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**Model:** CSC-S50-DL18

**Brand:** UpStart Components

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

This saw chain is designed for use with McCulloch Electramac 250-14 Chainsaws. Chainsaws are powerful tools that can cause serious injury if not handled properly. Always prioritize safety when installing, operating, or maintaining your chainsaw and its components.

**Kickback 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 refer to your chainsaw's user manual for proper chain installation, maintenance, and safe operating procedures.

- Always wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves, and protective legwear.
- Ensure the chainsaw is turned off and unplugged (if electric) or the spark plug cap is removed (if gas) before performing any installation or maintenance.
- Keep bystanders and pets at a safe distance from the work area.
- Read and understand the entire chainsaw user manual before operating.

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The UpStart Components CSC-S50-DL18 is a 14-inch semi-chisel saw chain designed as a replacement for McCulloch Electramac 250-14 Chainsaws. It features a 3/8" low profile pitch, 0.050" gauge, and 50 drive links, engineered for precision, balance, and safety to facilitate efficient cutting.



Figure 1: UpStart Components 14-inch Semi Chisel Saw Chain in its retail packaging.

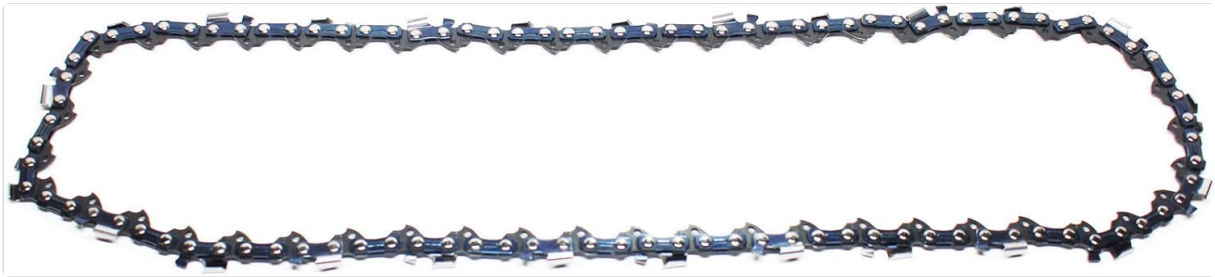


Figure 2: The UpStart Components 14-inch Semi Chisel Saw Chain, showing its full length and link structure.

## INSTALLATION (SETUP)

Proper installation of the saw chain is critical for safe and effective operation. Always consult your McCulloch Electramac 250-14 Chainsaw's user manual for specific installation instructions.

1. **Verify Compatibility:** Before installation, ensure the new chain's pitch, gauge, and drive links match the specifications required for your chainsaw's guide bar. The same saw model can have different bar lengths, requiring different chain specifications. This chain is 14 inches long, with a 3/8" low profile pitch, 0.050" gauge, and 50 drive links.
2. **Safety First:** Disconnect the chainsaw from its power source (unplug electric chainsaws or remove the spark plug cap from gas chainsaws).
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 sprocket and guide bar, ensuring the cutting edges face the correct direction (usually indicated by an arrow on the chain or guide bar).
6. **Reassemble:** Reinstall the guide bar and clutch cover. 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 guide bar but still able to be pulled freely by hand. It should not sag on the underside of the bar.
8. **Final Check:** Ensure all components are securely fastened and the chain moves smoothly.

## OPERATION

Once the UpStart Components saw chain is correctly installed and tensioned, you can begin operation. Always follow the operating instructions provided in your chainsaw's user manual.

- **Lubrication:** Ensure the chainsaw's oil reservoir is filled with appropriate bar and chain oil. Proper lubrication is essential for chain longevity and efficient cutting.
- **Starting the Chainsaw:** Follow your chainsaw's specific starting procedure.
- **Cutting Technique:** Use a firm grip with both hands. Maintain a balanced stance. Let the chain do the work; do not force the saw.
- **Monitor Chain:** Periodically check chain tension during operation, especially when the chain is new, as it may stretch slightly. Adjust as needed.
- **Smooth Cuts:** This chain is engineered for smooth cuts and reduced vibration levels, contributing to greater user comfort and consistent cutting performance.

## MAINTENANCE

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

designed for durability to keep it sharper longer, but proper care is still necessary.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean the chain and guide bar to remove sawdust, sap, and debris. This prevents buildup that can hinder performance and cause premature wear.
- **Sharpening:** A sharp chain is crucial for efficient and safe cutting. When the chain becomes dull, it will cut slowly and produce fine dust instead of chips. Sharpen the chain using appropriate tools and techniques, or have it professionally sharpened.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the chain for damaged or worn cutters, drive links, and rivets. Replace the chain if any components are severely damaged or if the chain is excessively stretched. Avoid injuries by replacing dull or damaged chains with a sharp new chain.
- **Lubrication System Check:** Ensure the chainsaw's automatic oiler is functioning correctly and delivering oil to the guide bar and chain.



Figure 3: Close-up view of the semi-chisel cutters and drive links on the UpStart Components saw chain, highlighting areas for inspection and sharpening.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your saw chain, consider the following common problems and solutions:

- **Chain Not Cutting Efficiently:**
  - **Cause:** Dull chain, incorrect tension, insufficient oil.
  - **Solution:** Sharpen the chain, adjust tension, check oil reservoir and oiler function.
- **Chain Comes Off Guide Bar:**
  - **Cause:** Loose chain tension, worn guide bar groove, damaged drive links.
  - **Solution:** Adjust chain tension, inspect guide bar for wear, replace chain if damaged.
- **Excessive Vibration:**
  - **Cause:** Incorrect chain tension, damaged chain, bent guide bar.
  - **Solution:** Adjust chain tension, inspect chain and guide bar for damage, replace if necessary.
- **Chain Smoking or Overheating:**
  - **Cause:** Insufficient lubrication, dull chain, incorrect tension.
  - **Solution:** Check oil reservoir and oiler, sharpen chain, adjust tension.

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Specification</b>
Brand	UpStart Components
Model Number	CSC-S50-DL18
Item Length	14 Inches
Drive Link Count	50
Item Pitch	0.38 Inches (3/8" Low Profile)
Gauge	0.050 Inches
Chain Type	Low Profile, Semi Chisel
UPC	711841345488
ASIN	B01MFXLA0I

## **WARRANTY AND SUPPORT**

Specific warranty details and direct support contact information for the UpStart Components CSC-S50-DL18 saw chain are not provided within this manual. For warranty inquiries or technical support, please refer to the original product packaging or contact UpStart Components directly through their official website or customer service channels.