

OWNER'S MANUAL

52cc Pole Hedger



BLACKMAX POLE HEDGER BM-52-PH



WARNING!

Read this manual and familiarize yourself with its contents.

This machine is designed for cutting branches.

Do not use this machine for other purposes.

Minimize the risk of injury to yourself and others.

Do not operate or service this machine unless you clearly understand this manual.


Keep this manual at a particular place so that you can reread it whenever you have a question about its use.

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Attention Statements

Throughout this manual are special attention statements.

 **DANGER!**

A statement preceded by the triangular attention symbol and the word "DANGER" indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury !.

 **WARNING!**

A statement preceded by the triangular attention symbol and the word "WARNING" indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, COULD result in death or serious injury !.

CAUTION!

A statement preceded by the word "CAUTION" contains information that should be acted upon to avoid damage to the machine.

IMPORTANT!

A statement preceded by the word "IMPORTANT" is one that possesses special significance.

NOTE:

A statement preceded by the word "NOTE" contains information that is handy to know and may make your job easier.

Introduction


Long reach hedge trimmer 2600 is designed and built to deliver superior performance and reliability without compromise to quality, comfort, safety or durability.

IMPORTANT!

The information contained in these instructions describes components available at the time of publication. While every attempt has been made to provide the latest information about your product, there may be some differences between your attachment and what is described here. We reserves the right to make changes to products without prior notice and without obligation to make alterations to components previously manufactured.

The procedures described in this manual are intended to help you get the most from your machine as well as to protect you and others from harm. These procedures are guidelines for safe operation under most conditions, and are not intended to replace any safety rules and/or laws that may be in force in your area. If you have questions regarding your power tool, or if you do not understand something in this manual, your local dealer will be glad to assist you.

Safety Precautions



DANGER!

THE ARTICULATED HEDGE TRIMMER IS NOT INSULATED AGAINST ELECTRICAL SHOCK!

Approaching or contacting electrical lines with the trimmer could cause death or serious injury. Keep the trimmer at least 10 meters away from electrical lines or branches that contact electrical lines.

An articulated hedge trimmer has the potential to do serious damage if misused, abused or mishandled. To reduce the risk of injury, you must maintain control at all times, and observe all safety precautions during operation. Never permit a person without training or instruction to operate this machine!

NOTE!

For specific maintenance and safety information about your long reach Hedge trimmer T2600 Multipurpose Engine or long reach pruner P2600 power head, consult the owner's manual provided with it. If it has been lost or misplaced, contact us for a replacement.

Operating Precautions



Read and follow this manual, make sure anyone using the trimmer does likewise. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury or machine failure. Keep this manual for future reference.



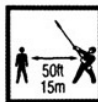
Always wear a hard hat to reduce the risk of head injuries during operation of this machine. In addition, always wear eye and hearing protection. We recommends wearing a face shield as additional face and eye protection.



Wear non-slip heavy-duty gloves to improve your grip on the trimmer handle. Wear sturdy footwear with nonship soles to provide good footing. Steel-toes safety boots are recommended. Were snug-fitting clothes that also permits freedom of movement.



Never operate this tool or any other power equipment if you are tired, ill, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any substance that could affect your ability or judgement.



Keep bystanders at least 15 meters (50 feet) away from the operating timmer to reduce the risk of being struck by falling objects or thrown debris.



Never cut off branches over your head. The cut-off branches may hit you and cause serious injury.

Operating Precautions



WARNING!

- Never permit a person without training or instruction to operate this machine.
- Always make sure the cutter attachment is properly installed and firmly tightened before operation.
- Never use a cracked or warped cutter or cutter bar: replace or repair before use.
- Before starting the engine, make sure the cutter is clear of all objects.
- Always stop the engine immediately and check for damage if you strike a foreign object or if the machine becomes tangled. Do not operate with broken or damaged equipment.
- When cutting a branch that is under tension, be alert for spring-back so that you will not be struck by the moving branch.
- Stop the machine immediately if it suddenly begins to vibrate or shake. Inspect for broken, missing or improperly installed parts or attachments.
- Never smoke or light fires near the hedge trimmer. Keep the trimmer away from excessive heat. Engine fuel is very flammable and fire could lead to serious personal injury or property damage.
- Never operate this machine or other power equipment if you are tired, ill, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any other substance that could affect your ability of judgement.
- Do not operate the articulated hedge trimmer with the muffler removed.
- Make sure there is always good ventilation when operating the articulated hedge trimmer. Fumes from engine exhaust can cause serious injury or death. Never run the engine indoors!
- Make sure there are no missing or loose fasteners, and that the stop switch and throttle controls are working properly.
- If a cutter should bind fast in a cut, shut off the engine immediately. Push the branch or tree to ease the bind and free the cutter.
- Make sure the cutters are correctly adjusted before operating the articulated hedge trimmer (see page 17 for cutter adjustment procedures). Never attempt cutter adjustment with the engine running!
- Make sure of no fuel leaking from Fuel tank, Fuel cap, Fuel pipe and Carburetor and other parts which fuel may leak. Repair the machine if fuel leaking, make sure no leaking again.

Installing the Powerhead

1. Place the powerhead on a clean, flat surface, spark plug facing up.
2. Use the 4mm allen wrench to loosen the tube clamp as shown in Figure 4.

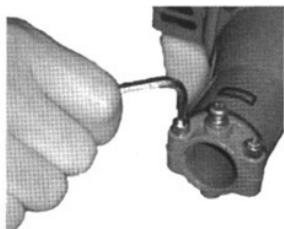


Figure 4

3. Slip off the protective covers from two ends of tube.

CAUTION!

Do not force the lower tube into the powerhead! Excessive force can damage the components.

4. Push the lower tube towards the tube clamp and rotate it by hand to check that the mainshaft splines engage the powerhead, See Figure 5.
5. Insert the lower tube into the tube clamp until it bottoms and align the positioning holes on the tube and clamp, then install the screw.
6. Fasten the clamp securely with 2 clamp screws.

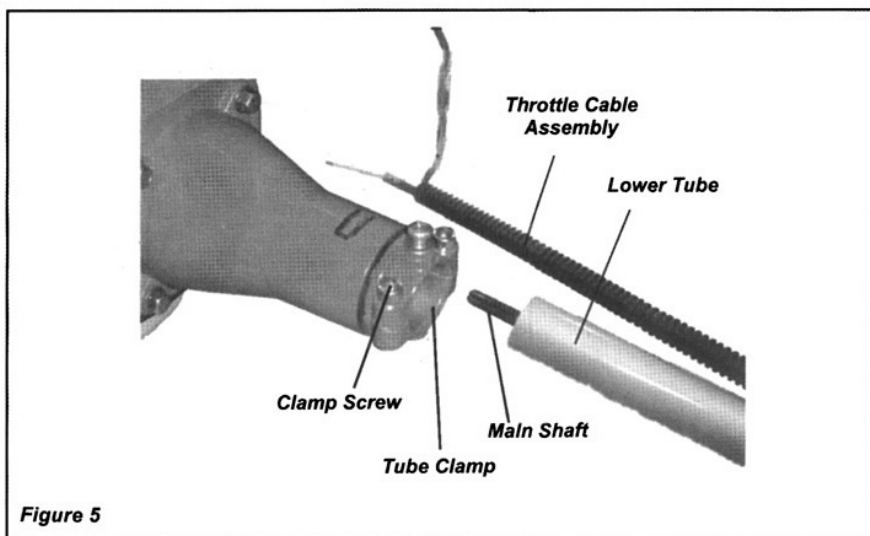


Figure 5

Connecting the Throttle Cable

1. Remove the air cleaner cover.
2. Connect the end of the throttle cable to the joint on the top of the carburetor.
See Figure 6, Figure 7.



Figure 6

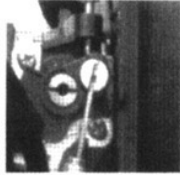


Figure 7

Connecting switch wires

Connect the switch wires between the engine and the main unit .Pair the wires of the same color. See Figure 8.

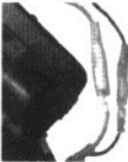


Figure 8

Adjusting the Throttle Cable

1. Loosen the throttle cable nut at fan cover as shown in Figure 9.

Cable Adjuster Nut

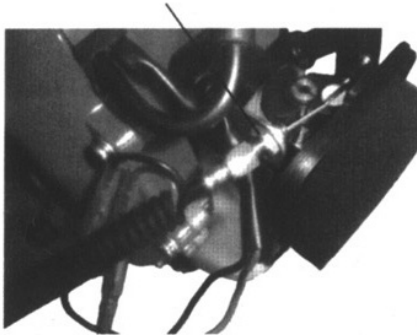


Figure 9

2. Adjust the throttle cable adjuster nuts until you achieve a free play on the throttle trigger of about 6mm. See Figure 10.

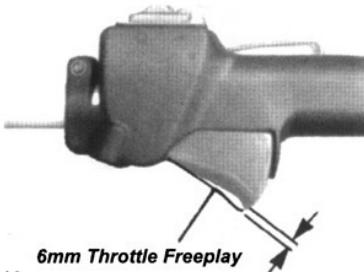
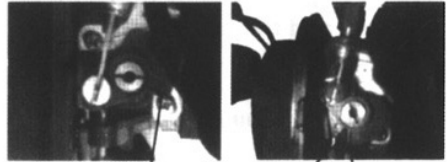


Figure 10

When 6mm free play is achieved, tighten the two 10mm throttle cable nuts. When the throttle cable is correctly adjusted, and the throttle trigger is fully depressed (full throttle), the throttle will contact the stop on the throttle body. See Figure 11.



Idle Throttle Position

Stop on throttle body Full Throttle Position

Figure 11

A dab of Never-Seez™ or equivalent eases removal.

4. Replace the air cleaner cover.

Assembling the Tube Sections

1. Place the powerhead/lower tube assembly and the upper tube assembly on a clean, flat surface so that both assemblies fit end to end. The powerhead/lower tube assembly should be facing up, and the upper tube assembly should be positioned with the latch Protector facing up.

CAUTION!

Keep the open ends of the tubes clean and free of impurities!

2. Loosen the couplerscrew.
3. Depress the latch and insert the powerhead/lower tube assembly into the coupler until it bottoms. Release the latch. Rock the upper tube assembly back and forth until you are sure it snaps in place by the coupler lock. See Figure 12.

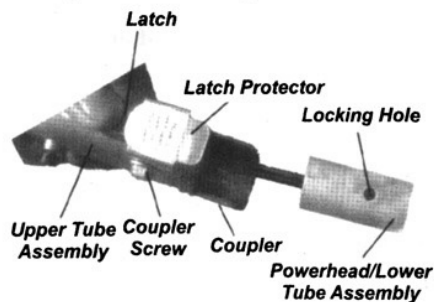


Figure 12

4. When the two tube halves are locked together, slide the latch protector into groove of latch, then tighten the coupler screw. See Figure 13.

