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Shipping Chain Saws and Power Tools by Aircraft

Used chain saws and power tools shipped by air are considered dangerous goods, as the engines contain residual amounts of fuel, regarding them as 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.

In addition, if you wish 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 the shipper's rules, which can differ by carrier.

In general, it is required the fuel tank be completely drained and the fuel tank cap 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 carry a chain saw or power tool aboard an aircraft. Check with the airline regarding its rules for checking a chain saw or power tool in baggage.

Sincerely,

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