CHAIN LIFE

ESTIMATED CHAIN LIFE

Chain life is sometimes measured in inch-feet and can vary widely depending on the type of chain employed and the many variables related to the job. Depending on the type you select, the right ICS° diamond chain used under optimum conditions by a trained operator should deliver the performance shown in the charts below.

For comparison purposes only. Do not use to bid jobs.

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Gas PowerCutters

Chain Type	0 in-ft (0 m²)	200 in-ft (1.55 m²)	400 in-ft (3.10 m²)	600 in-ft (4.65 m²)	800 in-ft (6.19 m²)	1000 in-ft (7.74 m²)

FORCE3® SERIES

Hydraulic Power Cutters

Chain Type	0 in-ft	200 in-ft	400 in-ft	600 in-ft	800 in-ft	1000 in-ft
	(0 m²)	(1.55 m²)	(3.10 m²)	(4.65 m²)	(6.19 m²)	(7.74 m²)
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Chain wear is normal, but excessive wear can result from factors that usually can be corrected. Examining the chain can help pinpoint the source of trouble.



NORMAL WEAR

Example of a worn out chain under normal usage. No damage to the chassis, drive links or segments. Segments have been worn down to the weld pad.



WORN SPROCKET / IMPROPER TENSION

Chain has been run with improper tension (too loose) or drive sprocket is worn out. Sprocket was turning when the chain was stationary, causing damage to the drive links.



NO WATER

Heat generated by running a chain "dry" can disintegrate o-rings and degrade the diamonds. Drive links are dark blue and connecting links have burred edge on the bottom.



WORN BAR

Chain has been run on a bar that has excessive rail wear causing the drive links to be worn flat.

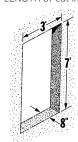


IMPACT DAMAGE

Broken segment caused by attempting to insert the chain into a slot narrower than the diamond segments.

INCH-FOOT DEFINITION

 An in-ft is defined as DEPTH of cut in inches multiplied by LENGTH of cut in feet.



3 + 7 + 3 + 7 = 20 feet 8 in x 20 ft = 160 in-ft

Outside of the U.S., square meters is used instead of in-feet.

0.91 m + 2.13 m + 0.91 m + 2.13 m = 5.8 m 20 cm x 6.08 m = 1.22 m²

