Safety Instructions Hedge Trimmer Please read and save these instructions.



General safety regulations for electric tools

This equipment is not designed to be used by people (including children) with limited physical, sensory or mental capacities or those with no experience and/or knowledge unless they are supervised by a person who is responsible for their safety or they have received instructions from such a person in how to use the equipment safely. Children must always be supervised in order to ensure that they do not play with the equipment.

⚠ CAUTION: Read all safety regulations and instructions.

Any failures made in following the safety regulations and instructions may result in an electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

Keep all safety regulations and instructions in a safe place for future use.

The term "electric tool" used in the safety regulations refers to electric tools operated from the mains power supply (with a power cable) and to battery operated electric tools (without a power cable).

1. Workplace safety

- a) Keep your work area clean and well illuminated. Untidy or unlit work areas can result in accidents.
- b) Do not use this tool in a potentially explosive environment containing combustible liquids, gases or dust.
 - Electric tools generate sparks, which can in turn ignite dust or vapors.
- c) Keep children and other persons away from the electric tool while it is being used.
 - Allowing yourself to get distracted can cause you to lose control of the tool.

2. ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- a) The tool's connector plug must be able to fit into the socket outlet. Do not modify the plug in any way! Do not use adapter plugs in conjunction with electrically grounded tools. Unmodified plugs and matching socket outlets reduce the risk of an electric shock.
- b) Avoid touching grounded surfaces, such as those of pipes/tubes, heaters, cookers and refrigerators.
 - There is an increased risk of getting an electric shock if you are electrically grounded.
- c) Keep the tool away from rain and moisture/wet

conditions.

- Penetration of water into an electric tool increases the risk of an electric shock.
- d) Do not use the cable to carry the tool, hang it up or pull the plug out of the socket. Keep the cable away from sources of heat, oil, sharp edges and moving tool parts.
 - Damaged or tangled cable increases the risk of an electric shock.
- e) If you intend to use an electric tool outdoors, ensure that you only use extension cable that is approved for outdoor applications. Using extension cable that is approved for outdoor
 - applications reduces the risk of an electric shock.
- f) If operation of the electric tool in a damp environment can not be avoided, use a earthleakage circuit-breaker. The earth-leakage circuit-breaker reduces the risk of an electric

3. PERSONAL SAFETY

- a) Be alert, work conscientiously and exercise appropriate caution when using the electric tool. Do not use the tool if you are tired or are under the influence of drugs/medication or alcohol.
 - One moment of carelessness or lack of attention when using the electric tool can cause serious bodily injury!
- b) Always wear personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety goggles.
 - Wearing personal protective equipment such as a dust mask, non-slip footwear, protective headgear and ear muffs (depending upon the type of electric tool and the particular application) reduces the risk of sustaining injury.
- c) Make sure that the tool cannot start up accidentally. Ensure that the electric tool is switched off before you connect the tool to the power supply and/or insert the battery, or pick up or carry the tool.
 - Physically touching the switch with your finger when carrying the tool or connecting the tool to the power supply switched on can lead to accidents.
- d) Remove adjusting tools/wrench(es) prior to switching on the power tool.
 - A tool or wrench that is positioned inside a rotating power tool part can cause injury.
- e) Avoid abnormal working postures. Make sure you stand squarely and keep your balance at all times.
 - This way, you will be able to have better control

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over the tool in unexpected situations.

- f) Wear suitable clothes. Never wear loose fitting clothes or jewelry. Keep hair, clothes and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothing, dangling jewelry and long hair can
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- g) If dust extraction and dust collection devices can be mounted, ensure that these are connected and are properly used.

The use of a dust extraction system can reduce the danger posed by dust.

4. Using the treatment of electric tools

- a) Do not overload your tool. Only use suitable electric tools to perform your work.
 - Using the right electric tool allows you to work better and safer within the tool's quoted capacity range.
- b) Do not use an electric tool whose switch is defective.
 - An electric tool that no longer can be switched on or off is dangerous and must be repaired.
- c) Pull the plug out of the socket and/or remove the battery before making any adjustments to the tool, changing accessories or put the tool down.
 - This precaution eliminates the possibility of inadvertently starting the tool.
- d) When not in use, store electric tools out of the reach of children. Do not allow those persons to use this tool who are unfamiliar with it or who have not read these instructions.
 - Electric tools are dangerous when they are used by inexperienced persons.
- e) Take good care of your tool. Check that moving parts properly function and do not jam, that parts are not broken off or damaged in any way and that the tool can be used to its full capacity. Have damaged parts repaired prior to using the tool.
 - The cause of many accidents can be traced back to poorly maintained electric tools.
- f) Keep your blades sharp and clean.

 Properly maintained blades with sharp edges jam less frequently and are easier to use.
- g) Make sure to use electric tools, accessories, attachments, etc. in accordance with these instructions. Take the conditions in your work area and the job in hand into account.
 - Using electric tools for applications other than those intended can lead to dangerous situations.

5. SERVICE

 a) Have your tool repaired only by authorized specialists using original replacement parts.
 This will ensure that your tool remains safe to use.

△ Safety regulations for hedge trimmers

- Make sure you keep all parts of your body away from the blades. Never attempt to remove the cuttings with the blades running or to hold material you wish to cut. Always switch off the equipment before attempting to remove any jammed cuttings. A single moment of carelessness when using the hedge trimmer can result in serious injuries.
- Carry the hedge trimmer by its handle and make sure the blades have stopped. Always fit the protective cover when transporting the hedge trimmer or putting it into storage.
 Careful handling of the equipment reduces the likelihood of injury by the blades.
- Keep the cable out of the cutting zone. During operation the cable may be covered by hedges and cut through by accident.

⚠ Further safety regulations for hedge trimmers

- Before you start trimming hedges, check that there are no concealed objects, for example wire fences, in the hedge.
- To further reduce the danger of an electric shock, we recommend that you use a earthleakage circuit breaker with a trip current of 30 mA or less.
- Hold the hedge trimmer correctly, for example with both hands if the equipment is fitted with two handles.
- If the blades become jammed, e.g. due to thick branches or the like, switch off and unplug the hedge trimmer immediately. Only then are you to remove the cause of the obstruction.
- The hedge trimmer requires regular inspection and maintenance. Always replace damaged blades in pairs. If the hedge trimmer suffers any damage from impact (falling on hard ground etc.), have it checked immediately by a specialist.
- Do not use the hedge trimmer with a damaged or excessively worn cutting system.
- Always ensure that all the handles and safety equipment is fitted when the hedge trimmer is in use.

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