Saw Chain Selection & Identification

Identifying STIHL Saw Chain
STIHL uses a Marketing Number System in addition to the part number. This allows easy identification of any chain. For example, with a Marketing Number of 3630:

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<th>Type</th>
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Cutter Type
P = STIHL PICCÔM™
R = STIHL RAPID™

Cutter Shape
D = Duro (Carbide Tip)
DS = Duro Special (Carbide Tip)
M = Micro™
R = Reciprocating R chain, especially designed for MS 461 R STIHL Magnum-Plus
S = Super (Chisel)

Special
1 = Triple-Humped Tie Strap on PM chain
2 = Triple-Humped Tie Strap on PM chain
3 = Single-Humped Drive Link
F = Full Skip
H = Semi Skip (Half-Skip) or Harvester (i.e. on 3/8" RMH)
K = Classic Cutter design
L = Large Ground
M = Medium
MM = Micro Mini
N = Narrow (PMN)
S = Special

Number of Drive Links in Reels
Type | 100' Reel
-----|-----------------
1/4"  | 2400
3/8"  | 1640
2.0"  | 1480

ANSI B175.1 Chain Kickback Standard
STIHL's green and yellow color code system denotes to identify STIHL bars and chains with different kickback reduction characteristics. Green (g) marks those products which are designated to reduce the risk of kickback injury. Yellow (y) marks products with increased risk of kickback injury. They are for use only by persons with extraordinary cutting needs and experience and specialized training in dealing with kickback conditions.

WARNING: Recommended STIHL green-labeled, reduced kickback bars and chains are not available in the lengths marked with * in the chart. For such guide bars, STIHL yellow-labeled bars are listed. Please read and follow the yellow warning information that is included in the guide bar package.

WARNING: Recommended STIHL green-labeled, low-kickback chains are not available in 404 pitch. For 404 chain, STIHL yellow-labeled chains are listed which have reduced kickback characteristics as compared to other STIHL yellow-labeled chains. Read and follow the yellow warning information included with these chains. STIHL recommends the use of 3/8" sprocket chain in combination with STIHL green-labeled, low-kickback saw chain and STIHL green-labeled, reduced kickback guide bars whenever possible.

WARNING: Read and follow the yellow warning information included with the STIHL guide bar and STIHL saw chain types that fit onto the 088/MS 880 powerhead.

NOTE: The actual listed guide bar length can vary from the effective cutting length based on which chain saw it is installed on.

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