

**RYOBI®**

ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS

# Electric Hedge Trimmer

**RHT6060RS**



## **Important!**

It is essential that you read the instructions in this manual before assembling, maintaining and operating this machine.

Subject to technical modification.

## GENERAL SAFETY WARNINGS

### WARNING

Read all safety warnings and all instructions. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

#### Save all warnings and instruction for future reference.

The term "power tool" in the warnings refers to your mains-operated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

#### WORK AREA SAFETY

- **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- **Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust.** Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
- **Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

#### ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- **Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adapter plugs with earthed (grounded) power tools.** Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.
- **Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces, such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators.** There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is earthed or grounded
- **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- **Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the power tool. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts.** Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.
- **When operating a power tool outdoors, use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use.** Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock
- **If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a residual current device (RCD) protected supply.** Use of an RCD reduces the risk of electric shock.

#### PERSONAL SAFETY

- **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication.** A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
- **Use personal protective equipment. Always wear**

**eye protection.** Protective equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injury.

- **Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before connecting to power source and/or battery pack, picking up or carrying the tool.** Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or energising power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
- **Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on.** A wrench or a key left attached to a rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury.
- **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the power in unexpected situations.
- **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- **If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used.** Use of dust collection can reduce dust-related hazards.

#### POWER TOOL USE AND CARE

- **Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application.** The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- **Do not use the power tool if the switch does not turn it on and off.** Any power tool that cannot be controlled with switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or the battery pack from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools.** Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.
- **Store idle power tools out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool.** Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- **Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tool's operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.
- **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- **Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc. in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed.** Use of the power tool for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.

## SERVICE

- **Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts.** This will ensure that safety of the power tool is maintained.

## HEDGE TRIMMER SAFETY WARNINGS

- **Keep all parts of the body away from the cutter blade. Do not remove cut material or hold material to be cut when blades are moving. Make sure the switch is off when clearing jammed materials.** A moment of inattention while operating the hedge trimmer may result in serious personal injury.
- **Carry the hedge trimmer by the handle with cutter blade stopped. When transporting or storing the hedge trimmer always fit the cutting device cover.** Proper handling of the hedge trimmer will reduce possible personal injury from the cutter blades.
- **Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surface only, because the cutter blade may contact hidden wiring or its own cord.** Cutter Blades contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
- **Keep cable away from cutting area.** During operation the cable may be hidden in shrubs and can be accidentally cut by the blade.

## ADDITIONAL SAFETY RULES

- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
- Clear the work area before each use. Remove all objects such as cords, lights, wire, or string which can be thrown or become entangled in the cutting means.
- Electrical power should be supplied via a residual current device (RCD) with a tripping current of not more than 30 mA.
- If the power cable becomes damaged, you must return the tool to an approved service centre for repair or replacement.
- Beware of thrown objects; keep all bystanders, children, and pets at least 15m away from work area.
- Do not operate in poor lighting. The operator requires a clear view of the work area to identify potential hazards.
- Inspect the machine before each use. Check for loose fasteners, fuel leaks, etc. Make sure all guards, and handles are properly and securely attached. Replace any damaged parts before use.
- Do not modify the machine in any way.
- Do not allow children or untrained individuals to use this unit.
- Wear full eye and hearing protection while operating the product. If working in an area where there is a risk of falling objects, head protection must be worn.
- Wear heavy long trousers, boots, and gloves. Do not

wear loose fitting clothing, short trousers, jewellery of any kind, or use with bare feet.

