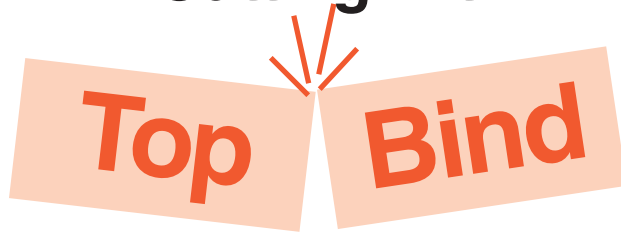


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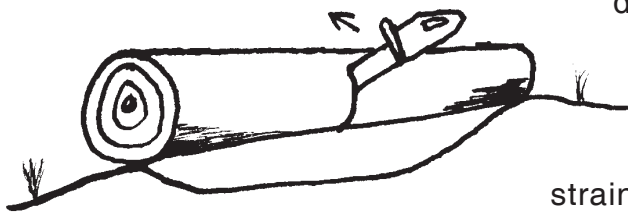
Cutting with



When cutting a log that is suspended at both ends (top bind), try carefully plunge-cutting into the side of the log about two-thirds to three-quarters of the way to the top. When the tip of the bar begins to show on the other side, you can then work your way down.



Bore in and then cut down



Cut upwards to finish

This prevents pinching the saw in a top cut and prolonged strain on your back when making a bottom cut. Once the cut has been made through to the bot-

tom, finish off the top piece by cutting upward with the top of the bar.

This technique also provides you a safety measure against kickback once you begin cutting down, since there is a piece of wood between you and the bar. Beware of kickback during the plunge cut and don't cut with the top corner of the bar tip – the kickback zone.

Note: Beware of log rolling or twisting when bucking with bind. Block the logs to prevent this.

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