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Makita DUC400Z 36V (18Vx2) LXT Brushless Cordless 16" Variable Speed Chainsaw User Manual

Model: DUC400Z

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Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe assembly, operation, and maintenance of your Makita DUC400Z 36V (18Vx2) LXT Brushless Cordless 16" Variable Speed Chainsaw. Please read all instructions carefully before use to ensure proper function and to prevent injury or damage.



Image: Makita DUC400Z 36V LXT Brushless Cordless 16-inch Chainsaw, showcasing its design and 16-inch bar.

Important Safety Information

WARNING: Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including eye protection, hearing protection, gloves, and sturdy footwear when operating the chainsaw. Read and understand all safety warnings and instructions before operating this tool.

General Safety Precautions:

- Keep the work area clean and well-lit. Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases, or dust.
- Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool. Distractions can cause you to lose control.
- Avoid unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before connecting to battery pack, picking up or carrying the tool.
- Use the correct tool for your application. Do not force the tool.
- Maintain tools with care. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, and any other condition that may affect the tool's operation.
- Disconnect the battery pack from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools.

Setup and Assembly

1. Unpacking and Inspection:

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Inspect the chainsaw for any signs of damage. Ensure all included components are present:

- Makita DUC400Z Chainsaw (Tool Only)
- 16" Chain (Part No. 196742-3)
- 16" Guide Bar (Part No. 165247-4)
- Chain Cover (Part No. 419242-9)
- Oil Supply (Part No. 182229-1)
- Spike Bumper (Part No. 347078-5)

Note: Batteries and Charger are sold separately.

2. Battery Installation:

The DUC400Z requires two 18V LXT Lithium-Ion batteries for operation. Ensure batteries are fully charged before installation.

1. Locate the battery compartments on the top of the chainsaw.
2. Align the battery with the slot and slide it in until it clicks into place.
3. Repeat for the second battery.
4. To remove, press the release button on the battery and slide it out.



Image: A hand demonstrating the insertion of an 18V LXT battery into the chainsaw's battery slot.

3. Chain and Guide Bar Installation:

The DUC400Z features a tool-less chain tension adjustment system for easy setup.

1. Ensure the chainsaw is powered off and batteries are removed.
2. Remove the chain cover.
3. Place the chain around the guide bar, ensuring the cutting edges face the correct direction.
4. Fit the guide bar onto the chainsaw studs.
5. Replace the chain cover and hand-tighten the adjustment knob.
6. Adjust chain tension using the tool-less adjustment mechanism until the chain is snug but can still be pulled freely by hand. Refer to the diagram below for the adjustment mechanism.



Image: Close-up view of a hand utilizing the tool-less chain tension adjustment feature on the Makita DUC400Z.

4. Filling Chain Oil:

Proper chain lubrication is crucial for performance and longevity.

1. Ensure the chainsaw is powered off and batteries are removed.
2. Locate the large oil filling port on the side of the chainsaw.
3. Unscrew the cap and fill the reservoir with appropriate chain lubricant.
4. Monitor the oil level through the view window.
5. Replace the cap securely.

