

CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE

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WHY INSPECT & MAINTAIN PPE

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is designed to offer wearers increased protection against known hazards whilst carrying out their work.
- It is important that this PPE functions as designed in order to ensure that the expected protection is provided at all times.
- Systematic maintenance of PPE is an important factor in prolonging the useful working life of all PPE.
- A regular inspection schedule is essential to verify that the PPE is functioning as designed.
- The protective features of the PPE are provided by a combination of materials working together. Damage to the PPE can affect how these components work together and affect performance of the PPE.
- Damaged or significantly worn footwear may not offer the full protection they are designed to provide.
 - TYPES OF WEAR & DAMAGE ARE DETAILED ON PAGE 4

LOOKING AFTER YOUR BOOTS

- After each use, rinse off any dirt built-up on the boots with water.
 - CLEANING THE BOOTS ALLOWS FOR THOROUGH INSPECTIONS AND ENSURES THAT NO SUBSTANCES ARE LEFT ON THE BOOTS THAT COULD DEGRADE THE MATERIALS.
 - DO NOT USE HIGH-PRESSURE WASHERS.
- If necessary, wipe the surfaces with a damp cloth.
- If your boots are wet/damp inside, stuff with absorbent paper and allow to dry.
- Do not store your boots in direct sunlight or in the window of a vehicle.
- If storing your boots for an extended period, ensure they are clean and dry and store in a dark, cool area ensuring they are not folded or crushed.
- Where fitted, check the spikes are tightly fixed.



INSPECTING YOUR BOOTS

- Check the upper and sole areas for wear.
- Types of wear include:
 - CUTS
 - ABRASIONS
 - SWELLING OR HARDENING OF THE RUBBER
 - PUNCTURES
 - DELAMINATION
- Pay careful attention to the shin, forefoot and toe areas where the chainsaw protective materials are located.
- Leaking boots should be replaced immediately. Moisture and other contaminants can degrade the footwear from the inside-out.

