

# TESTING EQUIPMENT



## ***Pellenc Selion Chainsaw***

This issue I had the pleasure of testing Pellenc's Selion battery powered chainsaw. You may be thinking that it's just a gadget. I have to admit when I was told I was going to be testing an electric chainsaw, I thought the same thing. Though shortly after assembling the unit which was very straightforward and simple, putting the battery pack on and attaching the cord, I cut my first branch and my oh my, Kurt and I looked at each other in surprise. You would never have thought an electric chainsaw could cut through a branch like a petrol hungry 2 stroke.

After using the machine for a good few minutes, I noticed my arms didn't have the tingly feeling you get from a revving 2 smoker and reaching for branches really didn't take too much effort at all, even reaching whilst leaning over a wire fence was no problem. You really do feel stable and very safe with this machine and 5.5kg of battery on your back is nothing at all. I have seen kids with more weight in their school bags. What is surprising is that this battery pack will last you the full day's work. Charge it over-night, and you are ready for another day's work. Think of all the hassle of mixing fuel then re-fuelling through the day along with adding bar oil a few times a day. I know that I would much rather not. The Selion's features really blew me away! With the self-tensioning chain, you should get a longer chain life along with the oil delivery system being super efficient; Pellenc's claim is it uses less than 25% of the oil used by a traditional chainsaw so you shouldn't have to top it up every day. Just keeping an eye on it will do.

Maintenance of this pole chainsaw looks extremely easy. Removing the guard doesn't require any tools, meaning less down time again.