- Secure long hair so it is above shoulder level to prevent entanglement in moving parts.
- Do not use this machine when you are tired, ill, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- Keep firm footing and balance. Do not overreach. Overreaching can result in loss of balance and can result in serious injury.
- Before starting the machine, make sure the cutting blades will not come in contact with anything.
- While operating the hedge trimmer, always hold it firmly with both hands by the two handles and ensure that the operating position is safe and secure. The manufacturer does not recommend the use of steps or ladders. If higher trimming is required use an extended reach tool.
- Blades are sharp. When handling the blade assembly, wear non-slip, heavy-duty protective gloves. Do not place your hand or fingers between blades or in any position where they could get pinched or cut. NEVER touch blade or service unit with the power cord connected to the supply.
- Switch off and disconnect from the power supply before:
  - adjusting the working position of the cutting device
  - cleaning or clearing a blockage
  - leaving the product unattended
  - checking, maintenance or working on the machine.
- Do not force the hedge trimmer through heavy shrubbery. This can cause the blades to bind and slow down. If the blades slow down, reduce the pace.
- Do not attempt to cut stems or twigs that are larger than 28 mm thick, or those obviously too large to feed into the cutting blade.
- Use of hearing protection reduces the ability to hear warnings (shouts or alarms). The operator must pay extra attention to what is going on in the working area.

### WARNING

If the machine is dropped, suffers heavy impact or begins to vibrate abnormally, immediately stop the machine and inspect for damage or identify the cause of the vibration. Any damage should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorized service centre.

## TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE

- Stop the machine, disconnect from the mains and allow it to cool before storing or transporting.
- Clean all foreign material from the product. Store it in a cool dry and well-ventilated place that is inaccessible to children. Keep away from corrosive agents such as garden chemicals and de-icing salts. Do not store outdoors.
- Cover the blade with the blade protector before storing the unit, or during transportation.
- For transportation, secure the machine against movement or falling to prevent injury to persons or damage to the machine.

## MAINTENANCE

### WARNING

Use only original manufacturer's replacement parts, accessories and attachments. Failure to do so can cause possible injury, poor performance and may void your warranty.

### WARNING

Servicing requires extreme care and knowledge and should be performed only by a qualified service technician. For service we suggest you return the product to your nearest authorized service center for repair. When servicing, use only identical replacement parts

### WARNING

The blades are extremely sharp. To prevent personal injury, exercise extreme caution when cleaning, lubricating and fitting or removing the blade protector.

- Disconnect the power cord before adjusting, maintaining or cleaning.
- You may make adjustments and repairs described here. For other repairs, contact the authorized service agent.
- After each use, clean the body and handles of the product with a soft dry cloth.
- After each use, clean the debris from the blades with a stiff brush, and then carefully apply a rust preventative lubricant before refitting the blade protector. The manufacturer recommends you to use a rust preventative and lubricant spray to apply an even distribution and reduce the risk of personal injury from contact with the blades. For information about suitable spray product check with your local authorised service centre.
- You may wish to lubricate the blades lightly before use if necessary using the above method.
- Check all nuts, bolts and screws at frequent intervals for proper tightness to ensure the product is in safe working condition. Any part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorized service centre.

## INTENDED USE

The product is only intended for use outdoors. For safety reasons the product MUST be adequately controlled by using two handed operation.

The product is designed for home or domestic use. It is intended to cut and trim hedges, shrubs and similar vegetation.

It should be used in dry, well illuminated conditions.

It is NOT intended to cut grass, trees or branches. It should not be used for any other purpose than hedge trimming.

## RESIDUAL RISKS

Even when the product is used as prescribed, it is still impossible to completely eliminate certain residual risk factors. The following hazards may arise in use and the operator should pay special attention to avoid the following:

- The blades cannot be guarded whilst cutting. Contact with the blades can cause serious injury. Keep the blade away from yourself and others. Cover it with the blade protector whenever you are not cutting.
- Injury caused by vibration. Always use the right tool for the job, use designated handles and restrict working time and exposure.
- Exposure to noise can cause hearing injury. Wear ear protection and limit exposure

## RISK REDUCTION

It has been reported that vibrations from hand-held tools may contribute to a condition called Raynaud's Syndrome in certain individuals. Symptoms may include tingling, numbness and blanching of the fingers, usually apparent upon exposure to cold. Hereditary factors, exposure to cold and dampness, diet, smoking and work practices are all thought to contribute to the development of these symptoms. There are measures that can be taken by the operator to possibly reduce the effects of vibration:

- Keep your body warm in cold weather. When operating the unit wear gloves to keep the hands and wrists warm. It is reported that cold weather is a major factor contributing to Raynaud's Syndrome.
- After each period of operation, exercise to increase blood circulation.
- Take frequent work breaks. Limit the amount of exposure per day.

