

Chain Saw Good Practices

Before Starting the Saw

- Check controls, chain tension, all bolts and handles to ensure that they are functioning properly and are adjusted according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Fuel the saw at least 20 feet from sources of ignition.
- Start the saw at least 10 feet from fueling area, with the chain brake engaged, and with the chain saw on the ground or firmly supported.
- Check the fuel container for the following requirements:
 - Must be metal or plastic
 - Must not exceed a 3-gallon capacity
 - Must be approved by the Underwriters Laboratories or the Department of Transportation (DOT).

While Running the Saw

- Keep your hands on the handles, and maintain secure footing.
- Clear the area of obstacles that might interfere with cutting the tree or using the retreat path.
- Do not cut directly overhead.
- Shut off the saw or release the throttle prior to retreating.
- Shut off or engage the chain brake whenever the saw is carried more than 50 feet, or on hazardous terrain.

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