

Powered Pole Pruners CLMC56X/R



Credit value	3.2 Horticulture and Forestry
Notional level	
Subject area classification	
Course type	

Attendance only

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) required. • Report on its condition and locate standard marks. • Identify health and safety features required on a pruning saw. • Identify faults and defects on a pruning saw and equipment and decide which the operator can remedy and which require a service engineer's attention. • Carry out routine operator maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction book and/or the course workbook. • Prepare the pruning saw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and saw chain lubrication. • Start the pruning saw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and saw chain lubrication. • Carry out pre-cutting safety tests and state the procedures if the pruner fails these tests. • State the possible hazards/risks when carrying out maintenance or operation tasks. • Assess and explain the terms 'tension' and 'compression' in timber. • Adopt safe procedures to remove a trapped guide bar. • Use correct pruning methods. • Clear the pruned branches in a safe manner. • Organise site safety and state the procedures required.
Target audience	<p>Any person employed in arboriculture, forestry, horticulture, landscaping and grounds maintenance who is, or will be, required to operate powered pole pruners. Inexperienced learners may require longer than the stated guide times to fully utilise the information supplied.</p> <p>People professionally involved in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forestry • arboriculture • agriculture • horticulture • woodland Industries • local authorities • conservation • construction • land-based industries. <p>Learners must be physically fit and able to carry out the tasks required of the course programme.</p>

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Duration/timing	<p>Any convenient time of the year.</p> <p>One day per machine type for novices (CLMC56X).</p> <p>One day for experienced operators (evidence of experience required) (CLMC56R).</p>	
Ratios	<p>Instructor : learner Max: 1:6</p> <p>Machine : learner 1:6</p>	
Course sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal protective equipment • Safety and health features of a pruning saw • Maintenance of pruning saw • Fuelling and starting a pruning saw and performing pre-cutting checks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjusting the engine • Pruning • Clearing the site and pruning saw checks
Facilities and equipment	<p>It is the specific responsibility of the training provider in consultation with the instructor to ensure that risk assessments have been carried out and that the following items are available. Please liaise and co-operate with the training provider (and with the host where applicable) to agree who will provide the various items.</p> <p>The training provider is responsible for advising the learners of the equipment they must bring on the course.</p> <p>Training provider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lapel badges. • First aid equipment (which complies with Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981. • Fire extinguisher. • Powered pole pruner complying with safety regulations. • Operators' instruction books and service manuals for all machinery. • Flipchart board (for newsprint, flipcharts and so on plus pens). • Location map reference and telephone number of hospital with emergency service. • Suitable vehicle for accident emergencies. <p>Instructor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid equipment (which complies with Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981. • Safety helmet. • Ear defenders. • Visor or safety goggles. • Gloves with close fitting cuffs. • Safety boots. • Hi-visibility clothing. • Hand cleaning materials. • Examples/Photographs of worn or damaged blades/parts. 	

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Facilities and equipment continued	<p>Instructor (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive tool kit. • Correctly labelled fuel container (if appropriate).
	<p>Learner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powered pole pruner complying with safety regulations as per AFAG Safety Guide 604. • Operators' instruction books and service manuals for all machinery. • Notebook and pencil. • Safety helmet. • Ear defenders. • Visor or safety goggles. • Gloves with close fitting cuffs. • Safety boots. • Hi-visibility clothing. • Fuel in appropriate container for own machine. • Tool kit for own machine.
Venue	<p>Dry, clean workshop with light and heating (if necessary).</p> <p>Suitable site for practical operation, including trees to be pruned.</p> <p>Sufficient tress with suitable branch height and diameter to allow practice for each learner to become proficient.</p>