If you experience any of the symptoms of this condition, immediately discontinue use and see your doctor about these symptoms.

### WARNING

Injuries may be caused, or aggravated, by prolonged use of a tool. When using any tool for prolonged periods, ensure you take regular breaks.

## DESCRIPTION

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## PARTS

1. Rear handle
2. Trigger
3. Lock button of rotating handle
4. Front handle
5. Operator presence switch
6. Guard
7. Blade
8. HedgeSweep™ debris sweeper
9. Blade cover

## SYMBOL ON THE PRODUCT



Safety alert



Read and understand all instructions before operating the product, follow all warnings and safety instructions.



Wear ear protection.



Wear eye protection.



Always hold the hedge trimmer with both hands when operating.



Wear non-slip, heavy duty gloves.



Remove plug from the mains immediately before maintenance or if cable is damaged or cut.



Sharp cutting blades. To prevent serious injury, do not touch cutting blades.



Do not expose to rain or damp condition.



Beware of thrown or flying objects. Keep all bystanders, especially children and pets, at least 15m away from the operating area.



Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with your local authority or retailer for recycling advice.



Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM). This product meets applicable regulatory requirements.



The guaranteed sound pressure level is shown on this label by 81 dB. The guaranteed sound power level is shown on this label by 101 dB.



Class II tool, double insulation

 WARNING

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

 CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

CAUTION

(Without Safety Alert Symbol) Indicates a situation that may result in property damage.

## SYMBOLS IN THIS MANUAL



Connect to power outlet.



Disconnect from power outlet.



Parts or accessories sold separately



Note

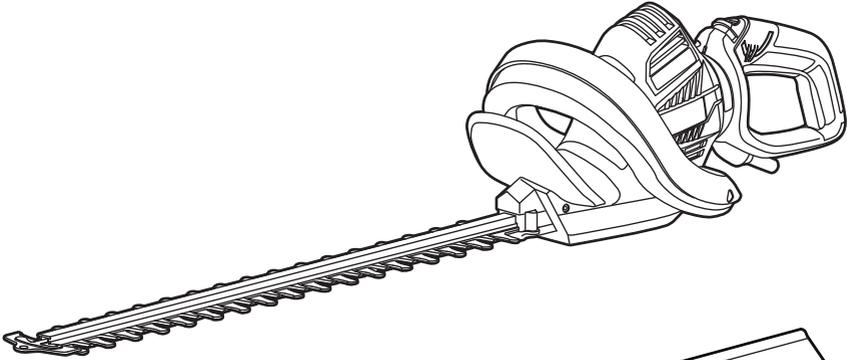


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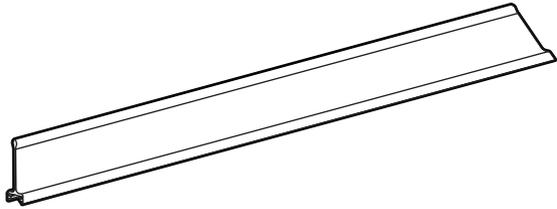
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 DANGER

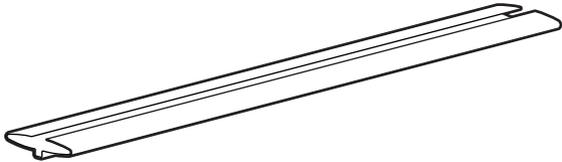
Indicates an imminently hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



