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## **Shipping Chain Saws and Power Tools by Aircraft**

Lately, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been experiencing problems with people attempting to ship their chain saws or power tools by aircraft.

Used chain saws and power tools shipped by air are considered **dangerous goods**. That's because the engines contain residual amounts of fuel, and the US Department of Transportation (US DOT) considers them to be hazardous when transported by air.

When shipping by air, used chain saws or power tools must be properly packaged, marked, labeled, etc., in accordance with US DOT requirements. If you want to ship a chain saw or power tool by air (or any other way), STIHL Incorporated recommends that you contact a shipper (UPS, FedEx, DHL, Emery, etc.) to make sure that you follow all the rules. One important requirement is that the fuel tank must be completely drained and the fuel tank cap must be installed before shipment.

When shipping used STIHL chain saws or power tools as dangerous goods, the proper shipping name to use is:

### **Engines, internal combustion (flammable liquid powered)**

Never try to carry a chain saw or power tool aboard an aircraft. Check with the airline regarding the rules about checking a chain saw or power tool in baggage (it may not be allowed by the airline).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary J. Garrahan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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