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User Instruction Manual

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Makita XCU03PT1 18V X2 (36V) LXT Lithium-Ion Brushless Cordless 14-inch Chainsaw Kit. Please read and understand all instructions before using the product. Keep this manual for future reference.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Operating a chainsaw can be hazardous. Always prioritize safety to prevent serious injury. Adhere to the following general safety guidelines:

- **Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE):** This includes safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves, sturdy footwear, and leg protection.
- **Understand your chainsaw:** Familiarize yourself with all controls, safety features, and how to stop the saw quickly.
- **Inspect before use:** Ensure the chain is sharp and properly tensioned, the bar is lubricated, and all components are securely fastened.
- **Maintain a clear work area:** Remove obstacles and ensure stable footing. Keep bystanders, children, and pets at a safe distance.
- **Proper grip:** Always hold the chainsaw firmly with both hands, with your thumbs and fingers encircling the handles.
- **Be aware of kickback:** Avoid cutting with the tip of the guide bar. Maintain a firm grip and proper stance.
- **Battery safety:** Use only specified Makita batteries and chargers. Do not expose batteries to water, heat, or direct sunlight.
- **Environmental conditions:** Do not operate in wet conditions or in the presence of flammable liquids or gases.

COMPONENTS INCLUDED

Your Makita XCU03PT1 kit includes the following items:

- 18V X2 (36V) LXT Brushless 14" Chain Saw (XCU03Z)
- Four 18V LXT Lithium-Ion 5.0Ah Batteries (BL1850B)
- 18V LXT Lithium-Ion Dual Port Rapid Optimum Charger (DC18RD)
- 14" Guide Bar 3/8"-.043"
- Chain
- Guide Bar Cover



Figure 1: The complete Makita XCU03PT1 kit, including the 14-inch brushless chainsaw, four 18V LXT Lithium-Ion 5.0Ah batteries, and the 18V LXT Lithium-Ion Dual Port Rapid Optimum Charger.

SETUP

1. Battery Installation and Charging

1. **Charge Batteries:** Insert the 18V LXT Lithium-Ion 5.0Ah batteries into the 18V LXT Lithium-Ion Dual Port Rapid Optimum Charger. Ensure the charger is plugged into a suitable power outlet. The charger will indicate when batteries are fully charged (approximately 45 minutes for 5.0Ah batteries).
2. **Install Batteries:** Slide two charged batteries into the battery slots on the chainsaw until they click into place. The chainsaw requires two 18V batteries for 36V operation.



Figure 2: Makita 14-inch Chainsaw with two 18V LXT batteries securely inserted.



Figure 3: The Makita DC18RD dual port rapid optimum charger.

2. Bar and Chain Installation/Adjustment

The chainsaw features a 'tool-less' chain adjustment system for convenience.

1. Refer to the chainsaw's side cover for instructions on how to loosen the tensioning knob and remove the cover.
2. Carefully place the chain around the sprocket and guide bar, ensuring the cutting edges face the correct direction.
3. Reattach the side cover and tighten the tensioning knob until the chain is snug but can still be pulled freely around the bar by hand. The chain should not sag from the bottom of the guide bar.

3. Oil Filling

The chainsaw requires bar and chain oil for proper lubrication during operation.

1. Locate the large oil filling port on the chainsaw.
2. Unscrew the cap and fill the reservoir with high-quality bar and chain oil. The view window allows you to easily monitor the oil level.
3. Securely replace the cap.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Starting the Chainsaw

1. Ensure batteries are installed and the oil reservoir is filled.
2. Press and hold the main power button (LED on/off switch) until the indicator light turns green. This activates the chainsaw.
3. Engage the front hand guard (chain brake) by pulling it back towards the front handle.
4. Depress the lock-off lever (safety switch) with your thumb, then squeeze the variable speed trigger to start the chain.

2. Cutting Techniques

Always use proper cutting techniques to ensure safety and efficiency.