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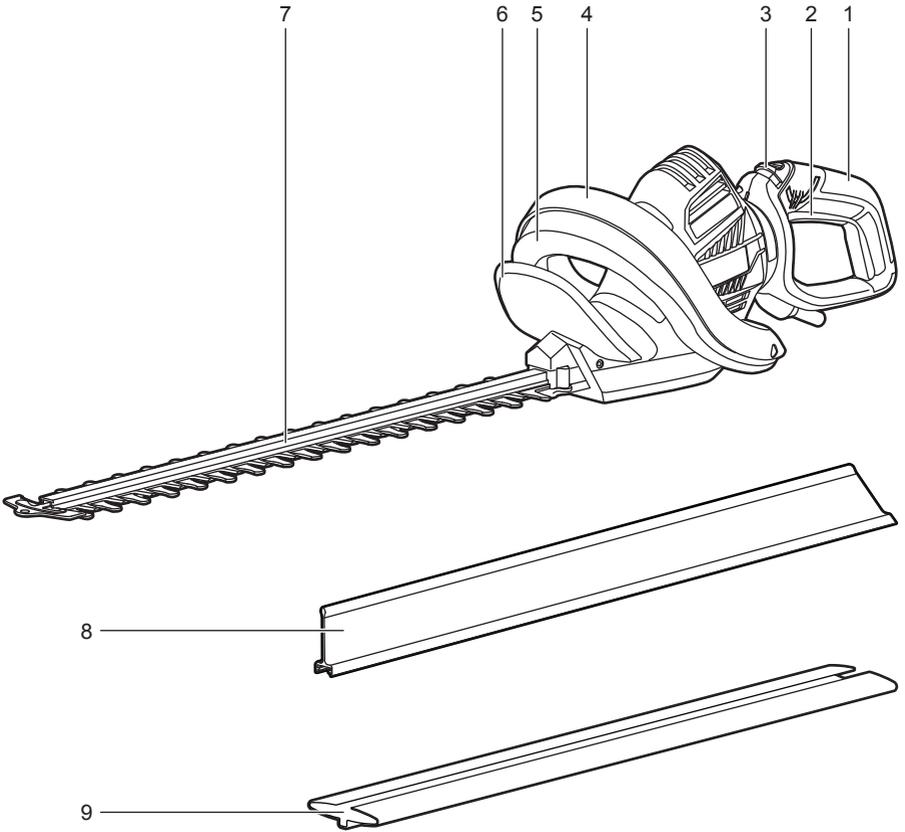
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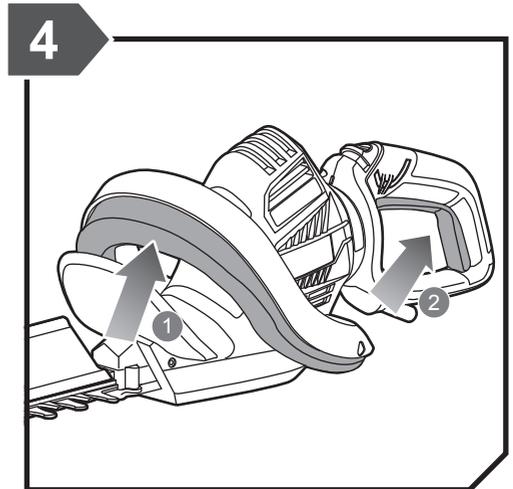
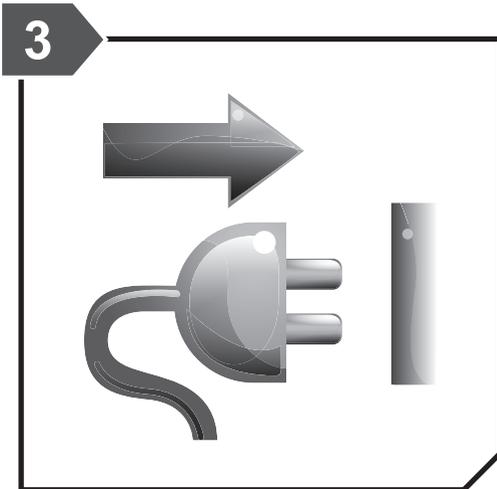
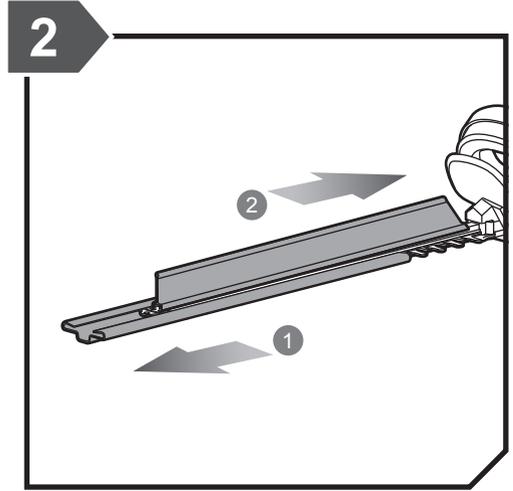
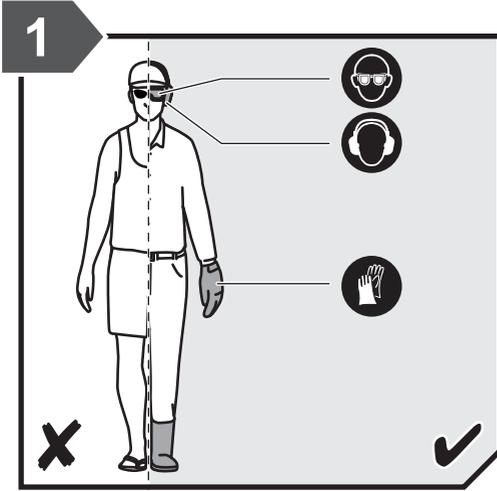


