



Task Training Form

Task: Operation of a Chainsaw

Objectives: Employee will demonstrate safe operating procedures for operating a hand-held chainsaw.

Training Materials: Copy of Owner's Instruction Manual
Company Designated Training Person

Training Methods:

A.) Review the following sections of the owner's instruction manual and discuss with the designated training person.

(Owner's Manual)

- Personal Protection
 - 1.) Hard Hat
 - 2.) Steel Toe Boots
 - 3.) Safety Goggles
 - 4.) Hearing Protection
 - 5.) Gloves
 - 6.) Tight fitting cloths (not restrictive though)
- Preparing the Saw
 - 1.) Check the sharpness of the teeth
 - 2.) Check chain tension
 - 3.) Check filter & Spark Plug

(Training Person)

- Discuss how to properly wear the protective equipment, so as not to restrict movement, and to maximize the employees protection.
- Show how to sharpen the teeth of the chain. (Allows for smooth cut)
- Properly show the correct tension For cutting operation.
- Explain how these help the engine.

B.) Discuss/Demonstrate the following job responsibilities and the hazards associated with operation.

- 1.) Pre-operational checks
 - a.) chain teeth sharpness
 - b.) air filter, and spark plug checked
 - c.) fuel, and chain lubricated checked
 - d.) chain tension checked
- 2.) Proper starting and operating techniques
 - a.) always use two hands to start the saw
 - b.) if available use the foot plate to hold the saw while starting it
 - c.) not a safe practice to start the saw in mid air

- 3.) Safe operation basics
 - a.) Never make cuts with saw between your legs, always cut with the saw on the outside of your legs.
 - b.) Don't stand on the log and cut between your feet.
 - c.) Always stand to one side or the other of a limb you are about to cut, never straddle it.
 - d.) Keep the chain out of the dirt.
- 4.) Felling the tree
 - a.) Proper escape route to a safe location when the tree is falling.
 - b.) Never carry the chainsaw with you during the escape.
- 5.) How to properly limb a tree
 - a.) Whenever possible, keep the tree limb or similar barrier between yourself and the saw blade.
- 6.) How to avoid kick back from improper use of the chainsaw
 - a.) never approach with the nose of the saw blade
 - b.) never start a cut improperly placed on the saw blade
 - c.) what effects can a kick back, or pinched blade have on the operator

C.) The remainder of the task training will be accomplished through the employee (trainee) practicing the operational steps while being closely observed by a competent trainer while performing the task. When the competent person states that the newly-assigned employee has demonstrated proficiency in performing the task safely, the task training will be considered completed. Once completed signatures are required below of the trainer and trainee.

Date: _____ Trainee (print): _____

Date: _____ Trainer (print): _____

Duration of training: _____ Location: _____

Comments: _____

Trainee (signature): _____

Trainer (signature): _____