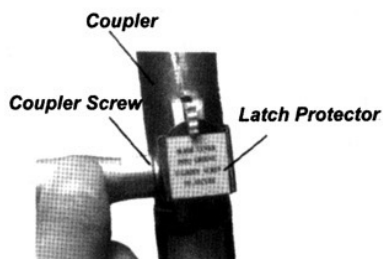


Figure 13

Disassembling The Pole Sections

1. With the pole pruner on a clean, flat surface, loosen the coupler screw. Slide the latch protector out of groove of latch.
2. Depress the latch. This release the coupler lock. See Figure 14.

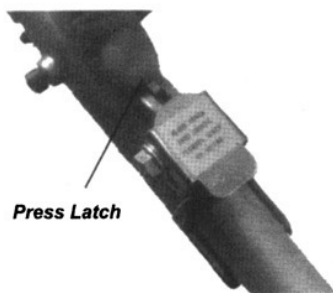


Figure 14

3. Pull the upper tube assembly out of the coupler

Mixing Fuel

CAUTION!

This engine is to be operated on a 25:1 mixture consisting of unleaded gasoline and 2-cycle mixing oil only.

Some gasolines contain alcohol as an oxygenate! Oxygenated fuels may cause increased operating temperatures. Under certain conditions, alcohol-based fuels may also reduce the lubricating qualities of some mixing oils. Never use any fuel containing more than 10% alcohol by volume! When an oxygenated fuel must be used, fuel containing an oxygenate such as MTBE is to preferred over an alcohol based fuel.

Generic oils and some outboard motor oils may not be intended for use in high-performance air cooled 2-cycle engines, and should never be used in a this engine!

- Use only fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 87 or above.
- Mix all fuel with 2-cycle Engine Oil at a gasoline/oil ratio of 25:1.

IMPORTANT

Mix only enough fuel for your immediate needs! If fuel must be stored longer than 30 days, it should first be treated with a stabilizer such as StaBil™.

Filling the Fuel Tank

WARNING!

Always minimize the risk of fire when handling fuel!

- Always allow the pruner to cool before refueling!
- Wipe all spilled fuel and move the pruner at least 3 meters (10 feet) from the fueling point before restarting!
- Never smoke or light any fires near the pruner or fuels!
- Never place any flammable material near the engine muffler!
- Never operate the engine without the muffler and spark arrestor in place and properly functioning!
- Never operate this machine if fuel system components are damaged or are leaking.

1. Place the pruner on a flat, level surface.
2. Clear any dirt or other debris from around the fuel filler cap.
3. Remove the fuel cap, and fill the fuel tank with clean, fresh fuel mixture.
4. Install and firmly tighten the fuel cap.
5. Wipe up any spilled fuel from the powerhead before restarting.

Starting A Cold Engine - Restarting After Refueling

Control positions (cold engine)

1. Set the throttle trigger to "fast idle" as follows (Figure 24):

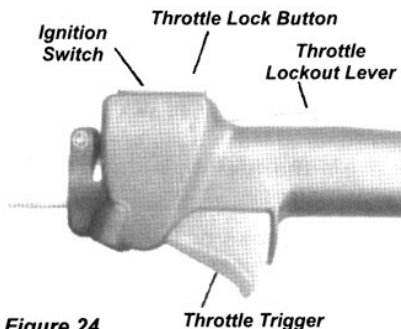


Figure 24

- Depress and hold the throttle lockout lever.
- Squeeze and hold the throttle trigger.
- Depress the throttle lock button.
- While holding down the throttle lock button, release the throttle trigger and throttle lockout lever.
- Release the throttle lock button.

IMPORTANT

Engine ignition is controlled by a two-position START-STOP switch mounted on the throttle body, typically labeled "I" for START and "O" for STOP.

2. Slide the ignition switch to the "I" (start) Position. See Figure 25.



Figure 25

3. Prime the engine by depressing the carburetor primer bulb four or five times. See Figure 26. You should be able to see fuel inside the bulb.

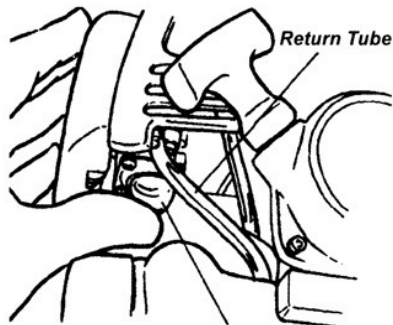


Figure 26

4. Choke the engine by moving the choke lever up to the "closed" position. See Figure 27.

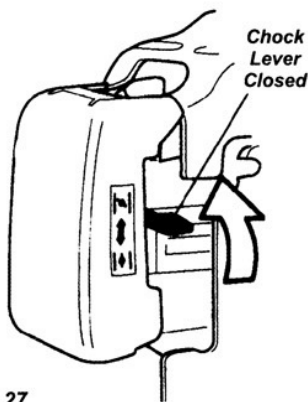


Figure 27

Control Positions (warm engine)

1. Set the throttle trigger to "fast idle" (see Step 1 above).
2. Slide the ignition switch to the "I" (START) position.
3. Moving the choke lever down to the "open" position.

Cranking The Engine



WARNING!

When starting the engine, make sure the cutting attachment is well clear of bystanders, pets or objects. The attachment may rotate during start-up.

CAUTION!

Never operate the pole pruner unless a cutting attachment is installed.

1. Place the unit firmly on the ground, making sure it is stable and that the cutting attachment is free and clear of any bystanders or objects, Hold onto the hand grip on the outer tube with your left hand grasp the starter rope handle with your right hand. See Figure 28.



Figure 28

CAUTION!

The recoil starter can be damaged by abuse.

- Always engage the starter before attempting to crank the engine.
- Never pull the starter cord to its full length.
- Always rewind the starter cord slowly.

2. Pull the starter handle slowly until you feel the starter engage.
3. Pull the starter handle quickly to start the engine.

When The Engine Starts Or Fires

Open the choke by moving the choke lever down. See Figure 29.

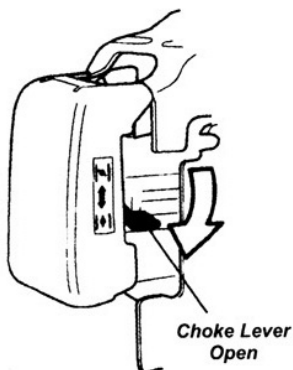


Figure 29



WARNING!

The cutting attachment will engage and rotate as the engine starts and accelerates.

If the engine did not continue to run, repeat the appropriate cranking procedure (warm or cold engine).

When the engine starts, clear excess fuel from the combustion chamber by revving the engine several times with the throttle trigger (operating the trigger will automatically disengage the "fast idle" setting).

If The Engine Fails To Start

Repeat the appropriate cranking procedure (warm or cold engine). If the engine fails to start after repeated attempts, the engine is likely flooded. Proceed to the following procedure.

Starting A Flooded Engine

1. Disconnect the spark plug lead, and then use the spark plug wrench to remove the spark lug (turn counterclockwise to remove). See Figure 30.



Figure 30

If the spark plug is fouled or soaked with fuel, clean the lug as necessary.

2. Open the choke (Figure 31) and fully depress the throttle trigger with your left hand, then pull the starter handle rapidly with your right hand to clear excess fuel from the combustion chamber.

CAUTION!

Incorrect spark plug installation can result in serious engine damage.

3. Reinstall the spark plug and tighten it firmly. If a torque wrench is available, torque the spark plug to 16.7-18.6 N.m.
4. Repeat the starting procedure for a warm engine.
5. If the engine still fails to start, refer to the troubleshooting section near the end of this manual.

Stopping The Engine



WARNING!

The cutting attachment can continue rotating after the engine is switched off!

1. Cool the engine by allowing it to idle for two or three minutes.
2. Slide the ignition switch to the "o" or STOP position. See Figure 31.



Figure 31

Adjusting The Carburetor



WARNING!

The cutting attachment must never rotate at engine idle speed.

The engine must return to idle speed whenever the throttle trigger is released. Idle speed is adjustable and must be set low enough to permit the engine clutch to disengage the chain saw when throttle trigger is released.

Check and Adjust Idle Speed

1. Start the engine and allow it to idle two or three minutes, or until it warms up.
2. If the cutting attachment rotates at engine idle, reduce idle speed by turning the idle adjusting screw counter clockwise as necessary. See Figure 32.

IMPORTANT

Use a tachometer, if one is available, to set engine idle. Standard idle speed is:

$3000 \pm 200\text{rpm}$

Idle Adjusting
Screw

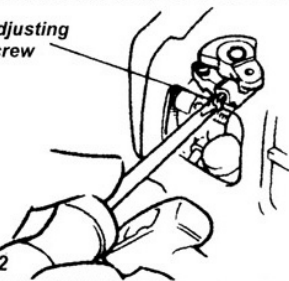


Figure 32

3. If the engine is stalling and won't idle, increase idle speed by turning the idle adjustment screw clockwise.

NOTE

The mixture of the carburetor on this unit cannot be adjusted.

Safety Operation

This machine is designed especially for cutting branches.

Never use this machine for any other purposes. Never try to cut stones, metals, plastics or any other hard objects.

Using for other purposes than cutting branches may damage the machine or cause serious injury.

Preparations

- Wear suitable protective clothing and equipment-see section "safety Precautions".
- Choose the best work position for safety against the falling object (Branch etc)
- Start the engine.
- Put on the strap.

Never stand directly underneath the branch you are cutting-be wary of falling branches. Note that a branch may spring back at you after it hits the ground.

Cutting sequence:

To allow branches a free fall, always cut the lower branches first. Prune heavy branches (large diameter) in several controllable pieces.

Working position:

Hold the control handle with your right hand, and the shaft with your left hand. Your left arm should be extended to the most comfortable position.

The shaft should always be held at an angle of 60° or less.

General Maintenance



WARNING!

Before performing any maintenance, repair, or cleaning work on the machine, make sure the engine and cutting attachment are completely stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire before performing service or maintenance work.



WARNING!

Non-standard parts may not operate properly with your unit and may cause damage and lead to personal injury.

Muffler



WARNING!

Operating the engine without a muffler or with a muffler that is damaged or improperly installed can increase engine noise sufficiently to lead to hearing loss.

This machine must never be operated with a faulty or missing spark arrestor or muffler. Make sure the muffler is well secured and in good condition. A worn or damaged muffler is a fire hazard and may also cause hearing loss.

Spark Plug

Keep the spark plug and wire connections tight and clean.

Daily Maintenance

Prior to each work day, perform the following:

- Remove all dirt and debris from the engine, check the cooling fins and air cleaner for clogging, and clean as necessary. See Figure 33.

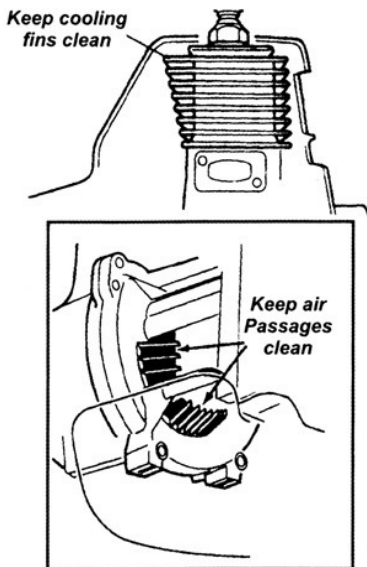


Figure 33

- Carefully remove any accumulating dirt or debris from the muffler and fuel tank. dirt build-up in these areas can lead to engine overheating, fire, or premature wear.
- Check for loose or missing screws or components. Make sure the cutting attachment is free of debris and securely fastened.
- Check the entire machine for leaking fuel or grease.
- Make sure nuts, bolts, and screws (except carburetor adjusting screws) are tight.