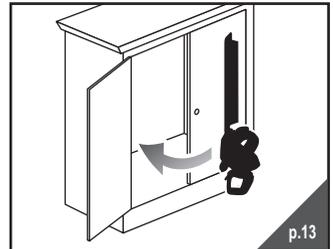
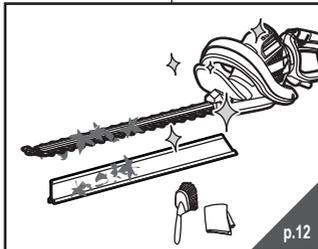
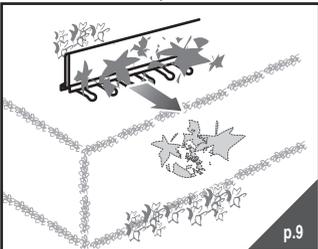
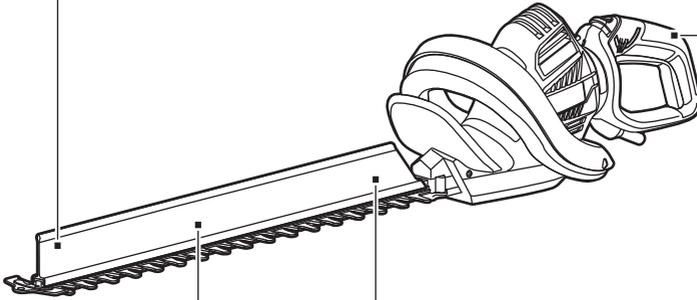
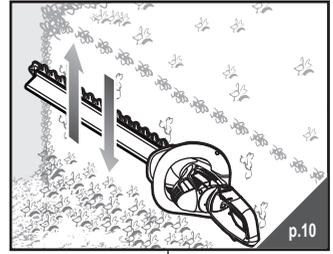
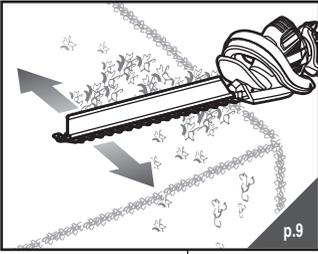
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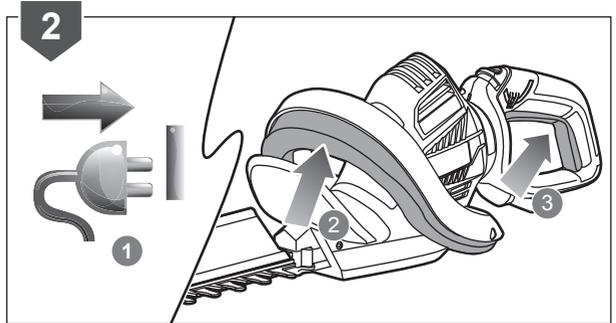
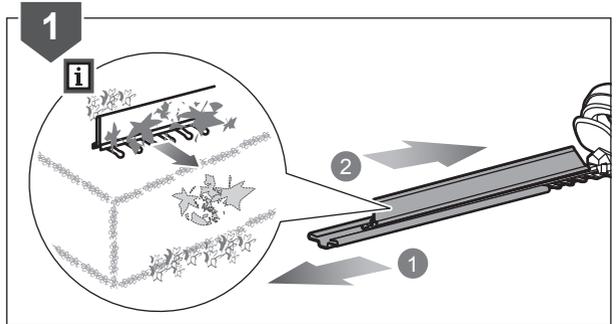
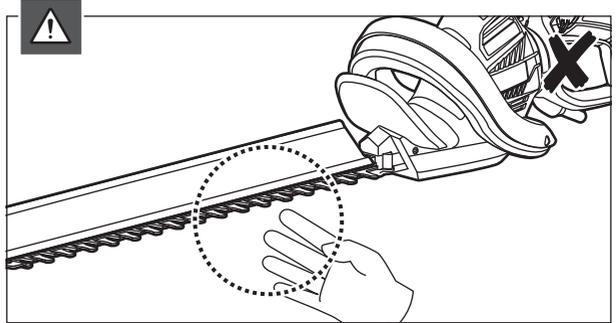
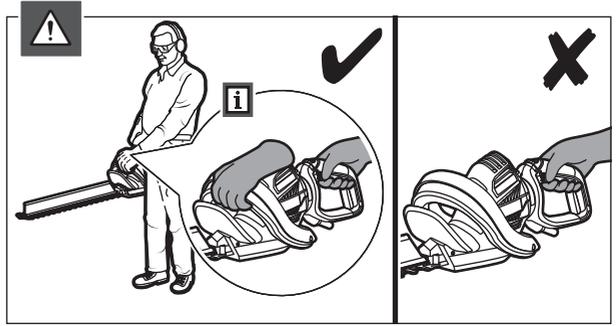
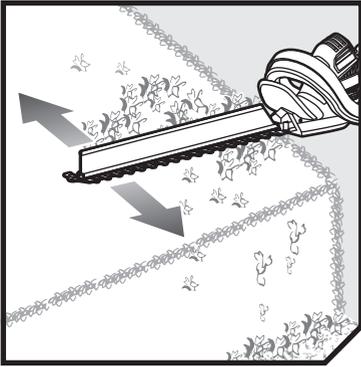


