

PACKING A CROSSCUT SAW



As most folks know, there seems to be no shortage of available wilderness trails that need to be cleared every year using people powered equipment. The standard method of carrying crosscut saws on stock is to carry them on pack animals. Any method of packing a crosscut saw on a pack animal does take some time and care to install the teeth guard, load and unload. This can be a real time consuming hassle if you're working your way along a trail with sporadic windfalls. Everyone that takes part in this form of sadistic recreation, (err rewarding work), does not have a pack animal. And even if you have pack stock, it is just one more animal to contend with on the trail. I have had good

luck packing up to a seven foot bucking saw and related equipment on my saddle horse. That is, the horse I ride also packs my saw, handles, axe, wedges, undercutter, kerosene, and lunch. I normally use a good-sized horse, but smaller horses could easily pack a five or six-foot saw, and some of the other equipment could be shared with others in the work party if necessary.

Many people that pack and use crosscuts for wilderness trail work use falling saws. The lighter limber falling saws are easier to be bend over a pack or loop and tie on top of a pack. However, I am a big fan of using the right tool for the job. If I am going out to buck logs then I take a bucking saw. Falling saws were designed for falling with two people required and good bucking saws were designed for bucking with one or two people. Good old bucking saws are stiffer and difficult to bend, and the bucking saws that can be purchased new today are simply too stiff to bend hardly at all. Even with falling saws, bending a saw in a loop will sometimes leave you with a bent saw. A saw needs to be straight to work correctly and straightening a bent saw may take several hours of precise hammering. Saws also do occasionally break when bending to load on a pack animal. My point, to bend a saw when it is not necessary is an abuse of a fine scarce tool.

My saw is packed in an enclosed scabbard that is hung lengthwise just [under my calf](#) on one side of the horse and the other equipment is packed on the other side to balance out the load. I used 3/16" thick high density polyethylene (HDPE) plastic to make the saw scabbard. HDPE is a very tuff lightweight plastic that is used for making many things from cutting boards to Tupperware. It is easy to work with using wood working tools and is relatively inexpensive. The 3/16" HDPE is used for the main body of the scabbard as well as the spacers. The plastic is [cut to fit the saw](#) then riveted together. The saw easily slides into the scabbard from the [rear of the horse](#) and is secured with a [leather strap](#) on the open rear end of the scabbard. The copper rivets are counter sunk on the side that goes against the horse. The [front end](#) of the scabbard is totally enclosed and the spacer on the bottom has [several slots](#) to allow for adjustment of the supporting straps. Depending on the type of hand guard on the handle, the saw can be carried with [one handle installed](#). I have made several sizes of scabbards for saws from 3-1/2 foot oneman saws up to the seven-foot bucking saws.

I have heard of nasty accidents when loading saws on pack animals. With the scabbard I use, if the horse were to bolt before the saw was secured the saw should just slide out the rear of the slippery HDPE scabbard. Now this is not an ideal situation, but it would be much better than a pack animal flying around in circles with one end of a razor sharp saw tied onto the animal.

Keep your saw sharp, your kerfs open and have fun.

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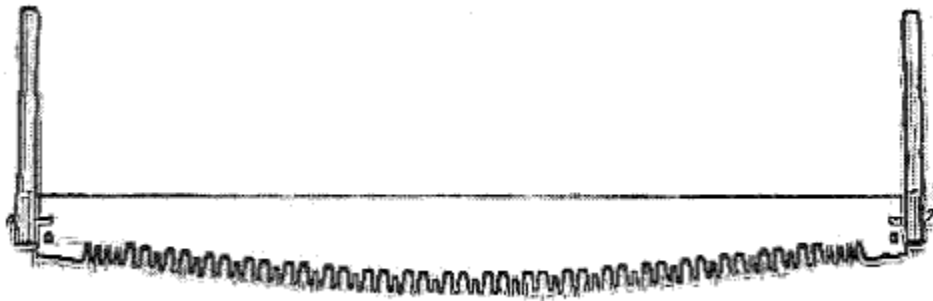
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TWO-MAN CROSSCUT SAWS

4-1/2', 5-1/2' & 6' Tuttle Tooth Two-Man Saws



Our most popular and top selling two man crosscut! The hardwood pattern tuttle tooth has been around for over 150 years. This is a very easy-to-maintain saw, which means you'll be cutting more wood with less effort.