10-Hour Maintenance

CAUTION!

Do not operate the machine if the air cleaner or element is damaged, or if the element is wet or water soaked.

Every 10 hours of operation:
(more frequently in dusty or dirty conditions):

Remove the air cleaner element from the air cleaner housing and clean it thoroughly with soap and water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Add a few drops of oil and work it in, then reassemble the element. See Figure 34.

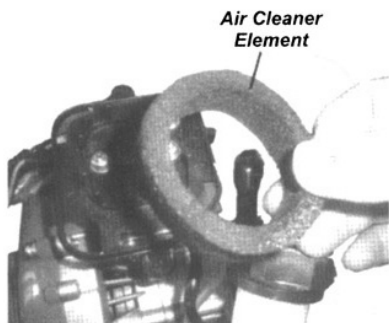
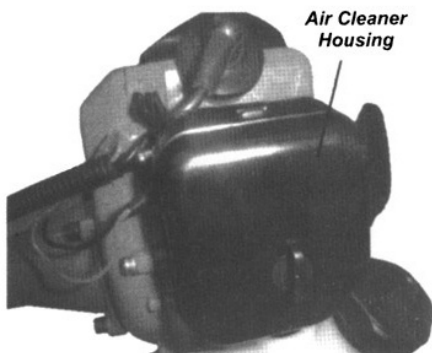


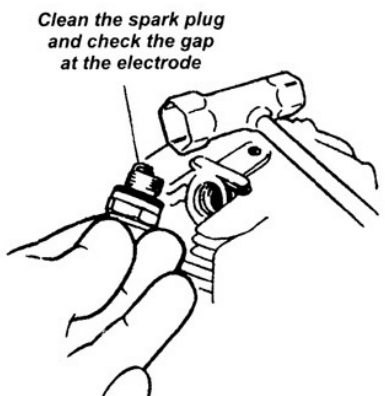
Figure 34

10/15-Hour Maintenance

CAUTION!

Before removing the spark plug, clean the area around the plug to prevent dirt and dust from getting into the engine's internal parts.

Every 10 to 15 hours of operation:
Remove and clean the spark plug. See Figure 35. Adjust the spark plug electrode gap to 0.6~0.7mm. Replace the spark plug as necessary.



0.6~0.7mm

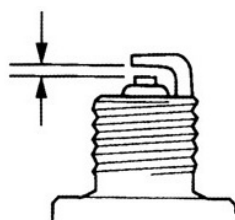


Figure 35

Specifications

Specifications ^o		Model			
		BM260	BM30	BM430	BM520
ENGINE	Type	Single cylinder air cooling 2-cycle gasoline engine			
	Displacement	26cc	30cc	43cc	52cc
	Max. output	0.7kw	0.9kw	1.2kw	1.75kw
	Max.engine speed	9000RPM			
	Engine speed at idle	3000±200RPM			
	Carburetor	Diaphragm type			
	Starting Method	recoil			
	Spark Plug	CDK L7TC or equivalent			
	Ignition	Flywheel magneto CDI system			
	Stopping Method	Slide switch			
	Air Filter	Semi-wet quick -remove/install			
	Cooling System	Forced Air			
	Fuel Tank Capacity	0.65L	0.9L	1.2L	1.2L
Fuel	Mixture(gasoline:2-cycle oil) 25:1				
Brush Cutter	Metal blade	255X25.4X1.4			
	Nylon cutter	2.4mmX2.5M			
	Cutting Length	440mm			
Pole Pruner	Cutting Length	254mm			
	Pitch of teeth	3/8"			
	Oil Tank Capacity	150ml			
Hedge Trimmer	Cutting Length	380mm			
	Pitch of teeth	20mm			

Sound Pressure Level*		91 dB (A)
Sound Power Level*		106 dB (A)
Vibration Level*	Idling [Front/Rear]	2.32/2.78 m/s ²
	Racing [Front/Rear]	3.64/3.89 m/s ²

*Sound Pressure Level: in accordance with ISO 11680-1 (Annex B)

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BRUSH CUTTER

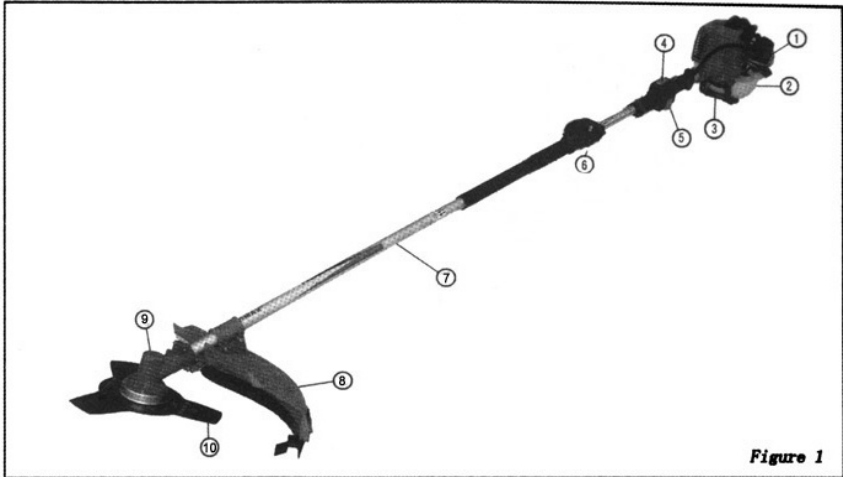


Figure 1

1.PARTS LOCATION

See figure 1

- 1.Air cleaner
- 2.Fuel tank
- 3.Clutch coupler system
- 4.Ignition switch
- 5.Throttle trigger
- 6.Hanger
- 7.Outer pipe
- 8.Debris shield
- 9.Gearcase
- 10.Blade

Installing and Adjusting the Bar and Chain

Installing The Chain



WARNING!

Never attempt to install, replace, or adjust the chain with the engine running.



WARNING!

The saw chain is very sharp. Wear gloves to protect your hands when handling.

NOTE

For longest chain life, let new or replacement chain loops soak in oil overnight before installation.

1. Using the small end of the plug wrench, remove the sprocket cover nut (turn counterclockwise to remove) and remove the sprocket cover. See Figure 16.

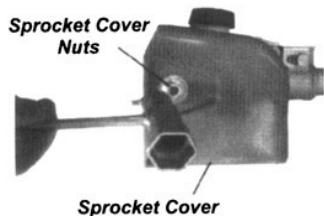


Figure 16

CAUTION!

Failure to align the guide bar and chain tensioning pin can cause serious damage to the sprocket cover, guide bar, chain tensioning pin and cutting head assembly.

2. Place the guide bar over the guide bar adjustment stud on the cutting head assembly. Align the chain tensioning pin with the hole in the guide bar. See Figure 17.

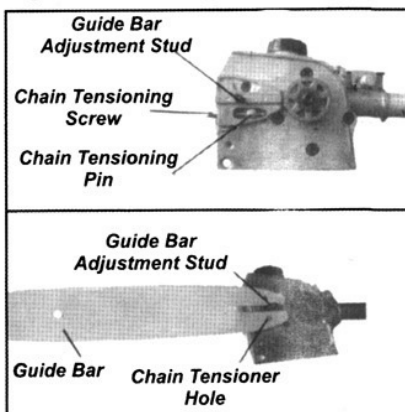
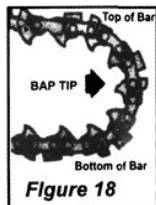


Figure 17

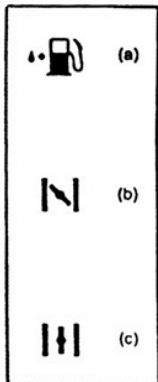
3. Install the chain loop over the drive links within the guide bar groove, and then align the chain over the drive sprocket. Make sure the cutter are properly oriented as shown in Figure 18. If chain installation is difficult or if the chain appears too tight, refer to the section "Adjusting the Chain" on the next page.



WARNING!

Never operate the pole pruner without the sprocket cover installed.

4. Install the sprocket cover over the bar stud. Using finger-pressure only, install the sprocket cover nut.
5. Refer to the next page for chain adjusting procedures.



For safe operation and maintenance, symbols are carved in relief on the machine.

According to these

Indications, please be careful not to take a mistake

(a). The port to refuel the "MIX GASOLINE"

Position: FUEL TANK CAP

(b). The direction to close the choke

Position: AIR CLEANER COVER

(c). The direction to open the choke

Position: AIR CLEANER COVER

4. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

■ BEFORE USING THE MACHINE



a. Read this owner's manual carefully to understand how to operate this unit properly.

b. This product has been designed for use in cutting grass, and it should never be used for any other purpose.



c. You should never use this brush cutter when under the influence of alcohol, when suffering from exhaustion or lack of sleep when suffering from drowsiness as a result of having taken cold medicine, or at any other time when a possibility exists that your judgment might be impaired or that you might not be able to operate the brush cutter properly and in a safe manner



d. Avoid running the engine indoors. The exhaust gases contain harmful carbon monoxide.

e. Never use your brush cutter under circumstances like those described below.

When the ground is slippery or when other conditions exist which might make it impossible to maintain a steady posture while using the brush cutter.



2. At night, at times of heavy fog, or at any other times when your field of vision might be limited and it would be difficult to gain a clear view of the area

3. During rain storms, during lightning storms, at times of strong or gale-force winds, or at any other times when weather conditions might make it unsafe to use this product.

f. When using this product for the first time, before beginning actual work, learn to

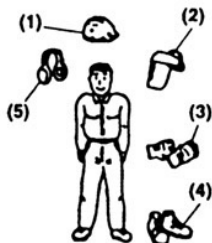
handle the brush cutter from skilled worker.

- g. Lack of sleep, tiredness, or physical exhaustion results in lower attention spans, and this in turn leads to accidents and injury. Limit the amount of time over which the brush cutter is to be used continuously to somewhere around 30-40 minutes per session, and take 10-20 minutes of rest between work sessions. Also try to keep the total amount of work performed in a single day under 2 hours or less.

Be sure to keep this manual handy so that you may refer to it later whenever any questions arise.

- i. Always be sure to include this manual when selling, lending, or otherwise transferring the ownership of this product.
- j. Never allow children or anyone unable to fully understand the directions given in this manual to use this brush cutter.

