

Stihl MS361 Petrol Chainsaw

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**QUICK REFERENCE TO THE
STIHL CHAIN SAW INSTRUCTION MANUAL**
(Not all topics covered)

READ INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE USE

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & WORKING TECHNIQUES

➔ GENERAL SAFETY

Refer to Instruction manual page 2.



Special safety precautions must be observed when using a chain saw because the work goes faster than with an axe and a hand saw, because the chain runs at very high speeds, and because the cutters are extremely sharp.



It is important that you carefully read the entire Instruction Manual before using the machine for the first time and keep it in a safe place for future reference. Non-compliance with the Instruction Manual may cause serious or fatal injury.

➔ CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

Refer to Instruction manual page 3.



➔ TRANSPORTING THE SAW

Refer to Instruction manual page 3.

➔ REFUELING THE SAW

Refer to Instruction manual page 4.



Gasoline is an extremely flammable fuel.

➔ BEFORE STARTING

Refer to Instruction manual page 4.

➔ STARTING THE ENGINE

Refer to Instruction manual page 4.

➔ DURING WORK

Refer to Instruction manual page 4.



Toxic fumes can kill!

➔ HOLDING & CONTROLLING THE POWER TOOL

Refer to Instruction manual page 4.



➔ REACTIVE FORCES

Refer to Instruction manual page 5.



Kickback can result in fatal cuts.



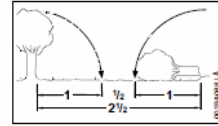
➔ CUTTING

Refer to Instruction manual page 7.



➔ FELLING

Refer to Instruction manual page 8.



Felling may only be carried by persons who have had special training. Persons who are not experienced chain saw users should not carry out felling - **increased risk of accidents!**

➔ LIMBING

Refer to Instruction manual page 12.

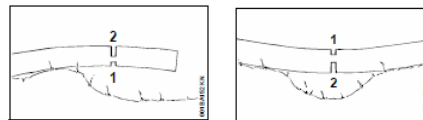
Limbing may only be carried by persons who have had special training. Persons who are not experienced chain saw users should not carry out limbing - **risk of accidents.**

➔ CUTTING SMALL LOGS

Refer to Instruction manual page 12.

➔ LYING OR STANDING LOGS UNDER TENSION

Refer to Instruction manual page 12.



➔ RIPPING

Refer to Instruction manual page 12.



➔ VIBRATIONS

Refer to Instruction manual page 13.

CHECKING & TENSIONING THE SAW CHAIN

Refer to Instruction Manual page 17, 18 & 27.

FUELING

Refer to Instruction manual page 19.

FILLING CHAIN OIL TANK

Refer to Instruction manual page 21.

STARTING & STOPPING THE ENGINE

Refer to Instruction manual page 24.

MAINTENANCE

Do not attempt any maintenance or repair work except tensioning the saw chain. All other work to be performed by Centenary Hire or by a person trained in the maintenance of STIHL chainsaws.

Please refer to the reverse side of this sheet for further information about maintenance of the chainsaw during the course of the hire.

EXPECTATIONS ABOUT CHAINSAW HIRE & CHAINSAW PERFORMANCE

FUEL & CHAIN OIL

Pre mixed two stroke fuel and chain oil (bar lubricant) have been provided with the hire of the chainsaw at no extra cost.

Please ensure that only Centenary Hire two stroke fuel and chain oil (bar lubricant) are used in the chainsaw to prevent damage to the chainsaw.

Check fuel and chain oil levels approximately every 10 mins of chainsaw operation.

Two stroke machines are harder to start if they have been refuelled only after having run out of fuel.

CHAINSAW CHAIN SHARPNESS

Chainsaw chains have been sharpened using a dedicated chain sharpener which is set at the correct angle and depth.

Please satisfy yourself, by way of visual inspection, that the chain on the chainsaw is sharp before commencing work. Also, please take note of the cutting performance during the first cut with the chainsaw.

During the course of cutting work the chain sharpness will dull and performance will gradually reduce. The rate at which the chain sharpness will dull can be dependant upon several factors including but not limited to:

The type of wood that is being cut.

Palm trees in particular, as well as hardwoods will naturally dull the chain faster than other woods.

The location of the cut on the wood.

The base/roots of trees often contain internal dirt particles which quickly dull a chainsaw chain.

Insufficient supply of chain oil.

Failure to regularly top up the chain oil tank may result in the chain cutting dry causing the chain to dull as well as possible chain and bar damage.

Contact with the ground / dirt.

Even brief and shallow contact with dirt on the ground will cause the chain to immediately become blunt. Dirt on the cutting surface of the wood will also quickly dull the chain.

MAINTENANCE

During the course of hire if the chainsaw requires maintenance (with the exception of chain tensioning*) it must be returned to Centenary Hire so that it can be carried out by our trained staff.

Required maintenance may be but is not limited to:

Replacing a chain due to bluntness.

***Please note:** The first replacement chain is provided at no extra cost. Subsequent chains will incur a sharpening charge.*

Replacing the starter rope due to breakage.

* You may also return the chainsaw to Centenary Hire for the saw chain to be tensioned at no extra cost.