Heavy, stiff flatground blade makes for more efficient cutting. Full 6" width and curved breast assure a straight cut. Made from our special analysis saw steel, highly-tempered to provide a long-lasting easily-fileable tooth.

Comes with a pair of our Climax saw handles.

Tuttle Tooth Two-Man Saw:

5-1/2' & 6' Perforated Lance Tooth Two-Man Saws



Same construction as above, but this is a softwood tooth pattern. The 5-1/2' is 4-7/8" wide at the belly, and the 6' is a

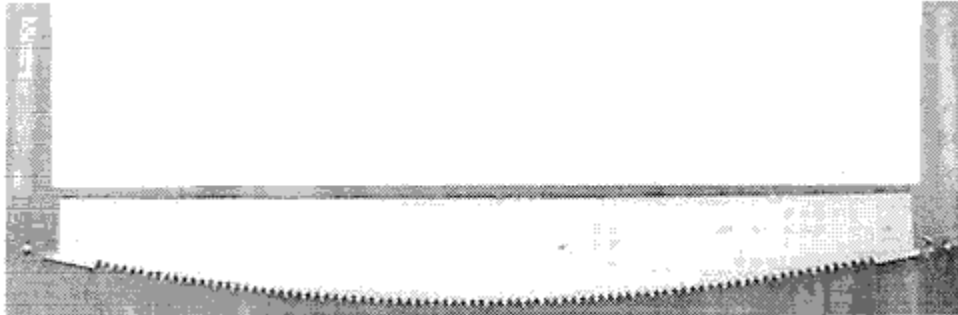
full 6" width.

Made from our special analysis saw steel, highly-tempered to provide a long-lasting easily-fileable tooth.

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Perforated Lance Tooth Two-Man Saw:

4' Swiss Plain Tooth Two-Man Saw



Before the advent of raker tooth saws, the plain tooth crosscut saw was used for cutting small to medium timber. It was easy to maintain because all the teeth were the same.

We have a quantity of vintage 4' Swiss plain tooth saws, 5-3/4" wide at the belly, light, flexible, easy to carry. Great for horse packing

Makes a great starter saw and it is very handy for cutting branches in paths. We have very limited quantities of these vintage saws. Comes with a pair of our climax saw handles.

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Vintage Two-Man Crosscut Saws

We would like to call your attention to several new vintage saw finds. We seem to be scraping the bottom of the barrel as far as finding these increasingly-rare vintage crosscuts.

Check out the 5' Canadian crosscut saws, for example. These are some of the most sought-after vintage saws we have ever seen in the last 25 years, and we finally have a small supply. They are all brand new old stock, with beautiful dark etched logos, manufactured by some of the finest crosscut saw companies from the 1940's.

We urge you to order quickly, as vintage crosscuts such as these will go fast. This is your best chance to own the finest in vintage crosscut saws.

Two Man Saws

STK #	LENGTH	DESCRIPTION & CONDITION	PRICE
201	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 6.5" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$225.00
203	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
204	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
205	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
206	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
207	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
208	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
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210	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
211	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
212	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
213	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
214	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
220	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
221	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
222	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
223	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
224	5'	PERF LANCE SIMONDS #22 7" WIDE COMPETITION SAW, VERY GOOD	\$250.00
293	5'	DISSTON #472 CANADIAN WIDE P. LANCE, NEW	\$425.00