■ WORKING GEAR AND CLOTHING



A. When using your brush cutter, you should wear proper clothing and protective equipment as follows.

- (1) Helmet
- (2) Protection goggles or face protector
- (3) Thick work gloves
- (4) Non-slip-sole work boots
- (5) Ear protectors

B. And you should carry with you things as follows.

1. Attached tools and files
2. Properly reserved fuel
3. Spare blade
4. Things to notify your working area (tape, warning signs)
5. Whistle (for collaboration or emergency)
6. Hatchet or saw (for removal of obstacles)

C. Never use your brush cutter when wearing pants with loose cuffs, when wearing sandals, or when barefoot

■ WARNING CONSIDERING HANDLING OF FUEL



- a. The engine of this product is designed to run on a mixed fuel, which contains highly flammable gasoline. You should never store cans of fuel or refill the fuel tank in any place where there is a boiler, stove, wood fire, electrical sparks, welding sparks, or any other source of heat or fire which might ignite the fuel.
- b. Smoking while operating the brush cutter or refilling its fuel tank is extremely dangerous. Always be sure to keep lit cigarettes away from the brush cutter at all times.
- c. When refilling the tank always turn off the engine first and take a careful look around to make sure that there are no sparks or open flames anywhere nearby before refueling.
- d. If any fuel spillage occurs during refueling, use a dry rag to wipe up spills before turning the engine back on again.
- e. After refueling, screw the fuel cap back tightly onto the fuel tank and then carry the brush cutter to a spot 3m or more away from where it was refueled before turning on the engine.

■ THINGS TO CHECK BEFORE USING YOUR BRUSHCUTTER

- a. Before beginning work look around carefully to get a feel for the shape of the land, or grass to be trimmed and whether or not there are any obstacle, which might get in the way while working, and remove any

obstacles, which can be cleared away.

- b. The area within a perimeter of 15m of the person using the brush cutter should be considered a hazardous area into which no one should enter while the brush cutter is in use, and when necessary yellow warning rope, warning signs should be placed around the work area. When work is to be performed simultaneously by two or more persons, always check the presence and locations of others so as to maintain a distance each person sufficient to ensure safety.



- c. Make sure that there are no loose screws or bolts, fuel leaks, ruptures, dents, or any other problems, which might interfere with safe operation. Be especially careful to check that there is nothing wrong with the blades or with the joints by which the blades are attached to the brush cutter.
- d. Never use blades that are bent, warped, cracked, broken or damaged in any way.
- e. Keep the blade always sharp.
- f. Filing the cutting edges, keep the end corner sharp and round the root of the edge.
- g. Check the bolt to fasten the blade and be sure the blade turns smoothly without abnormal noise.

■ NOTES ON STARTING THE ENGINE

1. Take a careful look around to make sure that no obstacles exist within a perimeter of 15m or less around brush cutter.
2. Place the body of the brush cutter onto the ground in a flat clear area and hold it firmly in place so as to ensure that neither the blades nor the throttle come into contact with any obstacles when the engine starts up.



3. Place the throttle into the idling position when starting the engine.
4. After starting up the engine, if the blades continue to rotate even after the throttle has been moved fully back, turn off the engine and check the throttle wire and other parts.

■ KICKBACK SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- ◆ A dangerous reaction may occur when the spinning blade contacts a solid object in the critical area. It is called Kick back. As a result, the operator can lose control of the unit, which can cause serious or fatal injury.

Avoid kickback; observe the safety precautions below strictly.

1. Before beginning work, clear your working area and remove grasses around the obstacles.
2. When using your brush cutter, do not grip other parts except the handles.

3. When using your brush cutter, never take your eyes off. If you need to, place the throttle into the idling position.
4. When using your brush cutter, do not let the unit get closer to your feet nor raise the unit above your waist.

■ NOTES ON TRANSPORTATION

1. Make sure the appropriate blade cover is in place.
2. When transporting by car, fix the unit firmly using a rope. Do not transport by bicycle or motorcycle because it is dangerous.
3. Never transport the brush cutter over rough roads over long distances without first removing all fuel from the fuel tank, as doing so might cause fuel to leak from the tank.

■ OPERATION SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Grip the handles of the brush cutter firmly with both hands. If you suspend the work, place the throttle into the idling position.
2. Always be sure to maintain a steady, even posture while working.
3. Maintain the speed of the engine at the level required to perform cutting work, and never raise the speed of the engine above the level necessary.
4. If the grass gets caught in the blade during operation, or if you need to check the unit or refuel the tank, always be sure to turn off the engine.



5. If the blade touches a hard object like a stone, immediately stop the engine and check if something is wrong with the blade. If so, replace the blade by new one.



6. If someone calls out while working, always be sure to turn off the engine before turning around.

7. Never touch the spark plug or plug cord while the engine is in operation. Doing so may result in being subjected to an electrical shock.

8. Never touch the muffler, spark plug, or other metallic parts of the engine while the engine is in operation or immediately after shutting down the engine. Doing so may result in serious burns.



9. When you finish cutting in one location and wish to continue work in another spot, turn off the engine and turn the unit as the blade faces away from your body.

■ MAINTENANCE SAFETY PRECAUTION

1. Perform the maintenance and checking operations described in this manual at regular intervals. If any parts must be replaced or any maintenance or repair work not described in this manual must be performed, please contact a representative from the store nearest authorized servicing dealer for assistance.
2. Under no circumstances should you ever take apart the brush cutter or alter it in any way. Doing so might result in the brush cutter becoming damaged during operation or the brush cutter becoming unable to operate properly.

3. Always be sure to turn off the engine before performing any maintenance or checking procedures.
4. When sharpening, removing, or reattaching the blade proper tools and equipment to prevent injury.
5. When replacing blade or any other parts or when replacing the oil or any lubricants, always be sure to use only products or products which have been certified by for use with the brush cutter.

5. SET UP

■ HANDLE

Fix Handle with four bolts
see figure 9



Figure 9

■ INSTALL GEARCASE

1. loosen two clamp screws and remove one index screw
2. Push the pipe towards gearcase and rotate it by hand to check that the mainshaft splines engage the powerhead.
- 3 Insert the pipe into gearcase until it bottoms and align the positioning holes on the pipe and gearcase, then replace the index screw and tighten.
5. Fasten the pipe clamp securely with two clamp screws see figure 10

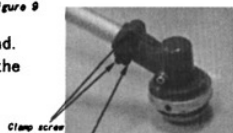


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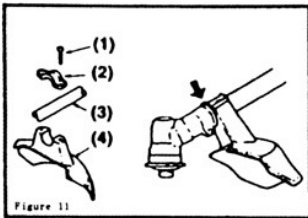


Figure 11

■ SAFETY GUARD

Attach the safety guard to the gear case and fix it with the clamp and 2 bolts (M5*25) securely. (Figure 11)

- (1) Bolt
- (2) Clamp
- (3) Main pipe
- (4) Safety guard

■ INSTALLING THE METAL BLADE (Figure 12)

1. Set the inner holder to the gear shaft, and turn to fix with the attached L-shaped bar.
2. Put the blade on the inner holder with letters to the gear case, and match correctly the hole of the blade to the projection of the inner holder.
3. Set the outer holder to the gear shaft with the hollowed face to the blade.
4. Put the attached bolt cover on the outer holder and secure it with the bolt (left screw) together with the spring washer and the washer.

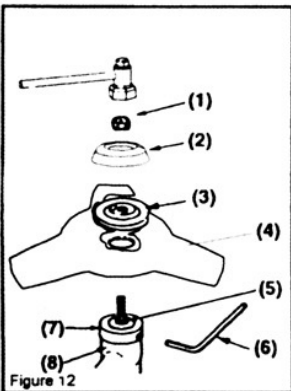


Figure 12

- (1) Nut
- (2) Outer holder 1
- (3) Outer holder 2
- (4) Blade
- (5) Gear shaft
- (6) Bar
- (7) Inner holder
- (8) Gear case

■ INSTALLING THE NYLON CUTTER (OPTION) (Figure 13)

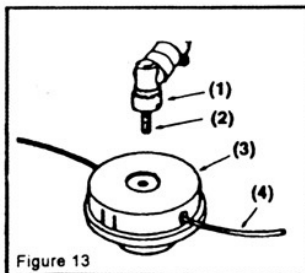


Figure 13

1. Set correctly the inner holder and the outer holder to the gear shaft.
2. Screw the attached bolt (M8 Left) into the gear shaft and secure it with the spanner.
3. Screw the nylon cutter into the bolt by fixing the inner holder with the L-shaped bar and tighten it manually.

NOTE

Keep bolts and washers to install the blade carefully so as not to lose them.

- (1) Gear Case
- (2) Bolt
- (3) Nylon cutter
- (4) Nylon cord

Stopping The Engine

WARNING

The cutting attachment can continue rotating after the engine is switched off!

1. Cooling the engine by allowing it to idle for two or three minutes.
2. Slide the ignition switch to the "O" or STOP position. See Figure 21

To Wear the Strap See Figure 22

1. Hook the strap hook to hanger on the outer pipe.
2. Wear the strap so that the hook stays at your right hand side.
3. Adjust the length of the strap so that you can hold and operate machine comfortably.

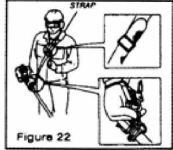


Figure 22

Emergency Release See Figure 23

In case of emergency, strongly pull the white tab at the hook. The machine will be released from the strap.

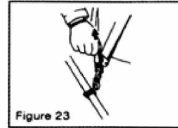
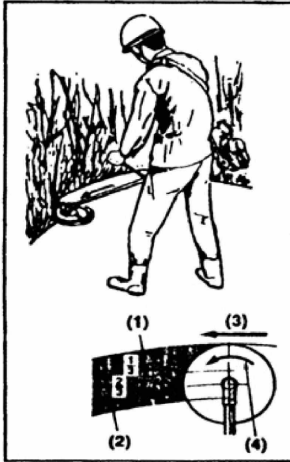


Figure 23

CUTTING OPERATION

METAL BLADE USAGE



- ◇ Always cut by guiding the head from your right to left.
- ◇ A metal blade cut best up to the point 1/3 from the edge. Use that area for cutting shrubs, tough and thick weeds. For cutting young grass, you can use up to 2/3 from the tip of blade.
- ◇ Adjust the engine speed according to the cutting objects. Cut the young grass at middle speed, and cut shrubs or tough and thick weeds at high speed.

- (1) For branches and trees
- (2) For grass and weeds
- (3) Direction of cutting
- (4) Direction of rotation

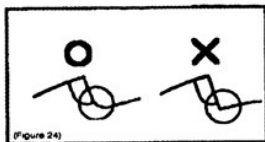
IMPORTANT

Operating at low speed makes it easier for grass, weeds, or twigs to become caught up in the blades, and also it makes the shaft and clutch wear down more quickly.

NYLON CUTTER USAGE

- ◇ Nylon cord uses more power than the metal blade and should be used at 50%.
- ◇ Nylon cutter cuts grass with the power of cord rotation. If you try to cut grass for the length of cord at one time, rotation speed becomes lower due to resistance and you cannot cut well. In case of large resistance, get the nylon cutter away from grass once, make the rotation speed higher, and cut a small amount of grass at one time.
- ◇ If you try to cut grass by swinging the brush cutter in the reverse way (from left to right), scraps fly in the direction away from the body. You can avoid getting your clothes dirty.

