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For McCulloch MAC 3200 Chainsaws

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and effective use, installation, and maintenance of your UpStart Components 14-inch Semi Chisel Saw Chain, model CSC-S49-DL36. This saw chain is designed for compatibility with McCulloch MAC 3200 Chainsaws. Please read this manual thoroughly before installation or operation to ensure proper handling and to maximize the lifespan of your product.



**Figure 1:** UpStart Components 14-inch Semi Chisel Saw Chain, showing the product both in its retail packaging and laid out separately.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

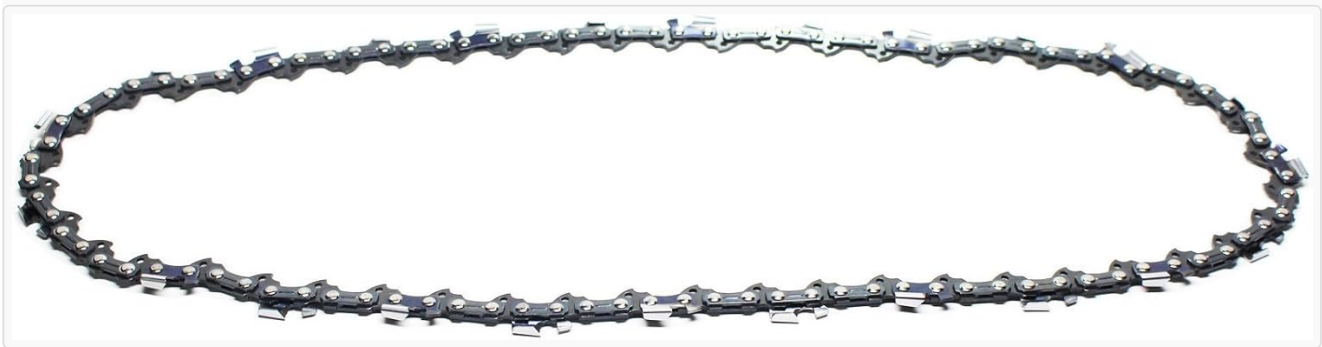
**WARNING: This saw chain may be capable of kickback that could result in serious injury to the chainsaw operator or bystanders. DO NOT USE THIS SAW CHAIN UNLESS YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR DEALING WITH KICKBACK.**

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including safety glasses, gloves, hearing protection, and protective clothing when handling or operating a chainsaw.
- Ensure the chainsaw is turned off and the spark plug cap is disconnected before performing any installation, maintenance, or adjustments.

- Inspect the saw chain for damage, dullness, or wear before each use. A damaged or dull chain can increase the risk of kickback and injury.
- Maintain proper chain tension. An improperly tensioned chain can derail, causing injury or damage.
- Refer to your chainsaw's user manual for specific safety guidelines and operating procedures.

### 3. SETUP: CHAIN INSTALLATION

Proper installation of the saw chain is critical for safe and efficient operation. Always consult your McCulloch MAC 3200 Chainsaw's user manual for detailed, model-specific instructions.



**Figure 2:** The 14-inch Semi Chisel Saw Chain laid out in a complete loop, ready for installation onto a chainsaw bar.

#### Installation Steps:

1. **Verify Compatibility:** Before installation, confirm that the new chain's pitch, gauge, and drive link count (3/8" Low Profile Pitch, 0.050" Gauge, 49 Drive Links) match the specifications required by your chainsaw's guide bar. The same chainsaw model can sometimes accommodate different bar lengths and chain specifications.
2. **Prepare Chainsaw:** Ensure the chainsaw is switched off and the spark plug cap is removed to prevent accidental starting. Engage the chain brake.
3. **Remove Old Chain:** Loosen the bar nuts and remove the clutch cover. Carefully remove the old chain and guide bar.
4. **Clean Components:** Clean any sawdust or debris from the guide bar groove, sprocket, and clutch area.
5. **Install New Chain:** Place the new chain around the clutch sprocket and then into the groove of the guide bar. Ensure the cutting edges of the chain are facing in the correct direction (usually forward on the top of the bar).
6. **Reattach Guide Bar and Cover:** Slide the guide bar back into position, ensuring the chain tensioner pin engages with the hole in the bar. Replace the clutch cover and hand-tighten the bar nuts.
7. **Adjust Chain Tension:** Adjust the chain tension according to your chainsaw's manual. The chain should be snug against the bottom of the guide 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.
8. **Final Tightening:** While holding the tip of the guide bar up, fully tighten the bar nuts.
9. **Check Lubrication:** Ensure the chain oil reservoir is full.

### 4. OPERATING THE CHAINSAW WITH NEW CHAIN

After installing the new chain, proper operation is essential for safety and performance. Always refer to your McCulloch MAC 3200 Chainsaw's user manual for comprehensive operating instructions.

- **Chain Lubrication:** Ensure the chainsaw's automatic oiler is functioning correctly and providing adequate lubrication to the chain and guide bar during operation.

- **Chain Tension Check:** Periodically check chain tension during operation, especially during the first hour of use, as new chains can stretch. Adjust as necessary.
- **Cutting Technique:** Always use proper cutting techniques to minimize the risk of kickback. Avoid cutting with the tip of the guide bar.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

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



**Figure 3:** A detailed close-up view of the semi-chisel cutting links and drive links of the saw chain, highlighting their construction.

### Key Maintenance Tasks:

- **Sharpening:** Keep the chain cutters sharp. A dull chain requires more force, increases wear on the chainsaw, and can lead to dangerous kickback. Use a round file of the correct diameter (typically 5/32" for 3/8" Low Profile chains) and a filing guide to maintain the correct angles.
- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean the chain to remove sap, pitch, and sawdust. This prevents buildup that can hinder performance and accelerate wear.
- **Lubrication:** Ensure consistent and adequate lubrication during operation. Check the oiler port on the guide bar for blockages.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the entire chain for damaged or cracked links, stretched rivets, or excessive wear. Replace the chain immediately if any damage is found.
- **Chain Tension:** Check and adjust chain tension frequently. A properly tensioned chain should not sag on the underside of the guide bar.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

Addressing common issues promptly can prevent further damage and ensure safe operation.

- **Chain Not Cutting Efficiently:** This is typically a sign of a dull chain. Sharpen the cutters or replace the chain if severely worn or damaged.
- **Chain Smoking or Overheating:** Check chain tension (it might be too tight) and ensure adequate lubrication. Clean the guide bar groove and oil holes.
- **Chain Derailing:** This can be caused by incorrect chain tension (too loose), a worn guide bar, or damaged drive links. Inspect all components and adjust tension or replace parts as needed.
- **Excessive Vibration:** A dull, damaged, or improperly tensioned chain can cause excessive vibration. Inspect and correct as necessary.

If problems persist, consult a qualified service technician or refer to your chainsaw's comprehensive troubleshooting guide.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature          | Specification                |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Brand            | UpStart Components           |
| Model Number     | CSC-S49-DL36                 |
| Chain Length     | 14 inches                    |
| Pitch            | 3/8 inches Low Profile       |
| Gauge            | 0.050 inches                 |
| Drive Link Count | 49                           |
| Chain Type       | Semi Chisel                  |
| Compatibility    | McCulloch MAC 3200 Chainsaws |

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage or technical support for your UpStart Components saw chain, please refer to the manufacturer's official website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