323	5'	SIMONDS #133 CANADIAN WIDE P. LANCE, NEW	\$425.00
324	5'	SIMONDS #133 CANADIAN WIDE P. LANCE, NEW	\$425.00
325	5'	SIMONDS #133 CANADIAN WIDE P. LANCE, NEW	\$425.00
326	5'	SIMONDS #133 CANADIAN WIDE P. LANCE, NEW	\$425.00
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332	5'	SIMONDS #133 CANADIAN WIDE P. LANCE, NEW	\$425.00
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334	5'	SIMONDS #133 CANADIAN WIDE P. LANCE, NEW	\$425.00
335	5'	SIMONDS #133 CANADIAN WIDE P. LANCE, NEW	\$425.00
336	5'	SIMONDS #133 CANADIAN WIDE P. LANCE, NEW	\$425.00
232	5.5'	CURVED BACK LANCE TOOTH, NICE TEETH, SOME PITTING	\$250.00
233	5.5'	LANCE TOOTH, CUT FROM 7', SHORT TEETH, PITTING	\$250.00
235	5.5'	LANCE TOOTH, WIDE BUCKING SAW, VG CONDITION	\$295.00
237	5.5'	LANCE TOOTH, WIDE BUCKING SAW, VG USED CONDITION	\$395.00
021	5.5'	WIDE TUTTLE TOOTH, UNUSUAL, ROUGH FINISH	\$85.00
022	5.5'	WIDE TUTTLE TOOTH, OIL-BLACK FINISH, PAINTER	\$50.00
023	5.5'	WIDE TUTTLE TOOTH, OIL-BLACK FINISH, GOOD PAINTER	\$50.00
029	5.5'	WIDE TUTTLE TOOTH, NEW	\$150.00
038	5.5'	WIDE TUTTLE TOOTH, OIL-BLACK FINISH	\$150.00
040	5.5'	WIDE TUTTLE, OIL-BLACK FINISH	\$100.00
177	5.5'	TUTTLE TOOTH, OIL-BLACK FINISH, NEW	\$125.00
345	5.5'	LANCE TOOTH (LIKE #503), 5-1/4" WIDE, VG COND	\$300.00
050	6'	TUTTLE TOOTH, ROUGH FINISH	\$60.00
051	6'	WIDE EARLY TUTTLE TOOTH, ROUGH FINISH, GOOD FOR PAINTING	\$60.00
054	6'	TUTTLE TOOTH, ROUGH FINISH, GOOD PAINTING SAW	\$60.00
056	6'	CHAMPION TOOTH, OIL-BLACK FINISH, GOOD PAINTER	\$60.00
072	6'	BLISH MIZE, TUTTLE TOOTH, BRIGHT FINISH, NEW	\$295.00
239	6'	PERF LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, BRIGHT FINISH, GOOD	\$275.00
240	6'	ATKINS WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, BRIGHT FINISH	\$295.00