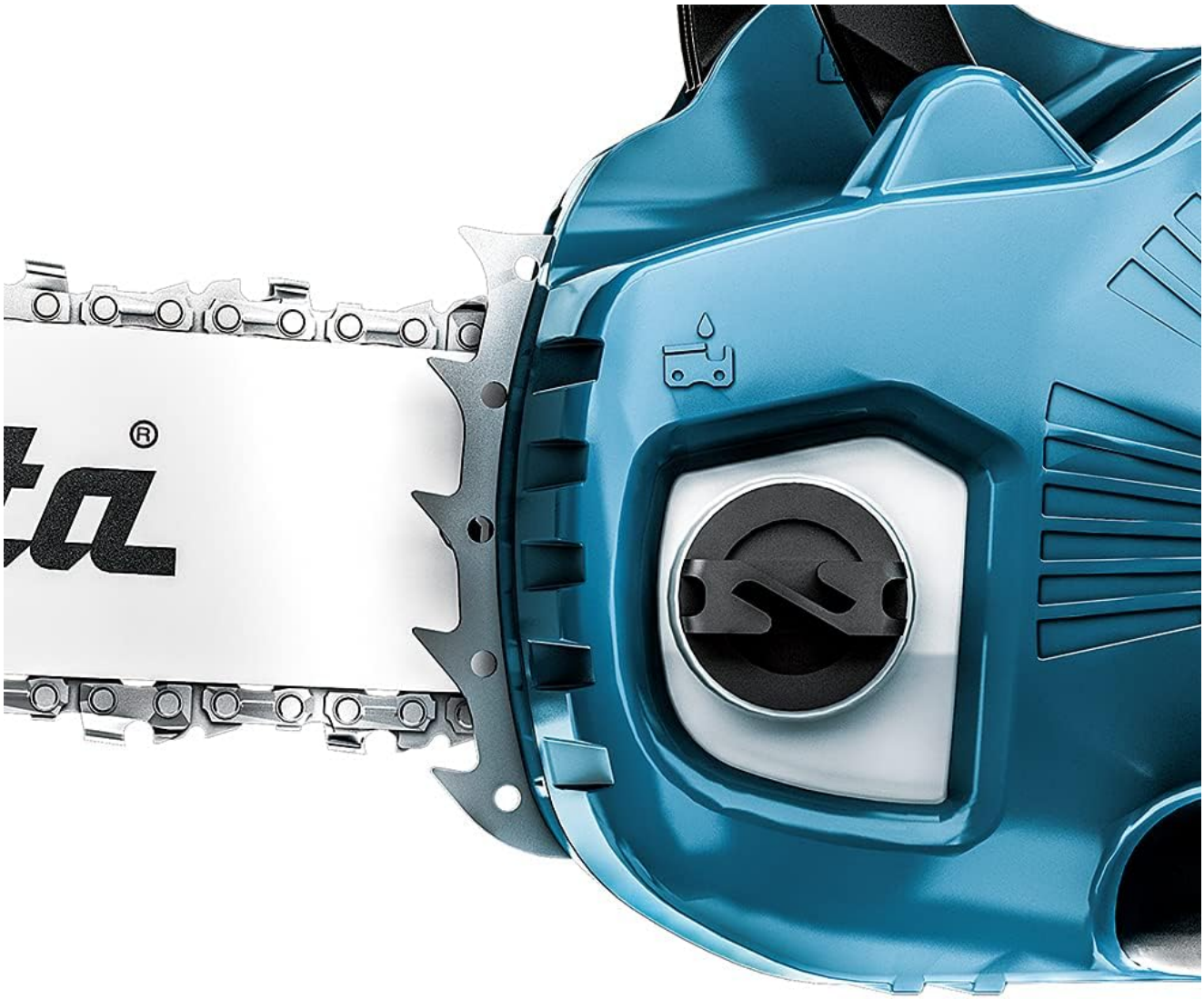


Image: Detail of the oil filling port and transparent view window on the Makita DUC400Z, allowing easy monitoring of chain oil levels.

Operating Instructions

1. Pre-Operation Check:

- Verify chain tension is correct.
- Ensure chain oil reservoir is full.
- Check that batteries are fully charged and securely installed.
- Inspect the chainsaw for any loose parts or damage.
- Confirm the front hand guard chain brake is disengaged for operation.

2. Starting the Chainsaw:

1. Engage the lock-off button to prevent accidental start-up.
2. Press the power button (LED will illuminate).
3. Squeeze the variable speed trigger to start the chain. The chain speed can be adjusted from 0 to 3,940 FPM based on trigger pressure.



Image: Close-up of the power button and lock-off button, essential for safe starting and preventing accidental activation.



Image: Detail of the variable speed trigger and ergonomic handle, designed for comfortable and controlled operation.

3. Cutting Techniques:

- Always maintain a firm grip with both hands on the chainsaw handles.
- Stand with your weight balanced and feet apart.
- Avoid cutting with the tip of the guide bar to prevent kickback.
- Let the chainsaw do the work; do not force it through the wood.
- Be aware of falling branches and logs. Plan your cuts carefully.