- **Maintain balance:** Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart and maintain a firm grip on both handles.
- **Avoid kickback zones:** Do not cut with the upper quadrant of the guide bar tip.
- **Let the saw do the work:** Apply light pressure and allow the chain to cut through the wood. Forcing the saw can lead to kickback or damage.
- **Cutting small branches:** Use the bottom of the guide bar for smaller cuts.
- **Cutting larger logs:** Make a relief cut on the underside of the log first to prevent pinching, then complete the cut from the top.

XCU03PT1- 18V LXT® LITHIUM-ION CORDLESS KIT INCLUDES



Brushless 14" Chain Saw
(XCU03Z)



5.0Ah
45 Minute
Charge Time

(4) 5.0Ah Battery
(BL1850B)



Dual Port Charger
(DC18RD)

Figure 4: The Makita 14-inch brushless cordless chainsaw, ready for operation.

3. Battery Indicators

The chainsaw features built-in battery indicators to show the remaining charge for each 18V battery. Press the small button next to the battery slots to illuminate the LED indicators. This allows you to monitor battery status and plan for recharging.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your chainsaw.

1. Chain Adjustment

Periodically check chain tension. A properly tensioned chain should be snug against the guide bar but still allow you to pull it freely by hand. Adjust using the 'tool-less' tensioning knob as described in the Setup section.

2. Bar and Chain Lubrication

Ensure the oil reservoir is always filled with bar and chain oil before and during operation. The chainsaw automatically lubricates the chain, but consistent oil supply is critical to prevent wear and overheating.

3. Cleaning

- **After each use:** Remove batteries. Use a brush or compressed air to clean sawdust, chips, and debris from the motor housing, guide bar, and chain.
- **Periodically:** Remove the side cover, guide bar, and chain to thoroughly clean the sprocket area and guide bar groove.
- **No engine oil to change, no spark plug to replace, and no air filter or muffler to clean:**Benefit of the brushless electric design.

4. Storage

- Always remove batteries before storing the chainsaw.
- Clean the chainsaw thoroughly and apply the guide bar cover.
- Store the chainsaw and batteries in a cool, dry, and secure location, out of reach of children.
- There is no need to drain fuel for storage, unlike gas-powered chainsaws.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Chainsaw does not start	Dead or improperly installed batteries; Power button not activated; Lock-off lever not depressed.	Charge and properly install batteries; Press and hold power button until green; Depress lock-off lever before squeezing trigger.
Chain does not move	Chain brake engaged; Chain too tight; Obstruction.	Disengage chain brake; Adjust chain tension; Remove obstruction (with batteries removed).
Poor cutting performance	Dull chain; Incorrect chain tension; Insufficient bar oil.	Sharpen or replace chain; Adjust chain tension; Refill bar oil reservoir.
Excessive vibration	Loose components; Damaged chain or guide bar.	Check all fasteners; Inspect chain and guide bar for damage and replace if necessary.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Makita
Model Number	XCU03PT1
Power Source	Battery Powered (18V X2 = 36V)
Horsepower	3.2 Horsepower
Product Dimensions	4.19"L x 8.76"W x 4.17"H
Chain Length	14 Inches

Feature	Detail
Chain Pitch	3/8 inch
Chain Speed	0-3,940 FPM (Feet Per Minute)
Item Weight	21.9 pounds
Batteries	4 Lithium Ion batteries (5.0Ah) required and included
Battery Cell Type	Lithium Ion
Special Features	Brushless Motor, Tool-less Chain Adjustment, Electric Brake, LED On/Off Switch, Extreme Protection Technology (XPT)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Your Makita XCU03PT1 Chainsaw Kit comes with a **3-year limited warranty** on the tool, battery, and charger. For warranty claims, technical support, or service, please contact Makita customer service or an authorized service center.

Important Note: The use of non-genuine ("knock-off") Makita Lithium-Ion batteries may cause fires, personal injuries, or property damage and will void your warranty. Always use genuine Makita products.

For further assistance, visit the official Makita website or refer to the contact information provided with your product packaging.