241	6'	LANCE TOOTH FELLING SAW, 4-3/4" WIDE, BRIGHT FINISH	\$295.00
242	6'	5-3/4" WIDE LANCE TOOTH SEMI CURVED BACK, AVERAGE	\$250.00
243	6'	6" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, GOOD TEETH, LITE RUST	\$280.00
246	6'	6-1/2" WIDE LANCE TOOTH, LITE RUST, VERY GOOD USED CONDITION	\$295.00
247	6'	6-3/8" WIDE LANCE TOOTH, BRIGHT FINISH, GOOD CONDITION	\$275.00
346	6'	6-1/4" WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, VG CONDITION	\$395.00
347	6'	7" WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, EXC COND	\$395.00
348	6'	7" WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, EXC COND	\$395.00
349	6'	7" WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, EXC COND	\$395.00
350	6'	7" WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, EXC COND	\$395.00
338	6'	NEW ZEALAND PEG (PLAIN) TOOTH, 8-3/4" WIDE, RARE, EXC	\$850.00
086	6.5'	P. LANCE, 5" WIDTH, OIL-BLACK FINISH, GOOD PAINTER	\$60.00
099	6.5'	WIDE HUGE LANCE TOOTH, RARE, BRIGHT FINISH, EXCELLENT CONDITION	\$295.00
102	6.5'	WIDE LANCE TOOTH, (LIKE #503), COMP. FILED	\$190.00
215	6.5'	ATKINS #330 WIDE TUTTLE TOOTH (8.25" WIDE), NEW	\$400.00
216	6.5'	ATKINS #330 WIDE TUTTLE TOOTH (8.25" WIDE), NEW	\$400.00
217	6.5'	ATKINS #330 WIDE TUTTLE TOOTH (8.25" WIDE), NEW	\$400.00
218	6.5'	ATKINS #330 WIDE TUTTLE TOOTH (8.25" WIDE), NEW	\$400.00
219	6.5'	ATKINS #330 WIDE TUTTLE TOOTH (8.25" WIDE), NEW	\$400.00
249	6.5'	6-3/4" WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, BRIGHT FINISH, AVG. COND.	\$295.00
249	6.5'	6-3/4" WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, BRIGHT FINISH, AVG. COND.	\$295.00
250	6.5'	7" WIDE LANCE TOOTH STIFF BUCKING SAW, EXCELLENT CONDITION	\$425.00
251	6.5'	6-1/2" WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, BRIGHT FINISH, V. GOOD COND.	\$295.00
252	6.5'	6-1/2" WIDE LANCE TOOTH STIFF BUCKING SAW, EXCELLENT CONDITION	\$425.00
253	6.5'	7" WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, EXCELLENT CONDITION	\$425.00
256	6.5'	7" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, LIGHT RUST, VERY GOOD CONDITION	\$295.00
257	6.5'	7" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, LONG TEETH, LIGHT RUST	\$310.00
258	6.5'	6-1/4" WIDE LANCE, SHORT TEETH, OIL-BLACK FINISH, GOOD CONDITION	\$295.00
352	6.5'	5-1/4" WIDE LANCE TOOTH (LIKE #503), EXC COND	\$395.00
354	6.5'	6-1/2" WIDE LANCE BUCKING, EXC COND	\$395.00
355	6.5'	7" WIDE LANCE BUCKING, SOME MILD PITTING	\$355.00

358	6.5'	6-3/4" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, EXC COND	\$395.00
259	7'	7" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, BRIGHT FINISH, EXCELLENT CONDITION	\$425.00
260	7'	7" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, 2 BROKEN TEETH 18" FROM END	\$275.00
261	7'	7" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, EXCELLENT CONDITION	\$425.00
262	7'	7" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, EXCELLENT CONDITION	\$425.00
263	7'	6-1/2" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, BRIGHT FINISH, VERY GOOD COND.	\$325.00
264	7'	7" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, SOME PITTING, GOOD CONDITION	\$295.00
121	7'	WIDE LANCE (LIKE #503), VERY GOOD CONDITION, SHORT TEETH	\$150.00
122	7'	WIDE LANCE (LIKE #503), VERY GOOD CONDITION, SHORT TEETH	\$150.00
123	7'	WIDE LANCE (LIKE #503), VERY GOOD CONDITION, SHORT TEETH	\$150.00
124	7'	WIDE LANCE (LIKE #503), GOOD CONDITION, MEDIUM TEETH	\$200.00
155	7'	LANCE TOOTH (LIKE SIMONDS #503), EXCELLENT CONDITION	\$375.00
337	7'	LANCE TOOTH (LIKE SIMONDS #503), V.G. CONDITION	\$195.00
359	7'	7" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, EXC CONDITION	\$410.00
360	7'	5-1/4" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, EXC CONDITION	\$395.00
361	7'	6-3/4" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, MED LENGTH TEETH, EXC CONDITION	\$365.00
362	7'	7" WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, EXC CONDITION	\$395.00
363	7'	6" WIDE LANCE TOOTH BUCKING SAW, V.G. CONDITION	\$365.00
364	7'	6-3/4" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, EXC CONDITION	\$395.00
365	7'	4-7/8" WIDE LANCE BUCKING SAW, SHORT TEETH	\$295.00