

TrueCut 16-inch Chainsaw Bar & Chain Combo

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For McCulloch Models: PM480, PM494, PM510, PM400, PM484, PM6, PM730

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your TrueCut 16-inch Chainsaw Bar and Chain Combo replacement. This product is designed for compatibility with various McCulloch chainsaw models, including PM480, PM494, PM510, PM400, PM484, PM6, and PM730. Please read this manual thoroughly before installation and use to ensure safe and effective performance. Always refer to your chainsaw's original manufacturer manual for specific chainsaw operation and safety guidelines.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: Chainsaws are dangerous tools. Improper use or maintenance can result in serious injury or death. Always follow all safety precautions.

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves, and sturdy footwear, when handling or operating a chainsaw.
- Ensure the chainsaw is turned off and the spark plug cap is disconnected (or battery removed for electric models) before performing any maintenance, installation, or adjustments to the bar and chain.
- Handle the chain with care. The cutting edges are sharp and can cause injury. Wear heavy-duty gloves.
- Inspect the bar and chain for damage before each use. Do not use damaged components.
- Keep children and bystanders away from the work area.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Your TrueCut 16-inch Chainsaw Bar & Chain Combo package includes:

- 1 x 16-inch Chainsaw Guide Bar
- 1 x Chainsaw Chain (3/8LP .375"x.050")

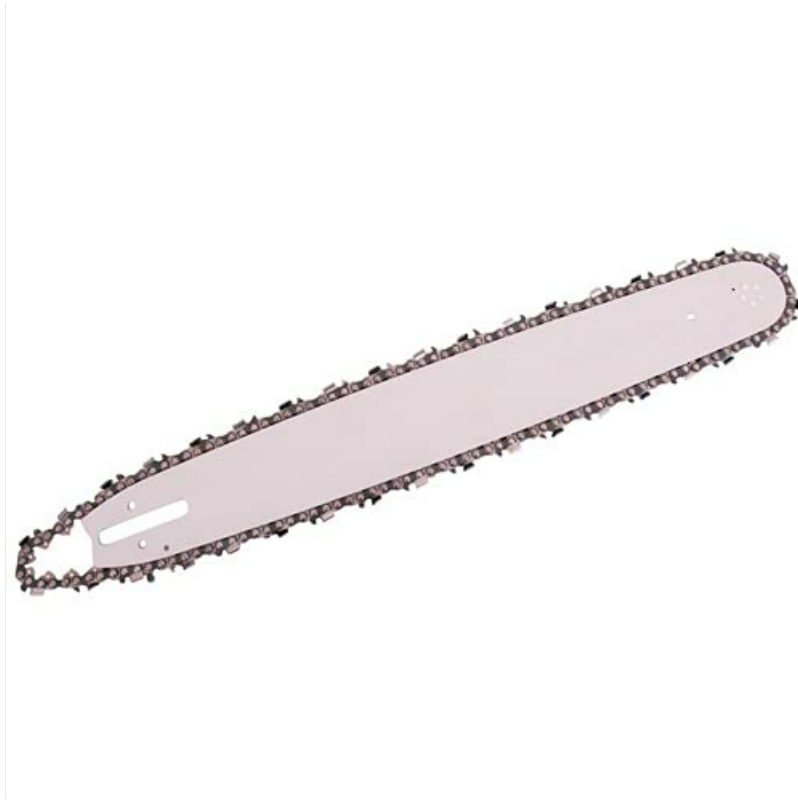


Image 1: The TrueCut 16-inch Chainsaw Bar and Chain Combo, showing the guide bar with the chain installed around it. The bar is light gray, and the chain links are dark metal.

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Follow these steps to install the new bar and chain on your McCulloch chainsaw. Always refer to your chainsaw's specific manual for detailed instructions on removing the old bar and chain.