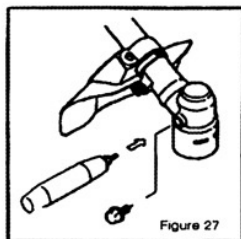
8. MAINTENANCE



■ BLADE

- ◇ Sharpen each cutting edge and make sure the bottom corner is rounded. (Figure 24)
- ◇ Do not cool the blade with water in case of using grinder. It may cause cracks on blade.

AFTER 25 HOURS OF USE



GEAR CASE

Supply multi-purpose grease at every 25 hours of use. Remove the cutter holders to arrange for old grease to exit. (Figure 27)

MAINTENANCE BEFORE STORAGE

1. Brushing off dirt from the machine, check damage or slack of each part. If you find out abnormalities, repair them for the next use.
2. Extract fuel from the tank, and loose the drain screw of the float cabin to extract fuel, turn on the engine, and leave it running until it stops naturally.
3. Remove the spark plug and put in 1~2cc of 2-cycle oil in the engine. Draw the starter rope 2~3 times, set the plug back, and stop it at the contraction position.
4. Apply anti-rust oil to the metal parts such as the throttle wire, put the cover on the blade, and keep it indoor avoiding dampness.

POLE PRUNER

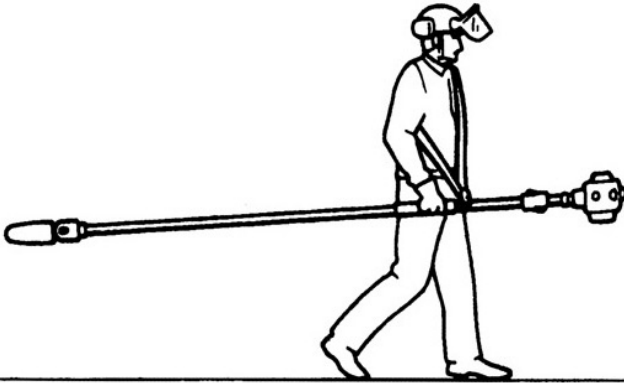


Figure 1

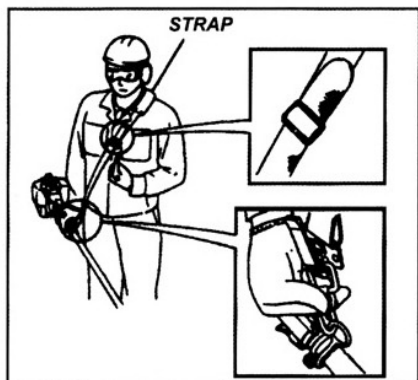
CAUTION!

- Always maintain this pole pruner according to the this owner's manual and follow the recommended scheduled maintenance.
- Never modify or disable any of the pole pruner's safety devices.
- Always use genuine parts and accessories when repairing or maintaining this machine.
- Do not make unauthorized modifications or substitutions to the guide bar or chain.
- Never allow the engine to run at high RPM without a load. Doing so could damage the engine.
- When transporting the pruner in a vehicle, tie it down securely to prevent damage and fuel spillage.
- Always stop the engine and allow it to cool before refueling. Avoid overfilling and wipe off any fuel that may have spilled.
- Never place flammable material close to the engine muffler and never run the engine without the spark arrestor screen in place.
- Always clear your work area of trash or hidden debris to help ensure good footing.
- Keep the saw chain sharp and properly adjusted.
- Keep the pruner as clean as possible. Keep it free of loose vegetation, mud, etc.

Operating the Pruner

To Wear the Strap

- 1 Hook the strap hook to the hanger on the outer pipe.
- 2 Wear the strap so that the hook stays at your right hand side.
- 3 Adjust the length of the strap so that you can hold and operate the machine comfortably.



Always wear eye and Hearing protection. Manufacturer recommends wearing a face shield as additional face and eye protection.

Always wear a hard hat to reduce the risk of head injuries during operation of this machine.

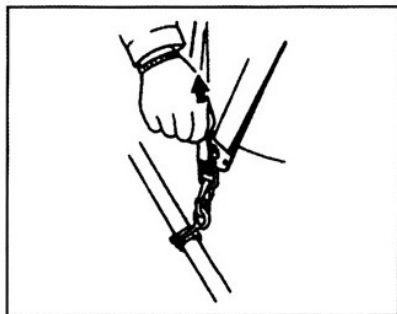
Wear nonslip heavy-duty work gloves to improve your grip on the pole pruner handle. Wear snug-fitting clothes that also permits freedom of movement. NEVER wear shorts!

Wear sturdy footwear with nonslip soles to provide good footing. Steel-toes safety boots are recommended.

Keep bystanders at least 15 meters (50 feet) away from the operating pruner to reduce the risk of being struck by falling objects or thrown debris.

Emergency Release

In case of emergency, strongly pull the white tab at the hook. The machine will be released from the strap.



Never operate the pruner at an angle greater than 60° in order to reduce the risk of being struck by falling objects during operation.

Always operate with both hands firmly gripping the machine.

Keep a proper footing and do not overreach. Maintain your balance at all times during operation.

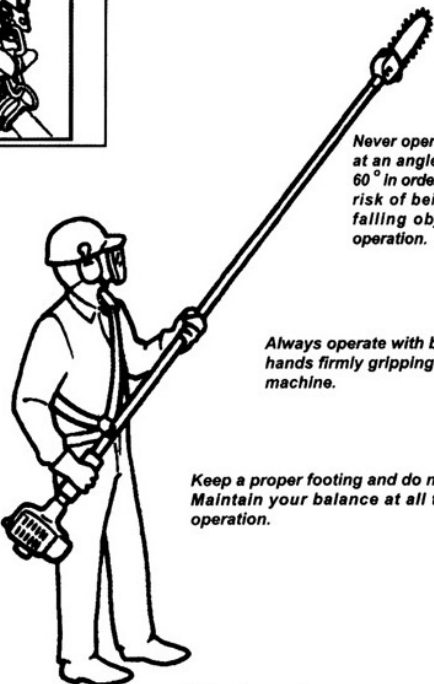


Figure 2

Product Description

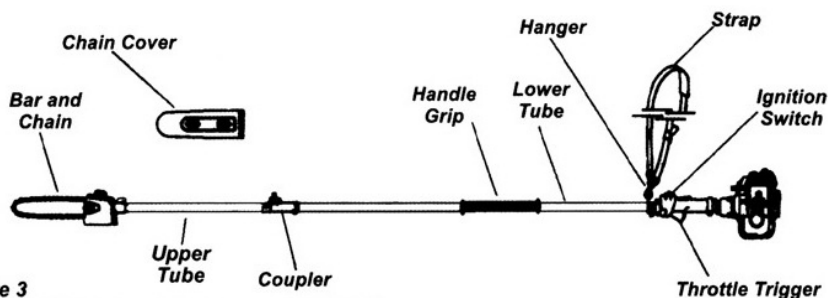
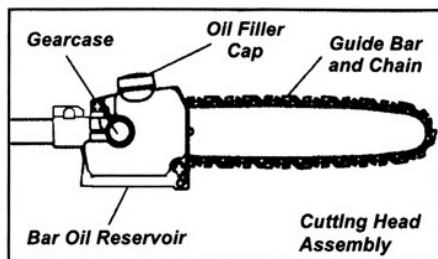
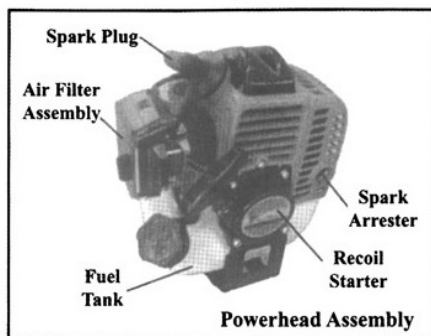


Figure 3

Prior To Assembly

Using Figure 3 as a guide, familiarize yourself with the 2600 pole pruner and its various components.

Understanding your machine helps ensure top performance, longer service life, and safer operation.

Before assembling, make sure you have all the components required for a complete unit:

- Powerhead assembly
- Lower tube assembly
- Upper tube/saw assembly, chain and guide bar
- Kit with this manual and tool kit for routine maintenance.
- Chain cover.

Carefully inspect all components for damage.

IMPORTANT

The terms "left-hand", and "LH"; "right", "right-hand", and "RH", "front" and "rear" refer to directions as viewed by the operator during normal operation.



WARNING!

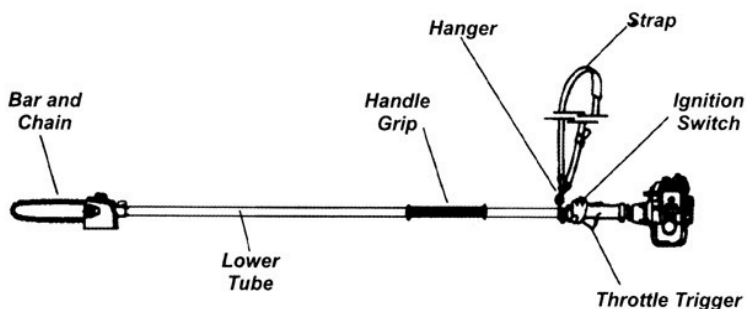
Do not make unauthorized modifications or alterations to your pruner or its components.

Use unit without upper tube

If the lower tube assembly is long enough, you can use it only without upper tube according to the working condition.

Operate as follows:

1. Follow "disassembling the pole sections" section to remove the upper tube/coupler assembly from gearcase.
2. Follow "assembling the pole sections" section to assemble the gearcase onto the lower tube assembly. See figure 15.

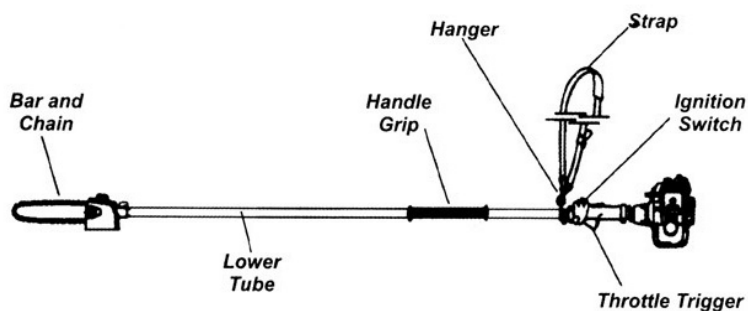


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Adjusting the Chain



WARNING!

Never attempt to install, replace, or adjust the chain with the engine running.



WARNING!

The saw chain is very sharp. Wear gloves to protect your hands when handling.

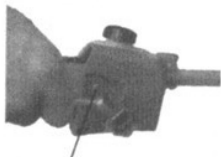
CAUTION!

A loose chain can jump off the guide bar causing damage to the chain and associated equipment. Always make sure the chains is properly adjusted; check more often when you are breaking in a new chain.

IMPORTANT

Proper chain adjustment is essential for maximum performance, long chain life, and operator safety. Always inspect chain tension before operating the pole pruner.

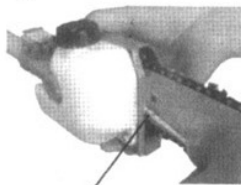
1. Place the pole pruner on a clean, flat surface. (For readjustment during operation, shut down the engine, then allow the guide bar and chain to cool before proceeding with the adjustment procedure.)
2. Loosen the sprocket cover nut with a Plug wrench (Figure 19).



