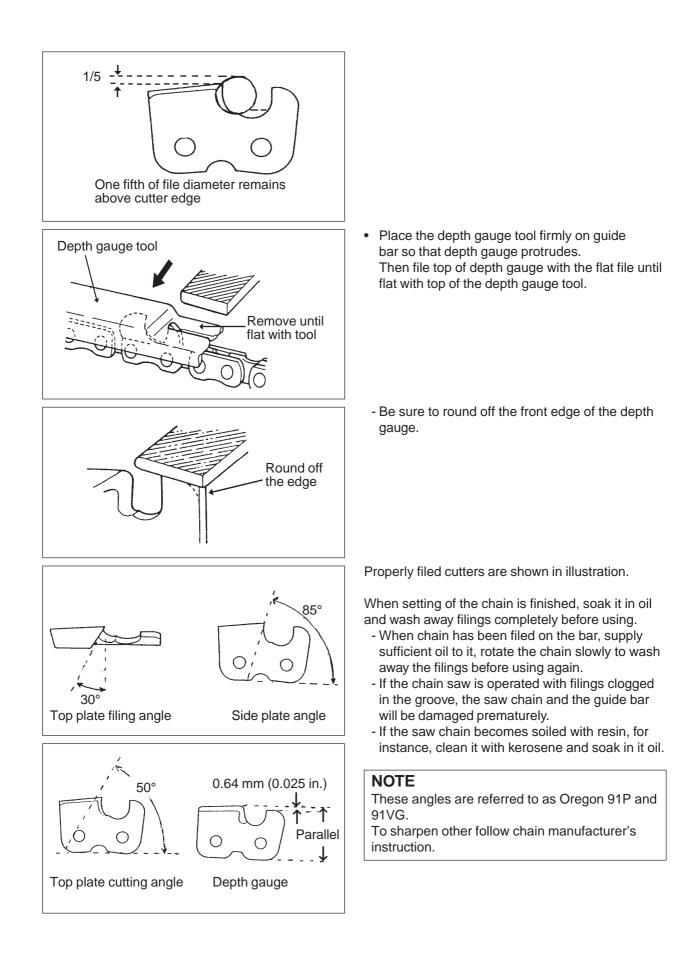
- Keep the cutters sharp at all times.
- Keep the left and the right cutters properly aligned.
  - Note that blunt or irregular cutters will result in poor cutting performance, increased vibration of chains and premature breakage of the saw chain.
- Drive link serves to remove sawdust from the groove of the guide bar.
   Keep the lower edge of the drive link sharp where indicated.

#### **SETTING SAW CHAIN**

- For setting saw chain, round file (4.0 mm dia. 5/32 in.) and flat file are used.
- To keep correct position and correct angle, use the file holder (Sure Sharp ®).







# CHAIN AND GUIDE BAR COMBINATION

The following combinations are recommended to the model CS-370.

	Guide Bar	Saw chain		
Length mm (in.)	ECHO Part No. Double Guard	Pitch mm (in.)	Type (OREGON)	Links
356 (14)	356 (14) 14A0CD3752		91P, 91VG	52
@ 406 (16)	16A0CD3757	9.53 (3/8)	91P, 91VG	57
457 (18) 18A0CD3762		9.53 (3/8)	91P, 91VG	62

@ Standard configuration

#### **GUIDE BAR**

Replacement guide bars. The following guide bars may be considered to

- have equivalent kickback energy.
  Sprocket nose guide bars of the same length and nose radius, same pitch and having the same number of teeth.
- Hard nose guide bars of the same length and nose radius as a sprocket nose bar.

#### SAW CHAIN

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Do not use replacement saw chain unless it has been designated as meeting the CSA Z 62.3 kickback performance requirements.

#### NOTE

LOW KICKBACK SAW CHAIN is the chain which has met the kickback performance requirements of CSA Z 62.3 (safety requirements for gasoline-powered chain saws).

## SERVICE GUIDE

AREA	MAINTENANCE	PAGE	With Each Re-Fueling	Before use	Daily or every 4 Hours use	Monthly	Every Three Months or 100 Hours use	Six Months or 300 Hours use
Air Filter	Clean Replace	20			•		•	
Fuel Filter	Clean Replace	21		٠			•	
Spark Plug	Clean Replace	20					•	•
Cooling System	Inspect/Clean	20		٠				
Muffler	Inspect/Clean	-					•	
Oil Filter	Inspect/Replace	21		٠				
Sprocket	Inspect/Replace	21				•		
Starter Rope	Inspect/Replace	-				•		
Guide Bar	Inspect/Clean	21		٠				
Fuel System	Inspect	20		٠				
Screws, Bolts and Nuts	Inspect, Tighten/Replace	-		•				
Choke System	Check	11	•					
Ignition System	Clean/Replace	NO MA	INTENAN	ICE REQI	JIRED FC	R COIL A	ND FLY	NHEEL

