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Cut trees up to 25x faster than gas chain saws with the new 18V X2 LXT Brushless Cordless 14" and 16" Top Handle Chainsaws.



MAKITA INTRODUCES TWO NEW CORDLESS TOP HANDLE CHAIN SAWS

XCU08 and XCU09 can cut up to 25% faster than a 30cc gas chain saw

September 3, 2019, La Mirada, CA – Makita U.S.A., Inc., the innovation leader in cordless power tool technology and outdoor power equipment, is excited to announce the launch of 18V X2 LXT® (36V) Brushless Cordless 14" and 16" Top Handle Chainsaws (models XCU08 and XCU09, respectively). With the addition of these two chainsaws, Makita now offers the most comprehensive cordless chainsaw portfolio.

Makita's LXT Cordless Top Handle Chainsaws are compact in size, making them ideal for professional arborists and utility companies. The XCU08 and XCU09 are the most powerful cordless top handle chainsaws currently available.

Built for Power, Speed, and Run Time

Both chainsaws feature a Makita-built outer rotor brushless motor direct-drive system that provides power equivalent to a 30cc gas chain saw*. Two 18V LXT Lithium-Ion Batteries deliver 36V of power and performance.

All that power is harnessed to cut up to 25% faster than gas chainsaws*. A variable speed trigger and high chain speed (0-3,940 FPM) provide improved cutting performance. For even more power, the Torque Boost Mode helps the chainsaw cut through thick and hard branches.

Three sets of 5.0Ah batteries provide 25% more run time than a 30cc gas chainsaw*. Using one set of 5.0Ah batteries, the XCU08 (14" Guide Bar) made 62 cuts in 6x6 douglas fir.

Features

The new Makita® LXT Cordless Top Handle Chainsaws are packed with features designed for professional usage. The 14" or 16" 3/8" LP, .43" sprocket nose guide bar and chain provide precise cutting, and bumper spikes help prevent pull-in and aid control. The captured guide bar nut and lateral chain tensioning offer convenient operation and maintenance. Users can

*Tested in 7.87" spruce log against a Stihl® 30cc Gas Chainsaw (MS193T)

automatically adjust chain lubrication with a large oil reservoir. A large oil filling port with view window allows the user to easily add and check bar oil level.

A built-in lock-off lever helps prevent the blade from accidentally engaging, while the front hand guard is engineered to actuate the chain brake when engaged. The chainsaws feature an auto power-off function that automatically shuts the saw off after 60 seconds for extended battery life. A rear attachment point allows users to connect the chainsaw to the climbing saddle.

The chainsaws also feature Makita's Extreme Protection Technology (XPT™). XPT is a series of integrated seals engineered to channel away dust and water for increased durability. Makita Products equipped with XPT are engineered for increased durability and longer tool life.

Benefits of Cordless Chainsaws

Makita LXT Cordless Chainsaws eliminate the hassles of gas with lower noise, reduced maintenance, and zero emissions. The XCU08 and XCU09 operate at a lower noise level, providing user comfort and preventing a disruption for neighbors or nearby businesses. With no need for gas, the XCU08 and XCU09 require reduced maintenance and have zero emissions.

LXT Cordless Advantage

The Makita LXT Cordless System, the world's largest cordless tool system powered by 18V lithium-ion slide-style batteries, provides users with the most advanced, durable, and dependable 18V products. Four key components work together to create the LXT Advantage: fast-charging LXT batteries, a Rapid Optimum Charger, industry-leading brushless motors, and Star Protection Computer Controls™.

Makita 18V LXT Batteries have the fastest charge times in their categories, so they spend more time working and less time sitting on the charger. For improved tool performance and extended battery life, Makita created Star Protection Computer Controls™. Star Protection is communication technology that allows the Star Protection-equipped tool and battery to exchange data in real time and monitor conditions during use to protect against overloading, over-discharging and overheating.

Conclusion

The top handle cordless chainsaws are well-balanced for maneuverability, yet provide the comfort and performance expected by arborists and utility professionals. The XCU08 and XCU09 are both available in bare tool and kit versions.

For more information about Makita LXT Cordless Chainsaws, please visit makitatools.com

Specifications

Model	XCU08PT	XCU08Z	XCU09PT	XCU09Z
Description	18V X2 (36V) LXT Lithium-Ion Brushless Cordless 14" Top Handle Chain Saw Kit (5.0Ah)	18V X2 (36V) LXT Lithium-Ion Brushless Cordless 14" Top Handle Chain Saw, Tool Only	18V X2 (36V) LXT Lithium-Ion Brushless Cordless 16" Top Handle Chain Saw Kit (5.0Ah)	18V X2 (36V) LXT Lithium-Ion Brushless Cordless 16" Top Handle Chain Saw, Tool Only
Guide Bar Length	14"	14"	16"	16"
Pitch	3/8" LP	3/8" LP	3/8" LP	3/8" LP
Chain Speed	.043"	.043"	.043"	.043"
Battery	2X 18V Lithium-Ion	2X 18V Lithium-Ion	2X 18V Lithium-Ion	2X 18V Lithium-Ion
Net Weight (with Battery)	10.2 lbs.	10.2 lbs.	10.3 lbs.	10.3 lbs.
Includes	Tool, 14" Guide Bar, 14" Saw Chain, (2) 18V LXT Lithium-Ion 5.0Ah Battery, Dual Port Charger, Chain Cover	Tool, 14" Guide Bar, 14" Saw Chain, Chain Cover	Tool, 16" Guide Bar, 16" Saw Chain, (2) 18V LXT Lithium-Ion 5.0Ah Battery, Dual Port Charger, Chain Cover	Tool, 16" Guide Bar, 16" Saw Chain, Chain Cover

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