Sprocket Cover Nut

Figure 19

3. Lift the nose of the guide bar while turning the chain tensioning screw. See Figure 20.



Chain Tensioning Screw

Figure 20

- Clockwise to tighten the chain
 - Counterclockwise to loosen the chain.
4. Pull the chain by hand along the top of the guide bar several times from the engine to the bar's tip. The chain should feel snug but still pull freely. See Figure 21.

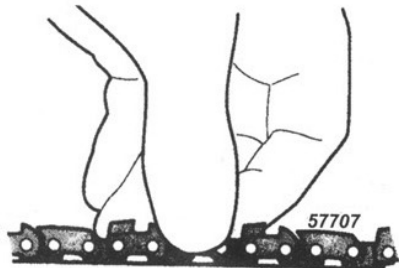


Figure 11

5. Tighten the sprocket cover nut securely while lifting the tip of the guide bar.
6. Inspect the chain for correct adjustment (more frequently with a new chain). The chain should feel snug but still pull freely.

Chain Oiler



WARNING!

Never fill the oil reservoir nor adjust the oiler with the engine running.

IMPORTANT

The service life of the chain and guide bar is affected by the chain and guide bar lubricant. Using superior lubricant such as genuine Bar and Chain Oil will help ensure a long service life. For cold weather operation, mix bar and chain oil with an equal part of kerosene.

Filling The Oil Reservoir

The oil reservoir has a capacity sufficient to provide about 40 minutes of cutting time (when set to deliver the minimum flow rate).

1. Place the pole pruner on a clean, flat surface with the oil filler cap facing up. See Figure 22. Wipe off any debris from the oil cap and from around the oil filler neck.

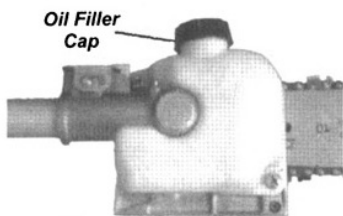


Figure 22

2. Remove the oil filler cap and fill the reservoir with bar and chain oil, then replace the cap.
3. Wipe up spilled oil from the unit before restarting the pole pruner.

Figure 22

Adjusting Oil Flow Rate

CAUTION!

An increase in bar oil flow rate will speed oil consumption, requiring more frequent checks on the oil reservoir. To ensure sufficient lubrication, it may be necessary to check the oil level more frequently than at fuel tank refills.

The guide bar and chain are lubricated automatically by a pump that operates whenever the chain rotates. The pump is set at the factory to deliver a medium flow rate, but it can be adjusted in the field. A temporary increase in oil flow is often desirable when cutting things like hardwood or wood with a lot of pitch. Adjust the pump as follows:

1. Stop the engine and make sure the stop switch is in the STOP position.
2. Place the unit on its side with the oil Reservoir up. See Figure 23.

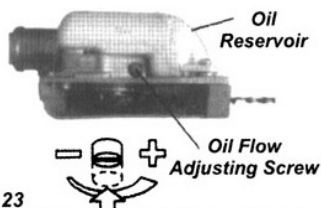
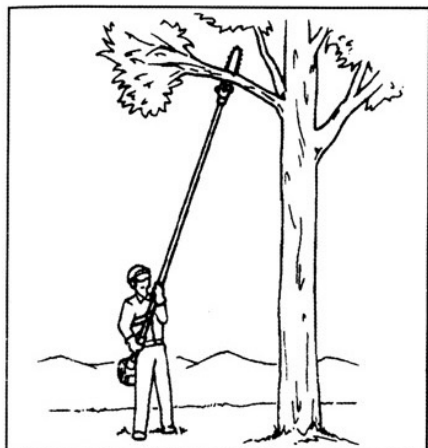


Figure 23

CAUTION!

The oil flow adjusting screw must be pressed in slightly in order to turn. Failure to do so could damage the Pump and screw.

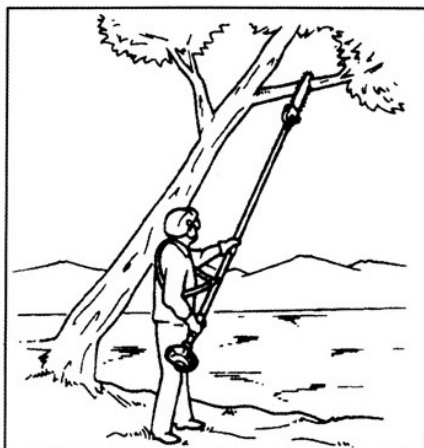
3. With a screwdriver, push in on the oil flow rate adjusting screw and turn in the desired direction (there are three incremental settings):
 - Clockwise-decrease lubrication.
 - Counterclockwise-increase lubrication.



Typical applications

Standard cut:

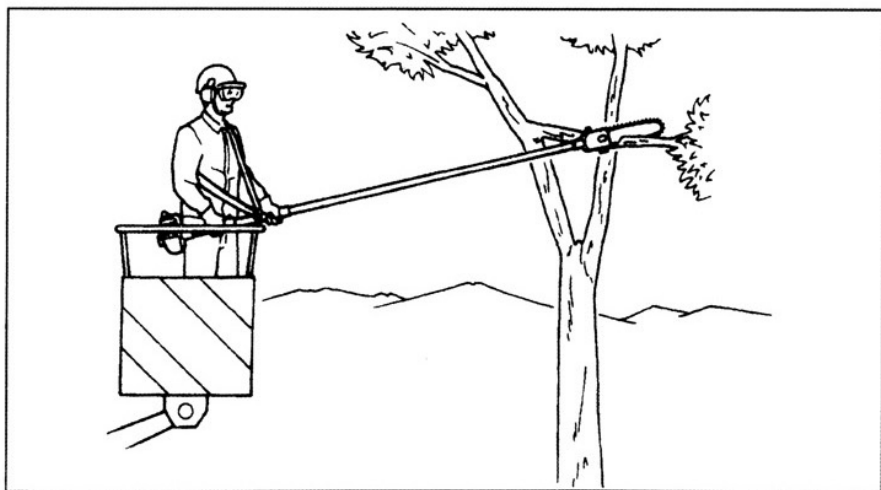
The most convenient working position is a tool angle of 60° , but any other angle may be used to suit the situation concerned.



Cutting above obstacles:

Thanks to the unit's long reach it is possible to prune branches that are overhanging obstacles, such as rivers or lakes.

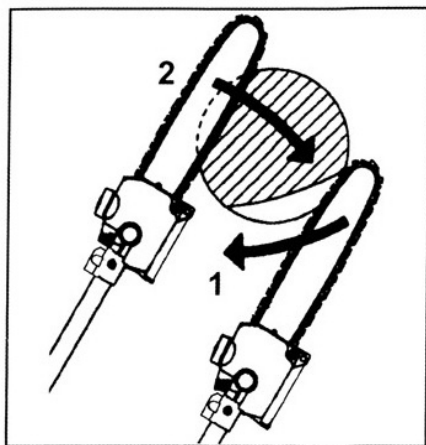
The tool angle in this case depends on the position of the branch.



Cutting on a work platform:

The unit's long reach enables cutting to be performed next to the trunk without the risk of the work platform damaging other branches.

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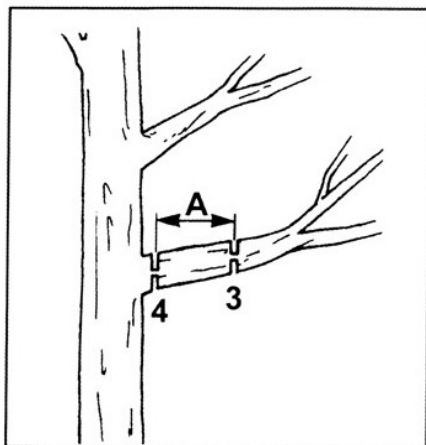


Working techniques

Relieving cut:

To avoid tearing the bark, kickback or pinching the bar when pruning thick branches, always start by performing a relieving cut (1) on the underside of the branch.

To do this apply the cutting attachment and pull it across the bottom of the branch as far as the bar nose. Perform the cross-cut (2).



Flush-cutting thick branches:

If branch diameter is more than 10 cm (4"), first perform undercut (3) and cross-cut at a distance (A) of about 25cm (10") from the final cut. Then carry out the flush-cut (4), starting with a relieving cut and finishing with a cross-cut.

50-hour Maintenance

Every 50 hours of operation

(more frequently in dusty or dirty conditions):

- Remove and clean the cylinder cover and clean dirt and debris from the cylinder cooling fins.
- Remove the sprocket cover and inspect the sprocket for excessive dirt, debris, or wear. Remove the guide bar and clean out the guide bar groove. If the sprocket is excessively worn, replace it with a new one. See Figure 36.

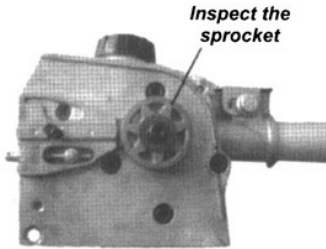


Figure 36

- Lubricate the gearcase. To perform this operation, first remove the gearcase from the upper outer tube as follows (Figure 37):

1. Follow "Disassembling the pole sections" section to remove the upper tube from the gearcase.
2. Using a lever-type grease gun, pump lithium-base grease (about 10 grams) into the grease fitting until you see old grease being purged from the gearcase, which can be seen in the outer tube cavity. Clean up excess grease, then reassemble the gearcase onto the outer tube.

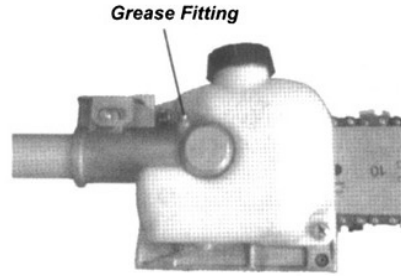


Figure 37

old grease being purged from the gearcase, which can be seen in the outer tube cavity. Clean up excess grease, then reassemble the gearcase onto the outer tube.

CAUTION!

Make sure you do not pierce the fuel line with the end of the hooked wire. The line is delicate and can be damaged easily.

- Use a wire hook to extract the fuel filter from inside the fuel tank (Figure 38). Inspect the fuel filter element for signs of contamination. Replace it with a new one if required. Before reinstalling the filter, inspect the fuel line. If you find damage or deterioration, remove the unit from service until it can be inspected by a trained service technician.

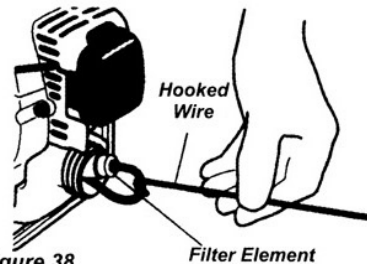


Figure 38

Sharpening the Chain

When the cutting edges of the blade become dull, they can be re-sharpened with a few strokes of a file.

In order to keep the blade in balance, all cutting edges must be sharpened equally.

In addition, inspect the chain for correct adjustment (more frequently with a new chain). The chain should feel snug but still pull freely. See Figure 40.

