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CS1200 CHAINSAW Quick Start Instructions



IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Wear protective gloves when handling chainsaw chain.



What's in the box?

The chainsaw requires some assembly before use. These items are included in the box.

- 1) Powerhead
- 2) Guide Bar
- 3) Saw Chain
- 4) Blade Cover
- 5) Side Cover
- 6) Instruction Manual

After removing the chainsaw from the box, inspect it carefully to ensure no damage has occurred during shipping and that no parts are missing. If any parts are damaged or missing, do not use the chainsaw. Contact Oregon® to obtain replacement parts. For country-specific telephone numbers, see "Customer Service by Country".

This sheet is meant to be a supplement, not a replacement for your operator's manual.

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Unplug the chainsaw



FILLING THE BAR AND CHAIN OIL RESERVOIR

STEP 1: Place the chainsaw on a firm, flat surface, so that the oil cap (A) is on top.

- Clean any debris from the cap area.
- Remove the cap.
- Carefully pour 100 ml of bar and chain oil into the reservoir.

If the reservoir is totally full on initial startup, it can slow down the prime. We suggest 90% full.



ASSEMBLING THE GUIDE BAR AND SAW CHAIN

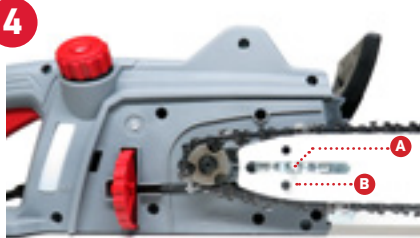
STEP 2: Loosen the chain tensioning dial (A) as far as it will go. Then fully loosen the side cover release knob (B) and remove the side cover.



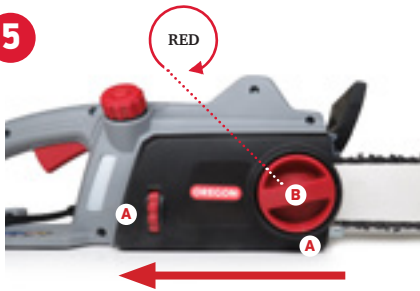
STEP 3: Loop the saw chain onto the bar and drive sprocket so that the cutters are facing in the correct direction.

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STEP 4: Place the guide bar on the bar pad by sliding the bar slot over the alignment flange, with the mounting stud inserted through the slot in the guide bar (A). Align the lower tensioning hole on the guide bar to seat on the tensioning stud (B).



STEP 5: Install the side cover, making sure the chain catcher and side cover tabs are seated in their proper locations (A), then lightly tighten the side cover knob (B). Do NOT fully tighten at this stage.



STEP 6: Adjust chain tensioning dial (A) then fully tighten the side cover knob (B).

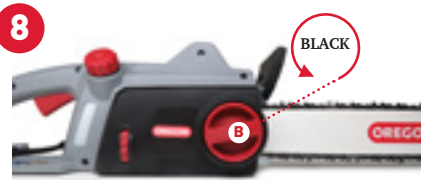
TENSIONING THE SAW CHAIN

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STEP 8: Loosen the side cover release knob slightly, but do not remove the side cover.

STEP 9: Hold up the nose of the guide bar (A) and turn the chain tensioning ring clockwise.

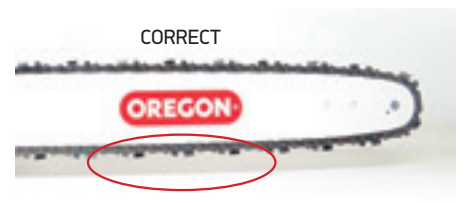
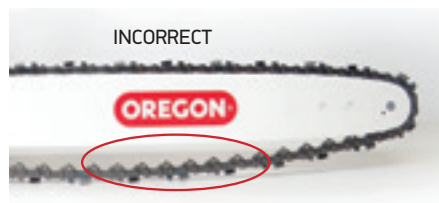
STEP 10: Tighten the chain tensioning ring until the lowest cutters underneath the bar solidly contact the bar (B).



WARNING An electric power tool that is plugged in can start accidentally. Unplug the chainsaw before preparing for use or performing maintenance.

WARNING If the chain is still loose when the saw is at maximum tension, replace the chain.

IMPORTANT Only tension the saw chain when the chain is cool.



STEP 11: Lightly pull on the chain. The tension is correct when the chain snaps back after being pulled 3 mm away from the guide bar.

STEP 12: After a short period of use, allow the chain to cool, unplug the chainsaw and check the tension again. Watch tension carefully for the first half-hour of use and periodically throughout the life of the chain readjusting as required when the chain and bar are cool to the touch. Never tension chain when it is hot.

Chain will stretch as a result of normal use, however, insufficient oil, aggressive use, or failure to perform recommended maintenance can lead to premature stretching.

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