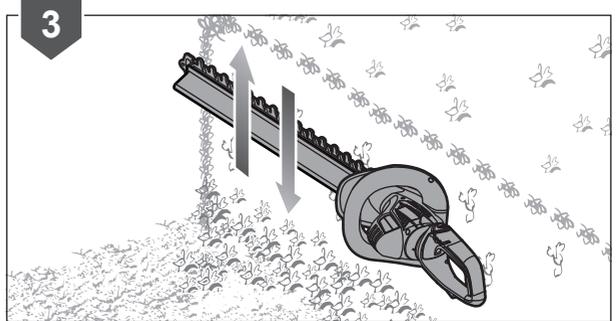
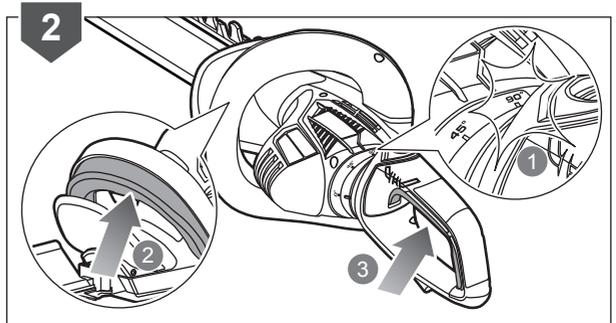
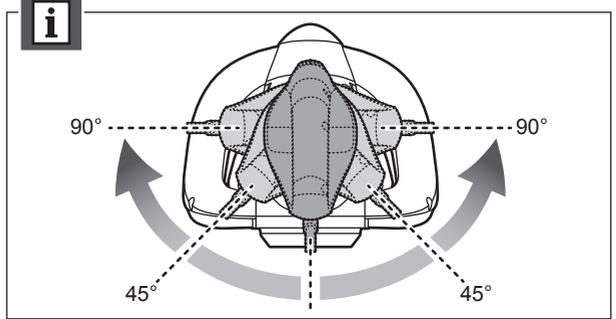
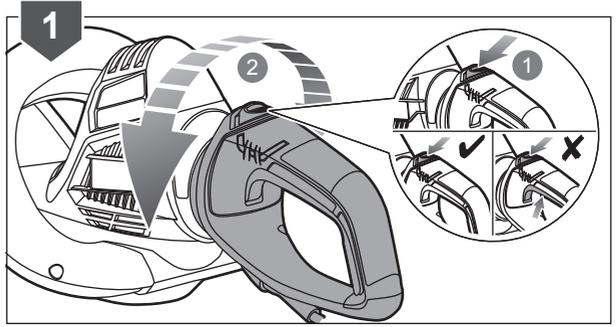
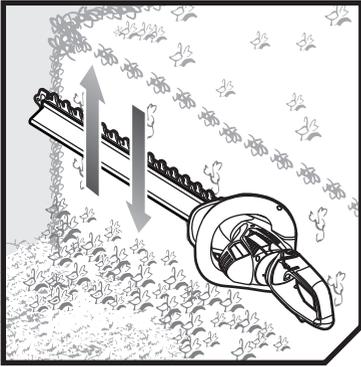