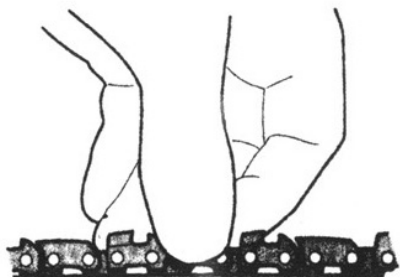


Figure 40

Sharpening Instructions (Fig.41)

IMPORTANT

File all cutters to the same angle and depth! Unequal filing may cause the saw to vibrate or cut erratically!

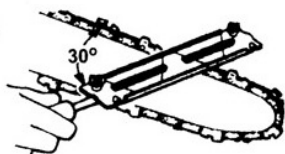
1. Using a 4.5mm round file, sharpen all cutters to a 30° angle. Make sure that one fifth (20%) of the file's diameter is always held above the cutter's top plate.

NOTE

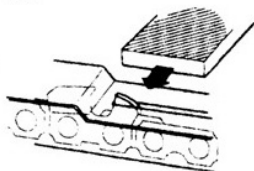
For consistent filing angles, use a filing guide such as Oregon® p/n 31692 or equivalent.

2. After all cutters are sharpened, use a depth gauge joiner (Oregon® p/n 106738 or equivalent) to measure the height of each depth gauge.
3. As required, lower the depth gauges to a height of 0.5mm. Use a flat file; Oregon p/n 12211 or equivalent.
4. After all depth gauges have been adjusted, use a flat file to round each depth gauge leading edge to its original curvature and angle.

Using a fill gauge



Using a depth gauge joiner



Using a flat file to round the front corner on a depth gauge

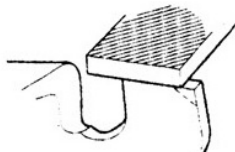
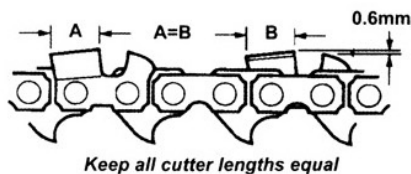
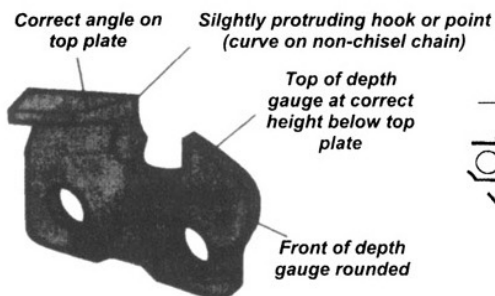


Figure 41

Correct Filing Technique



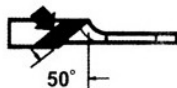
Filing Problems

Top plate angle less than recommended



Cause
File held at less than recommended angle.
Result
Slow cutting. Requires extra effort to cut.
Remedy
File cutters to recommended angle.

Top plate angle more than recommended



Cause
File held at more than recommended angle.
Result
Cutting angle is very sharp but will dull fast. Cutting action rough and erratic.
Remedy
File cutters to recommended angle.

Hook in side plate cutting edge



Cause
File held too low or the file was too small.
Result
Rough cutting. Chain grabs. Cutters dull quickly or won't hold a cutting edge.
Remedy
File cutters at recommended angle. Check file size.

Backslope on side plate cutting edge



Cause
File held too high or the file was too large.
Result
Cutters won't feed into wood. Slow cutting. Must force chain to cut. causes excessive bottom wear.
Remedy
File cutters at recommended angle. Check file size.

High depth gauge



Cause
Depth gauge never filed.
Result
Slow cutting. Must force chain to cut. Will cause excessive wear on the cutter heel.
Remedy
Lower gauges to recommended setting.

Low depth gauge



Cause
Wrong gauge setting or no gauge used.
Result
Rough cutting. Chain grabs. Saw won't pull chain through wood. Excessive wear on the cutter heel.
Remedy
If depth gauges are too low, the chain is no longer serviceable.

HEDGE TRIMMER



WARNING!

- Never transport the articulated hedge trimmer or set it down with the engine running. An engine that's running could be accidentally accelerated causing the blades to oscillate.
- Make sure the blade cover is in place when transporting and storing the articulated hedge trimmer.
- When carrying an articulating hedge trimmer, the blade of the cutting attachment must be in the transport position. See Figure 1.



Figure 1

CAUTION!

- Always maintain the articulated hedge trimmer according to this owner's manual and follow the recommended scheduled maintenance.
- Never modify or disable any of the hedge trimmer's safety devices.
- Always use genuine parts and accessories when repairing or maintaining this machine.
- Do not make unauthorized modifications to the articulated hedge trimmer.
- When transporting the hedge trimmer in a vehicle, tie it down securely to prevent fuel spillage or damage to the machine.
- Always clear your work area of trash or hidden debris to help ensure good footing.
- Keep the cutters sharp and properly adjusted.
- Keep the articulated hedge trimmer as clean as possible. Keep it free of loose vegetation, mud, debris, etc.

Product Description

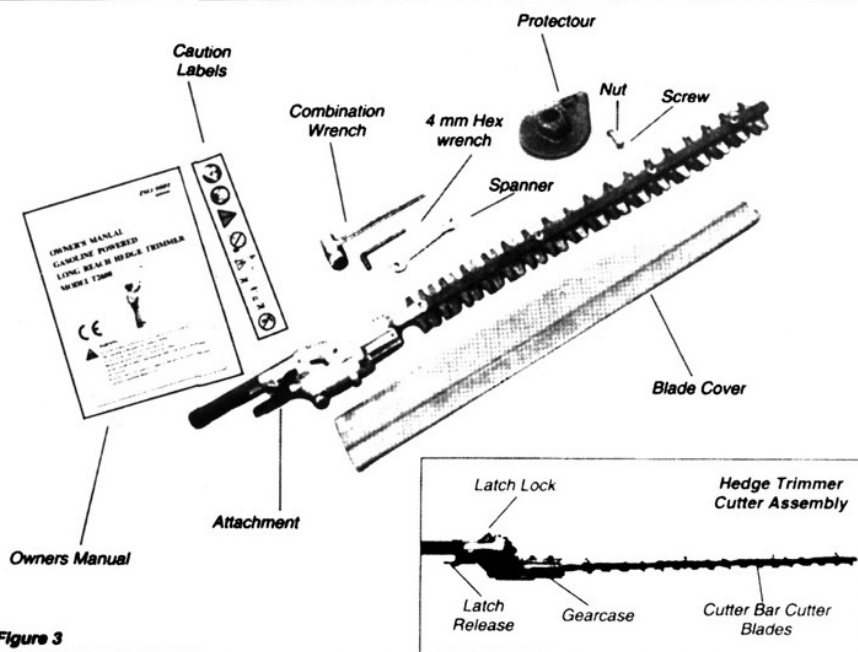


Figure 3

Prior To Assembly

Using Figure 3 as a guide, familiarize yourself with the Attachment of long reach hedge trimmer and its various components. Understanding your machine helps ensure top performance, longer service life, and safer operation.

Before assembling, make sure you have all the components required for a complete unit:

- Cutter assembly
- Cutter blade cover
- Hand protector, clamp screw, nut
- Caution labels
- Owner's manual
- Tool kit for routine maintenance

Carefully inspect all components, making sure they are not damaged.

IMPORTANT!

The terms "left", "left-hand", and "LH"; "right", "right-hand", and "RH"; "front" and "rear" refer to directions as viewed by the operator during normal operation.



WARNING!

Do not make unauthorized modifications or alterations to your articulated hedge trimmer or its components.

Installing the Hedge Trimmer Cutter Assembly



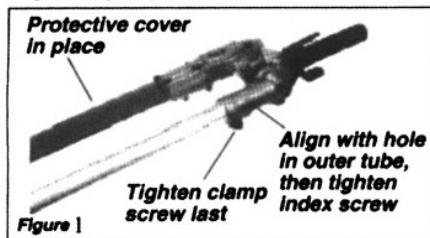
WARNING!

The cutter blades are very sharp. Do not handle the cutter assembly unless the protective blade cover is in place.

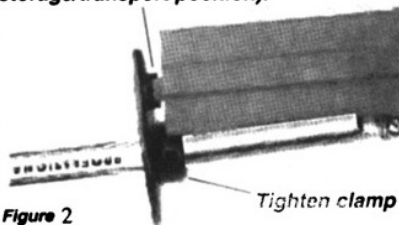
IMPORTANT!

Always wear gloves when working with or near the cutter assembly.

1. Make sure the cutter bar is locked in the storage/transport position (folded back) and the protective cover is installed over the cutter blades.
2. Insert the end of the outer tube into the hedge trimmer cutter gearcase clamp assembly and push until it bottoms. The outer tube should go into the gearcase about 1-1/2 in. (38 mm). If the outer tube stops before bottoming, rotate it until you feel the inner mainshaft (driveshaft) splines engage the gearcase. Then push the outer tube all the way in.
3. Rotate the gearcase/cutter assembly so that index screw aligns with the hole in the outer tube. With the powerhead in the upright position, the cutter assembly will appear to be upside down (while in the storage/transport position).



Position the hand protector so that the tip of the cutter bar rests in the notch (when cutter is in the storage/transport position).



4. Use a 4mm Allen wrench to tighten the hedge trimmer gearcase index screw first, then the gearcase clamp screw.
5. Adjust the hand protector/cutter rest so that the tip of the cutter bar fits into the support notch. Make sure the cutter bar also lifts out of the notch easily. Then tighten the hand protector clamp screw with a screwdriver.

Adjusting the Articulated Hedge Trimmer Cutter Assembly



WARNING!

- The cutter blades are very sharp. Do not grasp the blades with your hands. Do not brush the blades against your body.
- Never run the engine or operate the articulating hedge trimmer when the cutter assembly is in the storage/transport position.

IMPORTANT!

Always use gloves when working with or near the cutter assembly.

Position the hedge trimmer on a flat, level surface with the engine resting on the fuel tank guard. Make sure the hedge trimmer blade cover is in place.

1. With your right hand, grasp the handle, located immediately aft of the hand guard. With your left hand, grip the adjustment lever on the cutter assembly. See Figure 1.

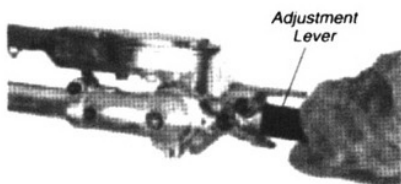


Figure 1

IMPORTANT!

The latch lock provides an interlock to help prevent inadvertent depression of the latch release.

2. With the index finger of your left hand, press the latch release. With your left thumb, press the latch lock. See Figure 2.

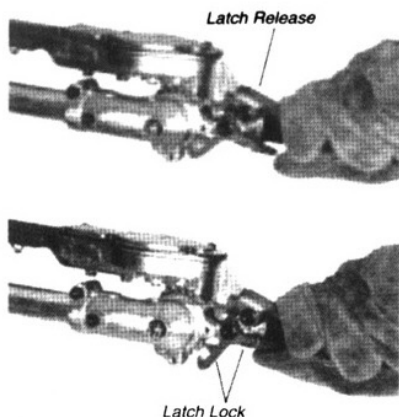


Figure 2

3. While holding the latch lock down, pivot the cutter assembly using the adjustment lever until it is straight with the outer tube (pivot 180°). See Figure 3.

