

## CORRECT USAGE



SILKY saws are made in Japan by UM:KOGYO, a company which has specialized in the manufacture of saws since 1919. Unique technology and design has resulted in an extensive range of saws with superb cutting ability. **SILKY saws cut as you pull the blade towards you.** They *do not cut* on the forward or push stroke. Cutting on the pull stroke requires less energy and gives you more control over the action of the saw.

### Pull saw technique

1. Always hold the branch securely.
2. Start cutting by lightly dragging the blade across the branch towards you.
3. Slide the blade forward. No cutting takes place on this forward or push stroke.
4. Repeat until branch is cut.

***Apply light power to the pull stroke and simply slide the blade forward.***

***Let the teeth do the work.***

### Caring for your Silky Saw

SILKY saws cut exceedingly fast and efficiently. Taper ground blades reduce friction and binding and hard chrome plating resists rust and resin. Wash your blade regularly with warm soapy water to remove resin deposits. Build-up of resin will make it harder and slower to cut and if additional force is applied during cutting, bending or breakage may result. Always keep your blade clean for optimal cutting performance.

To get the best from your SILKY saw, **use the teeth, not your strength** and apply gentle power to the pull stroke. **Let the saw do the work.**

### Precautions

#### **Do not push hard**

If the branch moves during cutting, the blade may flex and bend or break. Replacement blades are available.

#### **Do not use downward pressure**

Heavy pressure is not necessary and the teeth will only jam in the wood fiber and may break.

#### **Remember**

Correct pruning techniques are important. With larger branches, always undercut first. If your saw ever does become caught in a branch squeeze, always take the weight off the blade to free the saw. Never wrench the handle from side to side hoping to release the blade. It may break!

The saw blade is only designed to cut wood. It is not designed to cut metal or any other material.