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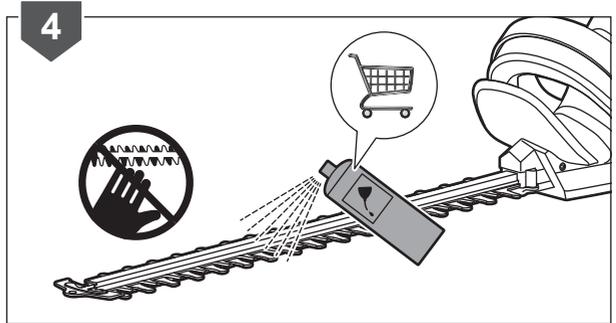
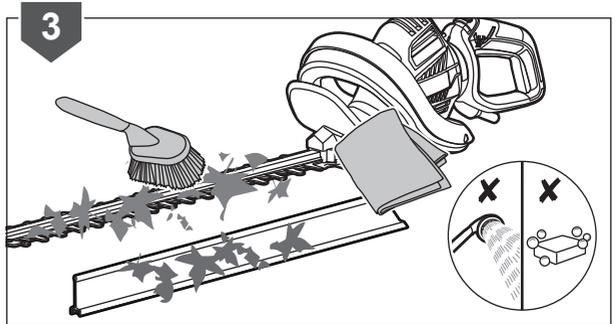
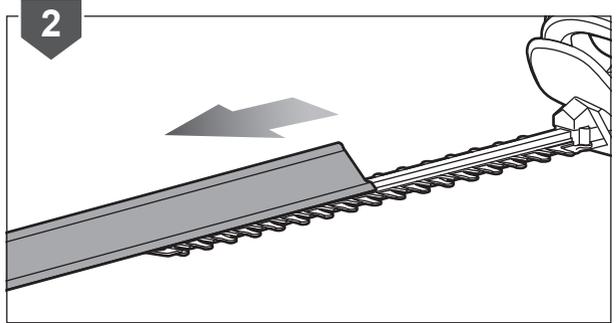
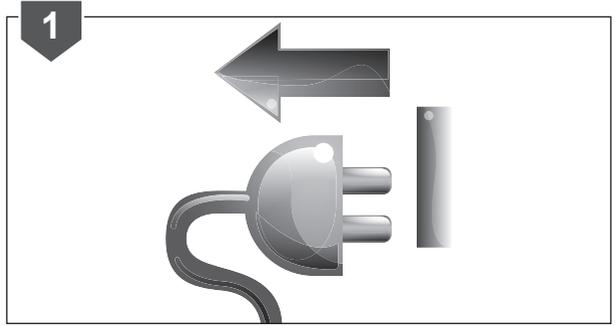
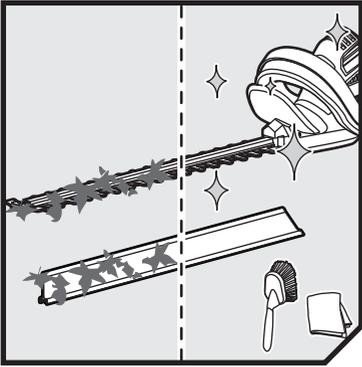


