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“The GCU08 is Makita’s most powerful cordless chainsaw and our first to deliver true 50cc-class performance with a 20-inch bar.” Said Stevan Garcia, sr. product manager, outdoor power equipment, Makita U.S.A., Inc. “It expands what professionals can expect from battery-powered cutting tools.”

3-Mode Chain Adjustment

The 20” Chain Saw features tactile controls with a 3-mode button that allows the user to adjust the chain speed. It also eliminates pull starts by having an easily accessible on/off power button. It also features a display panel with 6 LED indicators that allows for instant tool status check and chain speed monitoring.

Three Chain Speeds

The GCU08 features a variable trigger and three chain speeds (3,937/ 4,823/ 5,700 FPM) for improved speed control and cutting performance. Included with the GCU08 is a 20" sprocket nose guide bar and .325" low profile pitch, .050" gauge chain. The 20” Chain Saw features an inertia-activated chain brake that stops the rotation of the chain.

More Power

The GCU08 features a lock-off lever that improves handling, and a 5-minute auto power-off helps prevent accidental activation while conserving battery life. The GCU08 can utilize the XGT® High Power 8.0Ah Battery (BL4080H), which delivers up to 35% More Power**.

Convenience Features

Convenience features include a large oil filling port with a view window that allows the operator to easily add and check bar oil level, an adjustable automatic chain lubrication system with a large oil reservoir for increased user convenience, and a lateral chain tensioning system with dual studs for efficient chain retention.

Makita® XGT® System

XGT® is a system of equipment, tools, batteries and chargers utilizing 40V max lithium-ion batteries. XGT® is engineered to deliver high power to take on high-demand applications, allowing users to completely transition to a cordless job site. XGT® is equipped with advanced brushless motor engineering, intelligent digital communication, and superior durability features to outpower, outsmart and outlast the rest.

About Makita

Makita is a worldwide manufacturer of industrial power tools, power equipment, pneumatics, and cleaning solutions that offer a wide range of industrial accessories. Makita U.S.A., Inc. is located in La Mirada, California, and operates an extensive distribution network throughout the U.S.A. With over 50 years in the United States and over 100 years worldwide, Makita utilizes experience and expertise to manufacture best-in-class solutions. For more information about Makita U.S.A. call (800)4-MAKITA or visit makitatools.com. Find Makita on Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter @makitatools.

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