

Max Bennett, Syracuse, Kan., is satisfied with his 1993 **Homelite** 330 but says it could use one improvement. "The drive gear is built so soft that the chain cuts grooves in it and causes problems. It should be made of harder material."

"I'm well satisfied with my 1993 **Homelite** 240," says David Ohrt, Kankakee, Ill. "It starts on the first or second pull, is lightweight, and handles easily. I sharpen it myself using a battery-operated sharpener equipped with a guide."

Norman Hull, Fort Recovery, Ohio, is "extremely satisfied" with his 1985 **McCulloch** 850. "It's trouble-free and works great."

"My 1989 **Poulan** 16 is equipped with an anti-vibration bar. I can saw all day and my hands don't get the least bit numb. It goes for a long time on a tank of gas. It's built rugged and usually starts after the second or third pull. It has plenty of power. I've used it to cut through telephone poles and rail-

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road ties and it never bogs down. The air cleaner is fairly easy to clean. It still has the original spark plug. My only complaint is that it could use a larger oil reservoir," says John Hardage, Lockhart, Texas.

"I couldn't be happier with my 1990 **Stihl** 064," says Larry Lawson, Colville, Wash. "I've never touched the carburetor after breaking the saw in. All I do is fill it with gas and oil. No repairs have been needed. I've used it to cut 3 million board feet of wood and all our firewood, as well as to fix fence each spring. I use my **Stihl** 045 as a spare in case I break a chain or rope. I bought it in 1978 and have used it to cut 6 million board feet of wood. The body is a little big, but maybe that's why the saw has lasted so long. I'd buy **Stihl** again because they're reliable, easy to maintain, have great cutting ability, and plenty of power."

Fred Kloosterhuis, Thunder Bay, Ontario, likes his **Husqvarna** 266. "It starts even in 43 below zero temperatures. I carry it in my logging truck all the time and use it to trim the load. It has to work or I'll have to spend the night in the bush, sometimes 100 miles from nowhere. The engine can be used to pump water or to start the motor on old D6 Caterpillars by removing the bar and fitting it with a V-belt."

"I've had good luck with my 1989 **Stihl** 028AV Wood Boss," says Elvan Wahlers, Stover, Mo. "It cuts fast and starts easy. The only problem is that the switch and choke are inconveniently located."

"It has plenty of power and doesn't vibrate much," says Tommy Floyd, Chapel Hill, Tenn., owner of a **Echo** 90 CS4600. "This is our second **Echo** model. I think it'll last a long time. I used **McCulloch** saws in the past. They worked good but were too loud."

"This is one of the few products I've ever bought that I couldn't improve," says Robert W. McCoy, Copeland, Kan., impressed with his 1992 **Stihl** 026. "I like everything about it. I especially like the front exhaust which makes it quiet to operate and lets me lay the saw on its side so I can cut trees flush with the ground. It has excellent controls. It starts easy even if it hasn't been used for a long

time. It has the most convenient chain adjustment I've ever used. The air cleaner does a good job and is easy to service. My dealer sharpens the chain for \$2.00."

Peter F. Froese, Altona, Manitoba, likes his **Craftsman** equipped with a 14-in. bar. "It's been trouble-free. My only complaint is that the chain loosens up after it's been used a while."

"I've worn out a lot of chains with it," says William Yoder, Jr., Bremen, Ind., pleased with his 1979 **Echo** 450. "No problems. However, it should have a 10-ft. starter rope so my boys won't tear the rope off. I've used it to cut 1,200-lb. round bales and to cut ice out of our stock tank."

LeRoy Bourgeois, Bath Gate, N. Dak., is disappointed with his 1990 **McCulloch** with an 18-in. bar. "The gas tank is too small, the carburetor won't stay adjusted, and it doesn't have enough power when I use it in the side position."

"My 1992 **Stihl** 044 will cut everything from hedges to cottonwood trees. It has a lot of power and never stalls. Sometimes it's hard to start when it's hot," says Paul Bray, Weatherby, Mo.

Donald T. Bowers, Athens, Ala., likes his 1994 **Stihl** 026. "It starts and runs well and has little vibration. However, it's noisy."

"My 1988 **Echo** CS-510 starts easy, is reliable, and has plenty of power," says Jeff Huff, Haubstadt, Ind.

Paul W. Adams, Phelps, N.Y. is generally satisfied with his 1978 **Homelite** 360 but has had some trouble. "There were problems with the choke and engine which the company promptly solved. The spark plug is hard to reach but that's a safety feature. I sharpen the saw myself without a guide. The secret to a successful chain saw is to keep the chain clean whenever you sharpen it - I blow it out with air and keep it reasonably tight and sharp."

"My 1991 **Husqvarna** 266 starts and runs good and has plenty of power. It works much better than American-made saws. I sharpen it with a hand chainsaw file. It works better if the file has a hand holder," says Kenneth Klitz, Winthrop, Ark.

Lawrence Johanson, Glasford, Ill., owns a pair of **Craftsman** saws - a 1990 model equipped with a 14-in. bar and a 20-year-old model. "Both models are fuel efficient, quiet, and start easy in cold weather. I've used many other brands but **Craftsman** is the best. My only complaint is that the chain should be easier to tighten. I have to tighten and loosen the bar several times before I can get the correct tension. I use an electric grinder to sharpen it."

