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Model: 541222

INTRODUCTION

The Oregon PowerSharp 541222 Starter Kit provides a precision saw chain sharpening system designed for 16-inch chainsaws from various brands including Craftsman, Echo, Homelite, Poulan, and Remington. This system allows users to sharpen their chainsaw chain quickly and efficiently, restoring cutting performance in seconds.

A dull chain significantly reduces cutting efficiency, making tasks difficult and time-consuming. The PowerSharp system offers a portable and straightforward method to maintain a sharp chain, ensuring optimal performance and user confidence.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

The PowerSharp 541222 Starter Kit typically includes the following components:

- PowerSharp Chain (PS56)
- PowerSharp Guide Bar (539455)
- PowerSharp Bar-Mount Sharpener
- Sharpening Stone

COMPATIBILITY

This 16-inch PowerSharp Starter Kit is compatible with various chainsaw brands, including:

- Craftsman
- Echo
- Homelite
- Poulan
- Remington

It is designed for 3/8-inch pitch low profile chain and .050-inch gauge cutting systems. Always verify compatibility with your specific chainsaw model before installation.

SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Safety First:** Ensure the chainsaw is turned off, the spark plug cap is disconnected (for gas models), and the chain brake is engaged before beginning any installation or maintenance. Wear appropriate safety gear, including gloves.
2. **Remove Existing Bar and Chain:** Loosen the bar nuts and remove the clutch cover. Carefully remove the old guide bar and saw chain from the chainsaw.
3. **Install PowerSharp Guide Bar:** Place the Oregon PowerSharp Guide Bar onto the chainsaw's bar studs. Ensure the bar is properly seated.
4. **Install PowerSharp Chain:** Loop the PowerSharp chain around the drive sprocket and guide bar. Ensure the cutting teeth are facing the correct direction (away from the chainsaw body on the top of the bar).
5. **Adjust Chain Tension:** Hand-tighten the bar nuts. Adjust the chain tension according to your chainsaw manufacturer's recommendations. The chain should be snug but still able to be pulled freely around the bar by hand. Re-tighten the bar nuts securely.
6. **Attach Bar-Mount Sharpener:** The PowerSharp bar-mount sharpener attaches to the end of the guide bar. Slide the steel pins on the sharpener through the guide holes on the PowerSharp guide bar. Close and latch the cover securely.



Image: Oregon PowerSharp Guide Bar (539455) for 16-inch chainsaws.



Image: Oregon PowerSharp Bar-Mount Sharpener with sharpening stone visible.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (SHARPENING)

Once the PowerSharp system is installed and the chain is dull, follow these steps to sharpen your chain:

1. **Position the Sharpener:** Ensure the bar-mount sharpener is securely attached to the guide bar.
2. **Start the Chainsaw:** Place the chainsaw on a stable surface. Start the chainsaw and bring it to full throttle.
3. **Engage Sharpening:** While the chainsaw is at full throttle, lightly press the foot of the sharpener against a solid object (e.g., a stump, log, or firm ground) for approximately 3 to 5 seconds. The sharpening stone will engage with the chain cutters.
4. **Check Sharpness:** Release the pressure and inspect the chain. If the chain is not yet sharp, repeat step 3 for another 3-5 seconds. Avoid over-sharpening, as this can reduce the life of the chain.



Image: A person using the Oregon PowerSharp system to sharpen a chainsaw chain against a log.

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Video: An official demonstration of the Oregon PowerSharp system, showing how to attach the sharpener and perform the sharpening process. This video highlights the ease and speed of sharpening a chainsaw chain using the PowerSharp bar-mount sharpener.

WHEN TO SHARPEN

It is time to sharpen your saw chain when you observe any of the following:

- Cutting becomes slower and requires more effort.
- The chainsaw produces fine sawdust instead of coarse wood chips.
- The chain tends to wander or cut unevenly.
- Smoke is produced during cutting, even with proper chain lubrication.

Regular sharpening, even before the chain is completely dull, can extend the life of your chain and improve cutting performance.

MAINTENANCE

- **Clean the Sharpener:** After each use, clean any sawdust or debris from the bar-mount sharpener and the guide bar.
- **Inspect the Sharpening Stone:** Periodically check the sharpening stone for wear. Replace the stone if it appears significantly worn or damaged.
- **Chain Lubrication:** Always ensure your chainsaw has adequate chain oil to lubricate the chain and guide bar during operation.
- **Storage:** Store the PowerSharp kit in a clean, dry place when not in use.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Chain not sharpening effectively.	Insufficient pressure on sharpener; worn sharpening stone; incorrect chain installation.	Apply light, consistent pressure for 3-5 seconds; replace sharpening stone; ensure chain is correctly installed and tensioned.
Chain cuts unevenly or pulls to one side.	Uneven sharpening; damaged chain cutters.	Ensure consistent pressure during sharpening; inspect chain for damaged cutters and replace if necessary.
Sharpener does not attach securely.	Incorrect guide bar; debris in guide holes.	Verify you are using the correct PowerSharp guide bar; clean guide holes and pins.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** 541222
- **Guide Bar Length:** 16 inches
- **Chain Pitch:** 3/8-inch Low Profile
- **Chain Gauge:** .050-inch
- **Product Dimensions:** 5.5 x 2 x 26 inches
- **Item Weight:** 1 ounce (sharpener only, kit components vary)
- **Manufacturer:** Oregon

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information and customer support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Oregon website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For additional assistance or to purchase replacement parts, contact Oregon customer service or an authorized dealer.