#### **IMPORTANT**

Time intervals shown are maximum. Actual use and your experience will determine the frequency of required maintenance.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

	Problem		
Engine	<ul> <li>hard to start</li> <li>does not start</li> </ul>	Cause	Remedy
Engine cranks →	Fuel at $\rightarrow$ No fuel at carburetor $\downarrow$	<ul> <li>Fuel filter clogged</li> <li>Fuel line clogged</li> <li>Carburetor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clean or replace</li> <li>Clean</li> <li>Ask your ECHO dealer</li> </ul>
	Fuel at $\rightarrow$ No fuel at cylinder	Carburetor	Ask your ECHO dealer
	→ Muffler wet with fuel	• Fuel mixture is too rich	<ul> <li>Open choke</li> <li>Clean/replace air filter</li> <li>Adjust carburetor</li> <li>Ask your ECHO dealer</li> </ul>
	Spark at end of plug wire → No spark at end of plug wire	Ignition switch off     Electrical problem	• Turn switch on • Ask your ECHO dealer
Y	$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \text{Spark at} \\ \text{plug} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{No spark at} \\ \text{plug} \end{array}$	<ul> <li>Spark gap incorrect</li> <li>Covered with carbon</li> <li>Fouled with fuel</li> <li>Spark plug defective</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Adjust 0.6 mm to 0.7 mm</li> <li>Clean or replace</li> <li>Clean or replace</li> <li>Replace plug</li> </ul>
Engine does not crank	↓ ↓	Internal engine problem	Ask your ECHO dealer
Engine runs	Dies or accelerates poorly	<ul> <li>Air filter dirty</li> <li>Fuel filter dirty</li> <li>Fuel vent blocked</li> <li>Spark plug</li> <li>Carburetor</li> <li>Cooling system blocked</li> <li>Exhaust port/spark arrestor screen blocked</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clean or replace</li> <li>Clean or replace</li> <li>Clean</li> <li>Clean and adjust/replace</li> <li>Adjust</li> <li>Clean</li> <li>Clean</li> <li>Clean</li> </ul>

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FUEL VAPORS ARE EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE AND MAY CAUSE FIRE AND/ OR EXPLOSION. NEVER TEST FOR IGNITION SPARK BY GROUNDING SPARK PLUG NEAR CYLINDER PLUG HOLE, OTHERWISE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY MAY RESULT.

# STORAGE AFTER USE

- Inspect and adjust every part of the chain saw.
  - Completely clean every part and repair if necessary.
  - Apply thin coating of oil on metal parts to prevent rust.
- Remove chain and guide bar.
- Drain fuel tank, pull starter slowly a few times to drain fuel from carburetor.
- Pour a small amount of clean motor oil into spark plug hole, pull starter and crank the engine until the TOP DEAD CENTER.
- Store in a dry area, free from dust.

#### WARNING

DO NOT STORE IN ENCLOSURE WHERE FUEL FUMES MAY ACCUMULATE OR REACH AN OPEN FLAME OR SPARK.

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Do not lend or rent your chain saw without the Operator's manual and Safety manual.

#### NOTE

- For future reference, you should keep this Operator's manual and the Safety manual.
- If this Operator's manual or the Safety manual has become illegible through impairment or is lost, please purchase a new one from your ECHO dealer.

			CS-370
Dimension	L×W×H	mm	393 × 245 × 277
Mass	Power head, dry	kg	4.5 Without chain and guide bar
Engine	Туре		Air-cooled two-stroke single cylinder
	Displacement	mL (cm <sup>3</sup> )	36.3
	Carburetor Magneto Spark plug Starter Power transmission		Diaphragm type Flywheel magneto: CDI system NGK BPMR8Y Recoil starter Automatic centrifugal clutch
Fuel	Mixture ratio		50 : 1 ratio with ECHO Power Blend <sup>™</sup> two-stroke, air-cooled engine oil. 89 octane unleaded. Do not use fuel containing methyl alcohol, more than 10 % ethyl alcohol or 15 % MTBE.
	Tank capacity	L	0.41
Oil	Bar and chain		ECHO bar and chain oil (or motor oil)
	Tank capacity	L	0.28
Guide bar and			See page 24 for Chain and Guide Bar Combination
saw chain	Lubrication		Adjustable automatic oil pump
Standard features			Front hand guard, Rear hand guard, Anti-vibration device, Spiked bumper, Throttle control lockout, Chain brake, Chain catcher, Spark arrestor muffler, Kick guard

## **TECHNICAL DATA**

\* Technical data subject to change without notice.