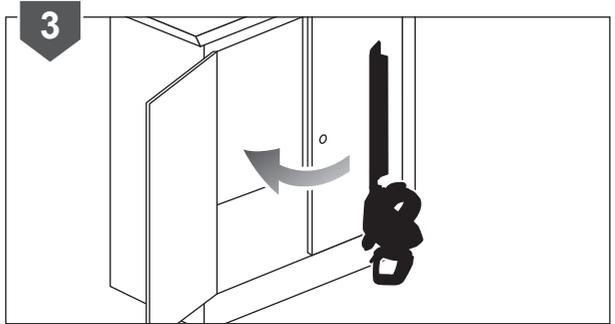
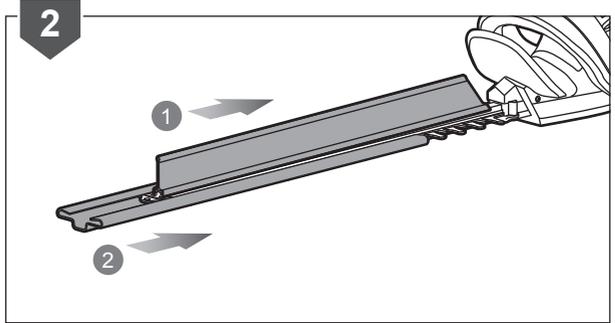
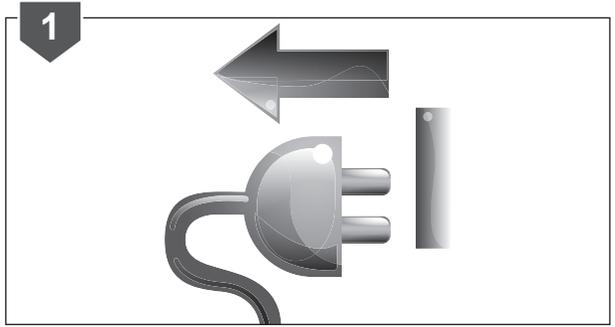
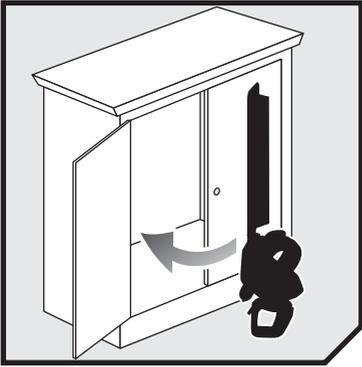












## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Rated power	600 W
Rated voltage	220-240 V ~ 50 Hz
No-load speed	1,500 min <sup>-1</sup>
Stroke rate at no load	3,000 spm
Blade length	600 mm
Cutting capacity	28 mm
Weight (without cord)	4.2 kg
Vibration level (in accordance with EN 60745-1 and EN 60745-2-15)	
Vibration total value	5.1 m/s <sup>2</sup>
Uncertainty of measurement	1.5 m/s <sup>2</sup>
Noise emission level (in accordance with EN 60745-1 and EN 60745-2-15)	
A-weighted sound pressure level	78.0 dB(A)
Uncertainty of measurement	3 dB
A-weighted sound power level	98.0 dB(A)
Uncertainty of measurement	3 dB

## VIBRATION LEVEL

### WARNING

The declared vibration value has been measured with a standard test method and may be used to compare one tool with another.

The declared vibration value may be used in a preliminary assessment of exposure.

The vibration emission during actual use of power tool can differ from the declared total value depending on the ways in which the tool is used.

Identify safety measures to protect yourself based on an estimation of exposure in the actual conditions of use, taking account of all parts of the operating cycle such as the times when the tool is switched off and when it is running idle in addition to the trigger time.



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