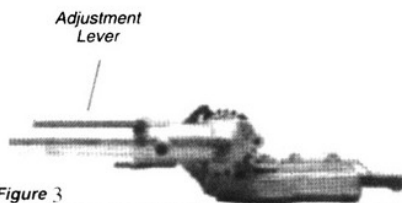


Figure 3

4. Release the latch lock and the latch release. Make sure the latch lock and the latch release return securely to a locking position.
5. Remove the cover from the cutter blade. The engine now may be started.

Adjusting the Hedge Trimmer Cutter Assembly for Desired Cutting Angles



WARNING!

Do not touch the cutter blades when the engine is running. The blades can oscillate even if the engine is idling.

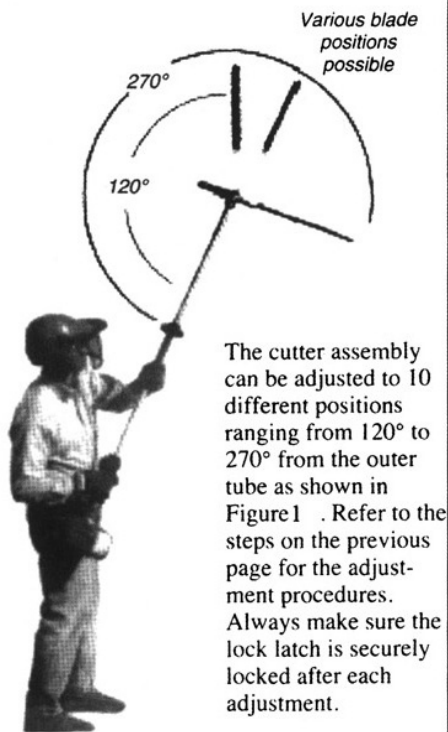


Figure 1

Adjusting the Cutter Assembly for Storage or Transportation



WARNING!

Never run the engine when adjusting the cutter assembly to the storage position.

1. With the engine stopped, install the cover onto the blade.
2. Using the procedures described on the previous page, rotate the cutter assembly so it is parallel to the tube. Make sure the latch lock and the latch release return securely to a locking position. See Figure 2.
3. Make sure the cover is in place on the cutters before storing or transporting.

Gearcase rotated to the storage/transportation position

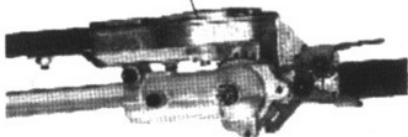


Figure 2

Safety Operation

This machine is designed especially for trimming hedge.

Never use this machine for any other purposes. Never try to cut stones, metals, plastics or any other hard objects.

Using for other purposes than trimming hedge may damage the machine or cause serious injury.

Preparations

- Wear suitable protective clothing and equipment-see section "Safety Precautions".
- Choose the best work position for safety against the falling object (Branch etc)
- Start the engine.
- Put on the strap.

Never stand directly underneath the branch you are cutting-be wary of falling branches. Note that a branch may spring back at you after it hits the ground.

Working position:

Hold the control handle with your right hand, and the shaft with your left hand. Your left arm should be extended to the most comfortable position.

NOTE:

Take a rest when you feel fatigue

Applications

Preparations

Use lopping shears to cut out thick branches first.

Cutting sequence

If a radial cut is necessary, cut a little at a time in several passes.

Cutting techniques

Vertical cut:

Swing the cutting blade up and down in an arc as you move along the hedge on both sides of the cutting blade.

Horizontal cut:

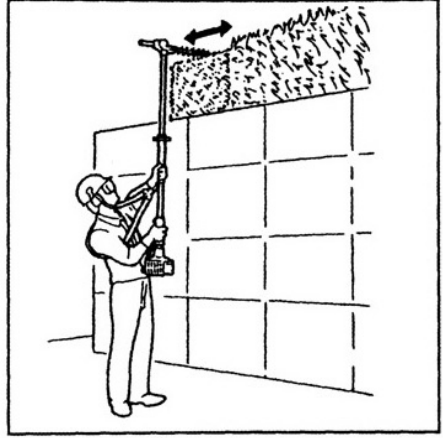
Hold the cutting blade at an angle of 0° to 10° as you swing the hedge trimmer horizontally.

Swing the blade in an arc towards the outside of the hedge so that the cuttings are swept on to the ground.



Horizontal cut

Cutting close to ground from a standing position, e.g. low shrubs.



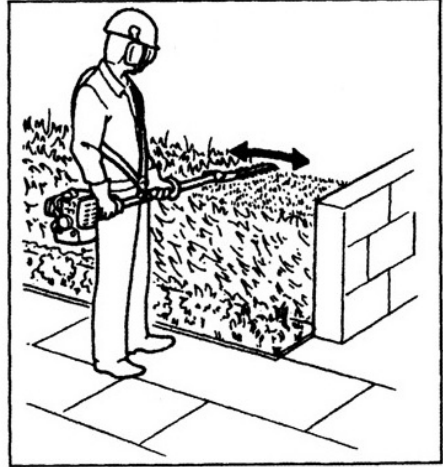
Overhead cut

Hold the shaft upright with a 90° blade angle to cut an upper surface of a hedge.



Vertical cut

Cutting without standing directly next to hedge, e.g. flowerbed between operator and hedge.



Horizontal cut

Cutting without standing directly in front of the hedge, e.g. reaching over a flowerbed.

Operating the Articulated Hedge Trimmer

Always wear a hard hat to reduce the risk of head injuries during operation of this machine.

Secure long hair so it is above shoulder level.

Wear non-slip heavy-duty gloves to improve your grip on the trimmer handle. Wear snug-fitting clothes that also permit freedom of movement. NEVER wear shorts!

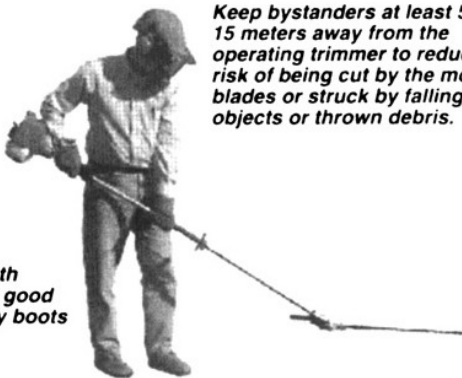


Always wear eye and hearing protection. We recommends wearing a face shield as additional face and eye protection.

Always operate with both hands firmly gripping the machine.

Keep a proper footing and do not overreach—maintain your balance at all times during operation.

Keep bystanders at least 50 feet 15 meters away from the operating trimmer to reduce the risk of being cut by the moving blades or struck by falling objects or thrown debris.



Wear sturdy footwear with nonslip soles to provide good footing. Steel-toed safety boots are recommended.

Figure 1

Daily Maintenance

IMPORTANT!

For detailed maintenance information about your T2600 consult the owner's manual provided with it. If it has been lost or misplaced, contact us for a replacement.



WARNING!

Always wear gloves when working around the cutter assembly.

- Clean any debris or dirt from the hedge trimmer cutter blades. Lubricate the blades before use and after refueling. Check the cutters for damage or incorrect adjustment.
- Check for loose or missing screws or components. Make sure the cutter attachment is securely fastened.
- Check the entire machine for leaking fuel or grease.
- Make sure the nuts, bolts, and screws (except carburetor adjusting screws) are tight.



WARNING!

Before performing any maintenance, repair, or cleaning work on the unit, make sure the engine and cutting attachment are completely stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire before performing service or maintenance work.



WARNING!

Non-standard parts may not operate properly with your unit and may cause damage and lead to personal injury.

10/15-Hour Maintenance

- Lubricate the cutter assembly gearbox by pumping one or two strokes of lithium-base grease into the grease fitting using a lever-type grease gun. See Figure 1.

CAUTION!

Overlubricating can cause the gearcase to operate sluggishly and can cause grease to leak out.

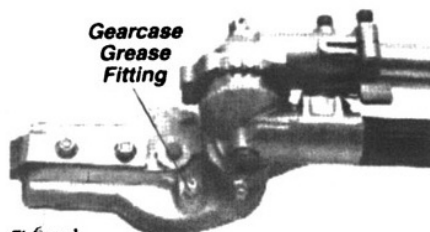


Figure 1

50-Hour Maintenance

Every 50 hours of operation (more frequently in dusty or dirty conditions):

- Remove and clean the cylinder cover and clean the dirt and debris from the cylinder cooling fins.
- **Lubricate the gearcase.** To perform this operation, first remove the gearcase from the outer tube (Figure 2):

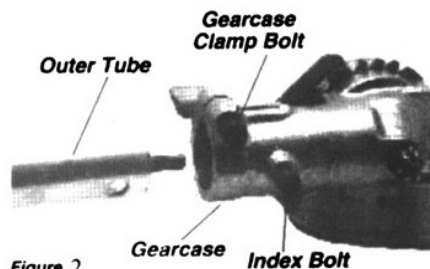


Figure 2

Long Term Storage

Whenever the machine will not be used for 30 days or longer, use the following procedures to prepare it for storage:

- Clean external parts thoroughly and apply a light coating of oil to all metal surfaces.

CAUTION!

Gasoline stored in the carburetor for extended periods can cause hard starting, and could also lead to increased service and maintenance costs.

- Drain all the fuel from the carburetor and the fuel tank.

IMPORTANT!

All stored fuels should be stabilized with a fuel stabilizer such as STA-BIL®.

- Remove the spark plug and pour about 3 cm³ of oil into the cylinder through the spark plug hole. Slowly pull the recoil starter 2 or 3 times so oil evenly coat the interior of the engine. Reinstall the spark plug.
- Before storing the machine, repair or replace any worn or damaged parts. Make sure the scabbard is in place.
- Remove the air cleaner element from the carburetor and clean it thoroughly with soap and water.
Rinse and dry thoroughly, then add a few drops of oil and work it in.
Reassemble.
- Store the machine in a clean, dust-free area.

CAUTION!

Do not remove the D-shaped shim washer from the gearcase clamp! The shim washer prevents damage from overtightening the tube clamp screw.

- Loosen the gearcase clamp bolt.
- Remove the index bolt from the gearcase.

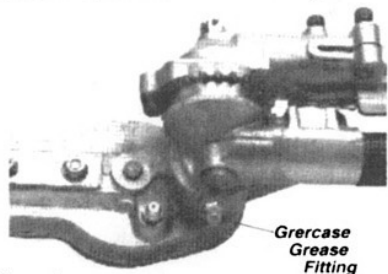


Figure 1

- Side the gearcase out of the tube.
Using a grease gun, pump lithiumbase grease (about 10 grams) into the grease fitting on the gearcase until you see old grease being purged from the gearcase (Figure 1). Purged grease will be visible in the outer tube cavity. Clean up the excess grease, then reassemble the gearcase onto the outer tube. Make sure the index bolt fits into the hole on the outer tube. Securely tighten both bolts.