Image: The Makita DUC400Z Chainsaw actively cutting a large log, demonstrating its power in an outdoor setting.



Image: A user operating the Makita DUC400Z Chainsaw, highlighting the importance of safety gear like glasses and gloves during use.

4. Stopping the Chainsaw:

Release the variable speed trigger. The electric brake will stop the chain quickly. For complete power off, press the power button again (LED will turn off) and remove batteries for storage or extended breaks.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your chainsaw. Always remove batteries before performing any maintenance.

1. Chain Tension Adjustment:

Check chain tension frequently, especially during initial use. Adjust using the tool-less mechanism as described in the Setup section.

2. Chain Lubrication:

Ensure the oil reservoir is always adequately filled with quality chain lubricant. The chainsaw features a view window to monitor the oil level. If oil leakage is observed, check the adjustment screw located under the saw to regulate oil flow.

3. Chain Sharpening:

A sharp chain is essential for efficient and safe cutting. Sharpen the chain regularly or replace it when dull. Refer to a qualified service technician or specific chain sharpening instructions.

4. General Cleaning:

The Makita DUC400Z features eXtreme Protection Technology (XPT) for enhanced resistance against dust, debris, and liquids. However, regular cleaning is still recommended. Use a dry cloth to wipe down the tool after each use. Keep ventilation openings clear of debris.

5. Reduced Maintenance Benefits:

As a cordless electric chainsaw, the DUC400Z requires significantly less maintenance compared to gas-powered models. There is no engine oil to change, no spark plug to replace, no air filter or muffler to clean, and no need to drain fuel for storage.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Chainsaw does not start	Batteries not installed correctly or discharged; Lock-off button not engaged; Power button not pressed.	Ensure batteries are fully charged and properly inserted. Engage lock-off button, then press power button.
Chain comes off guide bar	Incorrect chain tension (too loose); Chain or guide bar wear; Improper cutting technique.	Adjust chain tension. Inspect chain and guide bar for damage and replace if necessary. Review cutting techniques to avoid binding.
Chainsaw stalls or goes into overload mode	Dull chain; Forcing the cut; Overheating (battery or motor).	Sharpen or replace chain. Do not force the chainsaw; let it cut at its own pace. Allow tool and batteries to cool if overheating.
Oil leakage from chainsaw	Oil flow adjustment screw set too high; Loose oil cap; Damaged oil reservoir.	Adjust the oil flow screw (located under the saw) to a lower setting. Ensure oil cap is securely tightened. Inspect reservoir for cracks.
Reduced battery run time	Batteries are old or damaged; Heavy cutting load; Cold weather conditions.	Replace old batteries. Use appropriate cutting techniques to reduce load. Operate in suitable temperatures.

Product Specifications

Feature	Detail

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Model Number	DUC400Z
Power Source	Cordless (AC/DC)
Voltage	36 Volts (using two 18V LXT batteries)
Motor Type	Makita-built Outer Rotor Brushless Motor
Guide Bar Length	16 inches (400 mm)
Chain Speed	0 - 3,940 FPM (Feet Per Minute)
Horsepower	1.7 Horsepower (equivalent to a 32cc gas chainsaw)
Weight	4.22 kg (9.3 lbs)
Product Dimensions	53.01 x 26.01 x 25.91 cm
Special Features	Tool-less Chain Tension Adjustment, Front Hand Guard Chain Brake, Lock-Off Button, Variable Speed Trigger, eXtreme Protection Technology (XPT)

Warranty and Support

Warranty Information:

The Makita DUC400Z Chainsaw comes with a**3-Year Limited Manufacturer Warranty**. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. Using non-genuine Makita Lithium-Ion batteries voids the warranty on your Makita tools.

Customer Support:

For technical assistance, service, or warranty claims, please contact Makita customer support. You can also visit the official Makita website for more information.

- **Manufacturer:** Makita
- **Place of Business:** Whitby, ON L1N 7B7, CA
- **Online Store:** Visit the Makita Store

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