How to Properly Start a Chainsaw

For safe working practices, always refer to your chainsaw’s Manufacturer Instruction Manual!

- Before starting your chain saw, the chain brake should be activated by pushing it forward.
- Always remove the bar cover before starting your chain saw.
- If your chain saw is fitted with a decompression valve, press it now. It assists with firing the engine and starting your chain saw.
- If your chain saw has a primer bulb, press it several times. This assists with starting and reduces the number of pulls needed to start.
- Setting the master control lever to Choke / Cold start. First press the throttle trigger lockout and the throttle trigger. Then press the master control lever all the way down.

- To start the chain saw, lay it on a flat surface. The cutting attachment must not be in contact with the ground to avoid blunting it when starting and putting yourself unnecessarily at risk.
- Leaving the chain saw on the ground, place your left hand on the handlebar and your right hand on the starter rope. Push your right toecap into the rear handle to stabilize the chain saw.
- Slowly pull the starter rope with your right hand until you feel resistance. Then pull the starter rope hard several times until the engine fires briefly. Pull it upward, keeping it as vertical as you can, without allowing the rope to chafe against the fan housing.
- The engine fires only briefly and dies again immediately. Move the Master Control lever up one notch (to the half throttle position) to open the choke.
- Pull the starter rope again until the engine fires again.
- As soon as the engine has fired and is running, touch the throttle trigger briefly with your index finger. The master control lever will move back to the normal idle setting.
- Then slowly lift up the chain saw, taking care not to touch the throttle trigger.
- Release the chain brake by pulling the chain brake handle toward you with your left hand. Keep hold of the handlebar with your left hand as you do this. When you hear a click sound, this means the chain has been released and can turn on the bar.
- Before getting started, check the chain lubrication. Hold up the saw against a light-colored background, such as a tree trunk or a piece of paper on the ground and open the throttle fully. If some chain lubricant appears on the light-colored background, then you can start work.
- The saw is now ready for use.