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1. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when operating power tools. Read and understand all instructions before use. Failure to follow these instructions can result in serious injury or death.

1.1 General Safety Warnings

- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Always wear appropriate PPE, including safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves, and sturdy footwear. A hard hat and leg protection (chaps) are also recommended.
- **Work Area:** Ensure the work area is clear of bystanders, especially children and pets. Maintain good footing and balance. Do not operate in wet conditions or in the presence of flammable liquids or gases.
- **Tool Condition:** Inspect the chainsaw before each use. Ensure the chain is sharp and properly tensioned, the bar is in good condition, and all guards are in place and functional. Do not use if damaged.
- **Battery Safety:** Use only Kobalt 80-volt batteries and chargers. Do not expose batteries to water, heat, or direct sunlight. Store batteries in a cool, dry place.
- **Kickback:** Be aware of kickback, which can occur when the moving chain at the tip of the guide bar contacts an object, or when the wood closes in and pinches the saw chain in the cut. Avoid cutting with the tip of the guide bar.
- **Proper Grip:** Always hold the chainsaw firmly with both hands, with your thumbs and fingers encircling the handles.
- **Electronic Chain Brake:** Understand how to engage and disengage the electronic chain brake. This feature provides additional safety by stopping the chain quickly.

2. SETUP

2.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Inspect for any shipping damage. Retain packaging for future storage or transport.

2.2 Battery and Charger (Sold Separately)

This chainsaw is sold as a tool only. A Kobalt 80-volt battery and charger are required for operation and are sold separately. Ensure the battery is fully charged before first use.

2.3 Chain and Bar Installation

1. Ensure the battery is removed from the chainsaw before performing any assembly or maintenance.
2. Remove the chain cover by loosening the nuts.
3. Place the chain around the sprocket and guide bar, ensuring the cutting edges face the correct direction.
4. Position the guide bar onto the studs and align the chain with the groove in the guide bar.
5. Replace the chain cover and hand-tighten the nuts.

2.4 Chain Tensioning

The quick-adjust chain tensioning system allows for easy adjustment. Proper chain tension is crucial for safe and efficient operation. The chain should be snug against the guide bar, but still able to be pulled freely by hand. There should be no sag on the underside of the guide bar.

1. Loosen the chain cover nuts slightly.
2. Turn the tensioning screw (typically located on the side of the chainsaw) clockwise to tighten the chain or counter-clockwise to loosen it.
3. Once the desired tension is achieved, firmly tighten the chain cover nuts.

2.5 Adding Bar Oil

The chainsaw requires bar and chain oil for lubrication. Use a high-quality bar and chain oil. Never use waste oil or thin oil, as this can damage the pump and chain.

1. Ensure the battery is removed.
2. Locate the oil reservoir cap, typically on the top of the chainsaw body.
3. Unscrew the cap and fill the reservoir with bar and chain oil.
4. Replace the cap securely.
5. Check the oil level frequently during operation.



Image: Kobalt 80-Volt Max Lithium Ion 18-inch Cordless Electric Chainsaw. This image shows the overall design of the chainsaw, highlighting its compact and cordless nature. The guide bar and chain are visible, along with the main body where the battery would be inserted and the oil reservoir cap is located.

3. OPERATION

3.1 Starting the Chainsaw

1. Ensure the battery is fully charged and securely inserted into the chainsaw.
2. Hold the chainsaw firmly with both hands.
3. Engage the electronic chain brake (if not already engaged) and then disengage it by pulling the front hand guard back towards the front handle.
4. Press and hold the safety lock-out button, then squeeze the trigger switch to start the chain. Release the safety lock-out button once the chain is running.

3.2 Cutting Techniques

- **Felling:** For felling small trees, plan your escape route and ensure the area is clear. Make a notch cut on the side of the tree in the direction of the fall, then make a felling cut from the opposite side, slightly above the notch.
- **Limbing:** Remove branches from a fallen tree. Work from the base of the tree towards the top, cutting smaller branches first. Be aware of branches under tension.
- **Bucking:** Cut a fallen log into smaller sections. Support the log to prevent pinching the chain. If cutting a log on the ground, avoid cutting into the soil, which dulls the chain quickly.
- **Avoid Kickback:** Never cut with the tip of the guide bar. Always maintain a firm grip and stable footing.

3.3 Safety Features

- **Low-Kickback Bar and Chain:** Designed to reduce the force and frequency of kickback. However, proper cutting technique is still essential.
- **Electronic Chain Brake:** This safety mechanism stops the chain almost instantly when activated, either manually by pushing the front hand guard forward or automatically in certain kickback situations.

4. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your chainsaw. Always remove the battery before performing any maintenance.

4.1 Cleaning

- After each use, clean sawdust, chips, and debris from the chainsaw body, guide bar, and chain.
- Use a brush or compressed air. Avoid using water directly on electrical components.
- Clean the air vents to prevent overheating.

4.2 Chain Sharpening and Replacement

- A sharp chain is crucial for efficient and safe cutting. A dull chain will produce fine sawdust instead of chips and require more force to cut.
- Sharpen the chain regularly using a round file of the correct diameter (refer to chain specifications).
- If the chain is severely damaged, stretched, or cannot be sharpened effectively, replace it with a new, compatible chain.

4.3 Guide Bar Maintenance

- Periodically remove the guide bar and clean the groove to remove sawdust and debris.
- Flip the guide bar over regularly to ensure even wear.
- Check for burrs on the guide bar rails and file them smooth if present.

4.4 Oil Reservoir Check

- Always check the bar oil level before and during operation.
- Refill as needed to ensure continuous lubrication of the chain and bar.
- Some oil leakage when not in use is normal for chainsaws; store on an absorbent surface.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Before attempting any repairs, ensure the battery is removed from the chainsaw.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Chainsaw does not start	Battery not charged or inserted correctly; Chain brake engaged; Safety lock-out not pressed.	Charge battery and ensure it's fully seated; Disengage chain brake; Press safety lock-out before trigger.
Chain does not cut efficiently	Dull chain; Incorrect chain tension; Chain installed backward.	Sharpen or replace chain; Adjust chain tension; Reinstall chain correctly.
Chain stops during operation	Chain brake engaged; Overload protection activated; Battery low.	Disengage chain brake; Reduce cutting pressure; Recharge battery.
Oil leaks when not in use	Normal for chainsaws; Reservoir cap not tight.	Store on an absorbent surface; Ensure oil cap is securely tightened.
Excessive vibration	Loose chain; Damaged chain or guide bar.	Adjust chain tension; Inspect and replace damaged components.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Kobalt
Model	80-Volt Max Lithium Ion 18-inch Cordless Electric Chainsaw
Power Source	Cordless Electric (80-Volt Lithium Ion Battery, sold separately)
Chain Length	18 Inches
Maximum Cut Diameter	30 Inches
Horsepower	1.2 Horsepower
Item Weight	14.87 pounds
Product Dimensions	34 x 10 x 10 inches
Special Features	Low-kickback bar and chain, Electronic chain brake, Quick-adjust chain tensioning system

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Information regarding specific warranty details and customer support contacts for the Kobalt 80-Volt Max Lithium Ion 18-inch Cordless Electric Chainsaw was not available in the provided product data. Please refer to the product packaging or the manufacturer's official website for the most current warranty information and support options.