# Using a Powered Pole Pruner

## At a glance…

### Training (Only)

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| Duration Notes: | 1 day<br><br>The expected duration for the course is 1 day, which is equivalent to 7 hours per day, with 6.5 hours contact time. Please note this may vary according to factors such as level of experience, units selected, or the ratio of Instructors to Learners. |
| Delivery Method: | Theory/practical |
| Prerequisites: | No prior knowledge, understanding, skill or qualifications are required before Learners register for this course.<br><br>• This course is not appropriate for Learners under the age of 16.<br>• It is strongly recommended that operators hold as a minimum a current Emergency First Aid Certificate.<br>• Learners must be able to read and interpret information provided in English. |



- Learners must be physically fit and be able to carry out the tasks in the course programme.

## Introduction

This course is designed to provide Learners with the knowledge, understanding and practical skills required to carry out powered pole pruner maintenance and operations.

This course is not an alternative to achieving the qualification in this area. Professional users must achieve the Level 2 Award in Using a Powered Pole Pruner.

## Overview in brief

This is a hands-on course that delivers both practical skills and health and safety guidance.

We keep the training groups small so that you will receive plenty of individual attention from our experienced instructors throughout the process.

## The finer details

Our course is ideal for the dedicated professional looking to obtain a Licence to Practice, however occasional operators aiming for a regulated qualification are also catered for.

The course is the perfect stepping stone to the Level 2 Award in Using a Powered Pole Pruner.

The following power sources are available:

Using a liquid fuel-powered pole pruner

Using a battery-powered pole pruner

## Who should attend?

This course is designed for any person who is, or will be required to carry out powered pole pruner operations.

This may include, but is not exclusive to those involved in industries such as:

- Forestry
- Arboriculture
- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Woodland industries
- Local Authorities
- Conservation
- Construction
- Land-based industries.

## What will be covered?

- Know how to identify hazards and control risks associated with powered pole pruner maintenance and operations
- Know the key components of a powered pole pruner's cutting system, including their functions and associated maintenance requirements
- Know how to carry out maintenance of the saw chain
- Be able to carry out maintenance of the saw chain
- Be able to correctly remove and reassemble the cutting components of a powered pole pruner
- Be able to carry out maintenance of the guide bar
- Be able to carry out maintenance of the drive sprocket and clutch components
- Understand the importance of powered pole pruner maintenance
- Know how to carry out powered pole pruning activities using safe, productive and sustainable working practices
- Be able to carry out pole pruner maintenance activities using safe, productive and sustainable working practices
- Know how to carry out safe, productive, and sustainable powered pole pruning methods and techniques
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- Understand health and safety legislation, and industry best practice relevant to powered pole pruning

**For liquid fuel-powered pole pruners:**

- Know the main components of a liquid fuel-powered pole pruner's power unit, including their functions and associated maintenance requirements
- Be able to carry out maintenance of the power unit of a liquid fuel-powered pole pruner
- Know how to select, store and transport fuel for liquid fuel-powered pole pruners
- Be able to carry out refuelling and replenishment of the saw chain oil on a liquid fuel-powered pole pruner
- Be able to carry out starting procedures on the liquid fuel-powered pole pruner
- Be able to prepare the liquid fuel-powered pole pruner for transport and storage

**For battery-powered pole pruners:**

- Know the main components of a battery-powered pole pruner's power unit, including their functions and associated maintenance requirements
- Be able to carry out maintenance of the power unit of a battery-powered pole pruner
- Know how to transport, store and dispose of batteries required for battery-powered pole pruners
- Be able to carry out removal and installation of the battery and replenishment of the saw chain oil on a battery-powered pole pruner
- Be able to carry out starting procedures on the battery-powered pole pruner
- Be able to prepare the battery-powered pole pruner for transport and storage