"I'm satisfied with my 1983 **Stihl** 032AV. Starts well and cuts good. I've replaced chains, bars, and sprockets. Every day I clean it, blow the breather free of saw dust, and sharpen the chain. The chain should be heavier so it would last longer. I use a plastic wedge to keep the saw from pinching," says Robert Lizenby, Winamac, Ind.

Bill June, Sparta, Wis., says his **Homelite** 360 is a lemon. "It doesn't put out enough oil. The only time it oiled good was when the dealer mechanic looked at it in his warm shop. I bought three other used 360's for spare parts, but with a little tinkering they turned out to be better saws than the new one. One problem is that the chain stretches fast and has to be sharpened often. It should have an adjustable oiler and should start easier in cold weather. I bought a **Stihl** 041 Farm Boss used and it pulls easier and the chain stays sharp longer. However, I wish it was less expensive, American made, and had less plastic on it. The best accessory

Make Your Chain Saw Work Harder

Rope Winch

You can use your chain saw to power the new Capstan rope winch.

It only takes a minute to make the switch. Just remove the saw's cutterbar and chain, then insert a furnished adapter and cutterless drive chain.

You can also buy the new winch factory-equipped with a 2-cycle, 3.0 cu. in. gas engine.

Both models pull with 5/16 in. dia. nylon or polyester rope — not wire cable. "They pull loads faster and farther than 12 volt powered winches. You can pull loads long distances, or continuously, without overheating the motor or loss of pulling power. What's more, rope is safer if it breaks and snaps back," the manufacturer points out.

"Rope is wrapped around a rotating spool to provide pulling power. You can take up the slack in the winch line, or play out the



line, by hand — without running the winch. Pulling power doesn't decrease as the drum fills, as is the case with drum-type winches." Powered by a 3.5 cu. in. chain saw engine, the winch will pull a 2,500 lb. load at 22 ft. per minute. Works with 3.5 cu. in. or smaller chain saws.

Retails for \$524 with a 3.0 cu. in. gas engine, and \$410 without.

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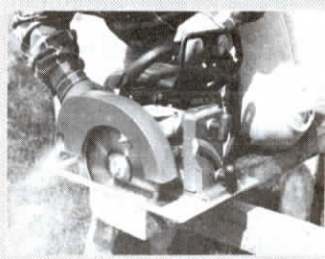
Circular Saw Kit For Chain Saws

"It gives you a saw with tremendous power that cuts fast and steady with no stalling out. Outperforms any existing electric-powered saw," says Ben Glick about his new add-on circular saw kit for chain saws.

The add-on unit bolts on in minutes in place of the bar and chain, using the same mounting holes. The saw kit weighs 10 1/2 lbs. and is fitted with an 8 1/2 in. dia. carbide tipped blade.

"It's completely self-contained - no extension cords or generator needed. You can use it around water or in wet weather without worry and it lets you get another use out of your chain saw, which normally sits idle most of the time," notes Glick.

The kit sells for \$369. Fits **Stihl** 028, 034 and 036; Solo 644; Jonsered 2051 and



2054; and **Homelite** 300. It will be adapted to fit other models in the future.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Glick Industries, 1075 West Main St., New Holland, Penn. 17557 (ph 800 489-3772 or 717 656-3274).

Trimmer Extension Mounts On Chain Saw

You can safely trim tree limbs and branches up to 15 ft. from ground level by mounting an extension trimmer on your chain saw, according to Mid Continent Industries, manufacturer of a new conversion kit for chain saws.

The "Limb-A-Nator" kit is designed to fit most popular small chain saws on the market. It consists of a 5-ft. long extension and 1-ft. long cutterbar that bolts on in place of the existing cutterbar. The roller chain and oil line are enclosed within the 3-in. high, 1/2-in. thick extension so they're protected from falling branches and debris. A heavy duty roller chain drive sprocket is also supplied to replace the original sprocket.

"It's built for heavy duty use," says Kent Schraeder. "It's made from extruded aluminum and weighs only 6 lbs. It can be used to cut limbs up to 10 in. in diameter."

Sells for \$399.



Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Mid Continent Industries, Inc., 1400 S. Spencer Rd., Box 563, Newton, Kan. 67114 (ph 800 279-6812 or 316 283-9648).

I've bought is a 5-tooth attachment that digs into the bark as you cut, holding the saw in place. It's a real backsaver."

Gene Johnson, Idlesleigh, Alberta, likes his 1989 **Husqvarna** 266 SE. "It starts every time, is easy to service, and has plenty of power. The engine mellows out into a fine-tuned scream with no vibration. However, the oil cap is poorly located. It rubs against trees and falls off, allowing oil to spill out. I use my saw to cut through ice to make watering holes for cattle. It has a 3-ft. long bar. I usually sharpen the chain twice a

day whenever I cut wood for 6 to 8 hours a day."

Peter L. Isenor, Elmsdale, Nova Scotia, isn't pleased with his 1993 **Husqvarna** 51. "The bar is equipped with a speed tip which I don't like because if the tip of the bar binds up, it could start a fire."

"I have one complaint with my 1987 **Stihl** 0-28WB," says Royce Gehring, Cottonwood, Idaho. "The switch is nerve wracking. Sometimes it works good and sometimes you just hope you'll be lucky. It should be much more reliable."