

John Deere's 200CS features electronic ignition and Safe-T Tip.

SAWS THAT CUT DOWN TOUGH JOBS

By CURT HARLER/Contributing Editor Like any other piece of mechanical equipment, performance and safe operation are among the key buying factors for chain saws. When a professional like Keith Carracher is in the market for a saw, he is looking for one thing: a durable machine that will hold up for the tough workouts a professional gives the saw daily.

Carracher is operations manager for Complete Property Maintenance (CPM), Coconut Creek, FL. CPM offers a full line of property maintenance services to customers along southeast Florida. They do everything from fertilization and pesticide application, to irrigation and tree work. This may include standard trimming or the removal of mature trees.

CPM employs 150, and there are about 15 chain saws in regular use by CPM's workers. "We've tried every brand," he says, adding that Stihl is his favorite. Carracher is convinced that Stihl's oiling system is superior to other brands. He's impressed

that the company puts oilers both at the pump and in the bar itself.

"When we look for a saw, it depends on the type of trimming we expect to do," Carracher continues. "You want to have various saws for various jobs." A Class I or Class II trimming job requires a saw with a shorter bar and lighter weight, something more nimble for the operator to use and one which can safely be maneuvered.

For take-downs, he looks for a larger saw with a longer bar — something in the 30-in. range.

If you're in the market for one or more saws, check out the latest offerings presented here. You're bound to find an appropriate workhorse that can handle jobs from simple pruning to complete tree removal.

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The Echo CS-3450 is available with a standard 16-in. bar and chain, but can be fitted with a 12- or 14-in. setup also. This model features the Slope Advance Ignition System.

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Both the 200CS and 230CS chain saws from John Deere, Research Triangle Park, NC, are ideal for delimbing, pruning or cutting firewood. The 200 is powered by a 33 cc and the 230 by a 38 cc Powerstroke engine with vertical cylinder designed for durability and efficiency. Either of these 10-lb. units can be equipped with 14-, 16- or 18-in. guide bars. Electronic ignition gives quick, dependable starts and the Safe-T Tip anti-kickback device prevents saw kickback for better operator control.

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ECHO 800/432-ECHO

The CS-3450 features a standard 16-in. bar and chain with 12 or 14 in. available. Lightweight and powerful, it uses the Slope Advance Ignition System. It develops a maximum 12,000 no-load RPMs. Also check out the new PPSR-2122 and PPSR-2433 Power Pruners from Echo, Lake Zurich, IL. Telescoping and extended shafts keep operators away from the saw and falling branches. The 2122 has a 21.2-cc engine, a 10-in. bar and weighs 9.5 lbs. The 2433 has a 23.6-cc engine, 12- or 14-in. bar and weighs 9.9 lbs. Both are covered by a one-year commercial warranty. Also available is a hedge clipper and circular saw accessory.

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GREENLEE-FAIRMONT-TEXTRON 800/435-0786

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The H6200B chainsaw from Greenlee-Fairmont-Textron, Rockford, IL, has an 18-in. bar that can cut up to 15 in. in a single pass. Ideal for large trimming applications, it features a two-step trigger, wide trigger guard, knuckle guard, full-cover sprocket guard and antikickback bar and chain. The Super Spool selector control, rugged gear motor and automatic chain oiler make this saw reliable and operatorfriendly.

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HUSQVARNA 800/HUSKY62 www.husgvarna.com

New this summer is the 346XP chain saw from Husqvarna, Charlotte, NC. Designed for users who need speed, it operates at 14,700 no-load rpm, weighs 10.6 lbs. and features air injection, LowVib and CoolFlo clutch. It has a 2.5-hp, 45cc engine and has a capacity of just over a pint of fuel. Also available is the new 325P4 pole chain

saw. With its rear handle, a

Husqvarna

The 346XP weighs 10.6 lbs.

user can reach limbs up to 13 ft. without using a ladder. It is interchangeable with the 300 Series line of pole hedge trimmers, and is powered by a 24.5-cc, 1.2-hp engine. Circle No. 253

MAKITA 714/522-8088 www.makita.com

Leading a group of brand new saws from Makita USA, La Mirada, CA, is the DCS34 general purpose chain saw. The 34 has a 14-in. bar,

weighs 10 lbs. and is powered

Makita DCS34 workhorse.

by a 12,200 rpm 33-cc engine. The DCS540 features an 18-in. bar, weighs 10.4 lbs. and its 54-cc engine generates 12,500 rpm. The DCS6000I-21 is a 21-in. unit, weighing 13.2 lbs. and its 60-

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SOLO 800/765-6462 www.solo-germany.com

The Solo 651Sp comes with a 15-, 18- or 20-in. bar and chain. Made in Germany and distributed by Solo in Newport News, VA, it is powered by the 51-cc Solo twocycle engine. The unit weighs under 11 lb. but offers an antivibration system, adjustable oiler, two piston rings, primer and half-throttle automatic. Quiet and powerful, it is ergonomically designed for easy handling and operation, making it ideal for debranching or thinning medium-size trees.

Circle No. 256

SHINDAIWA 800/521-7733 www.shindaiwa.com

The Model 488 from Shindaiwa, Tualatin, OR, has a full antivibration damping system to reduce operator fatigue. An adjustable automatic oil pump runs off the clutch to regulate oil consumption. It can be fitted with 16- to 20-in. bars and has a 47.9-cc, 3.5-hp engine. Dry weight is 10.1 lbs. The saw comes with a boot-mounted carburetor for protection against vapor lock. Chain catcher is standard equipment.

Circle No. 257

STIHL 800/GO-STIHL www.stihlusa.com

The Pro 036QS from Stihl, Virginia Beach, VA, is the first chain saw with a triple activated chain brake. Either inertia, front hand guard or rear handle will activate the chain brake. The 036 has a 61.5-cc engine, weighs 13.2 lbs. and comes



Stihl 036 is the first saw with a triple activated chain brake.

with a 16-, 18- or 20-in. Rollomatic bar. Or check out the 026 with an exclusive side-access chain tensioner and an easy access air filter, which makes maintenance simple. Both come with 90-day warranty. Circle No. 258

TANAKA 243/395-3900 www.tanakapowerequipment.com

The Tanaka TCS-3401 limbing saw from Tanaka Power, Kent, WA, features excellent power-to-weight ratio. Powered by a 34-cc, 1.8-hp engine, it weighs under 8 lbs. The saw can be fitted with a 14- or 16-

> in. Oregon bar and chain. It has a heavy duty antivibration system, AirForce air filtration, cold weather switch, climbing ring, Walbro carburetor and priming pump. It is covered by a full year warranty for professional use, five years on the electric ignition module. Circle No. 259

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