1. **Prepare the Chainsaw:** Ensure the chainsaw is turned off, the spark plug cap is disconnected (or battery removed), and the chain brake is disengaged. Place the chainsaw on a stable, flat surface.
2. **Remove Old Components:** Loosen the bar nuts and remove the clutch cover. Carefully remove the old guide bar and chain. Clean any sawdust or debris from the clutch area and bar mounting studs.
3. **Install New Chain:** Place the new chain around the clutch sprocket, ensuring the cutting edges are facing the correct direction (usually forward on the top of the bar).
4. **Mount New Bar:** Slide the new guide bar onto the mounting studs. Guide the chain into the groove around the entire bar. Ensure the chain tensioner pin engages with the hole in the guide bar.
5. **Replace Clutch Cover:** Reinstall the clutch cover, making sure the chain tensioner mechanism aligns correctly. Hand-tighten the bar nuts, but do not fully tighten them yet.
6. **Adjust Chain Tension:** Using the chain tensioning screw (typically located on the side of the chainsaw or on the clutch cover), adjust the chain tension. The chain should be snug against the bottom of the bar, but still able to be pulled freely by hand. There should be no slack on the underside of the bar, and the drive links should not come out of the bar groove.
7. **Final Tightening:** Once the chain tension is correct, fully tighten the bar nuts securely.
8. **Check Lubrication:** Ensure the chainsaw's oil reservoir is filled with appropriate bar and chain oil. The oiler should be functioning correctly to lubricate the new bar and chain during operation.

5. OPERATING GUIDELINES

After installation, proper operation is crucial for safety and performance. This section provides general guidelines; always refer to your chainsaw's original manual for complete operating instructions.

- **Pre-Operation Check:** Before each use, check chain tension, bar and chain lubrication, and ensure all fasteners are tight.
- **Chain Tension:** A properly tensioned chain should be snug but still allow you to pull it around the bar by hand. A cold chain will stretch during use, so re-check tension after the first few cuts. An overly loose chain can derail, and an overly tight chain can cause premature wear to the bar, chain, and sprocket.
- **Lubrication:** Ensure the chainsaw's automatic oiler is functioning. Adequate lubrication is essential to reduce friction and heat, extending the life of the bar and chain.
- **Cutting Technique:** Always use proper cutting techniques as outlined in your chainsaw's manual to prevent kickback and ensure efficient cutting.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance extends the life of your chainsaw bar and chain and ensures safe operation.

- **Chain Sharpening:** Sharpen the chain regularly to maintain cutting efficiency. A dull chain will produce sawdust instead of chips and require more force to cut, increasing wear on the chainsaw and the operator. Refer to your chain's specifications for the correct file size and angle.
- **Bar Cleaning:** Periodically clean the guide bar groove to remove sawdust and debris that can impede chain movement and lubrication.
- **Bar Rotation:** To promote even wear, rotate the guide bar periodically (e.g., after every 8-10 hours of use). This helps distribute wear on both sides of the bar.
- **Sprocket Nose Maintenance:** If your guide bar has a sprocket nose, ensure it is clean and lubricated. Check for free rotation.
- **Inspect for Wear:** Regularly inspect the bar for burrs, cracks, or excessive wear on the rails. Inspect the chain for damaged or missing cutters, cracked links, or stretched rivets. Replace components as needed.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues related to the chainsaw bar and chain.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Chain not cutting efficiently	Dull chain, incorrect chain tension, insufficient lubrication.	Sharpen chain, adjust tension, check oiler and fill reservoir.
Chain derails from bar	Loose chain tension, worn guide bar groove, damaged chain.	Adjust chain tension, inspect and replace bar/chain if worn or damaged.
Bar or chain overheating	Insufficient lubrication, incorrect chain tension, dull chain.	Check oiler, fill reservoir, adjust chain tension, sharpen chain.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Excessive vibration	Damaged chain, bent guide bar, loose components.	Inspect and replace damaged chain/bar, tighten all fasteners.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** TrueCut
- **Bar Length:** 16 Inches
- **Chain Pitch:** 3/8" Low Profile (LP)
- **Chain Gauge:** .050"
- **Compatible Models:** McCulloch PM480, PM494, PM510, PM400, PM484, PM6, PM730
- **Product Dimensions:** 6 x 6 x 6 inches (packaging/shipping dimensions)
- **Item Weight:** 5 ounces

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information or technical support regarding your TrueCut Chainsaw Bar & Chain Combo, please refer to the product packaging or contact the retailer where the product was purchased. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For operational issues related to your McCulloch chainsaw, please consult the original chainsaw manufacturer's manual or their customer support.