

**RYOBI**<sup>®</sup>

**RLT1238**

ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS

# Electric Line Trimmer



## **Important!**

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

Subject to technical modification.

Safety, performance, and dependability have been given top priority in the design of your electric line trimmer.

### INTENDED USE

The product is only intended for use outdoors by a standing operator.

The product is designed for cutting grass, light weeds and other similar vegetation at or about ground level. The cutting plane should be approximately parallel to the ground surface.

The product should not be used to cut or trim hedges, bushes or other vegetation where the cutting plane is not at or about ground surface level.

### GENERAL SAFETY WARNINGS

#### ⚠ WARNING

When using the product, the safety rules must be followed. For your own safety and that of bystanders, please read these instructions before operating the product. Please keep the instruction safe for later use.

#### ⚠ WARNING

This product is not intended to be used by children or persons with reduced physical, mental or sensory capabilities. Children should be adequately supervised to ensure they do not play with the product.

#### ⚠ WARNING

Some regions have regulations that restrict the use of the product. Check with your local authority for advice.

### TRAINING

- Never allow children or people unfamiliar with these instructions to use the product. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- Read the instructions carefully. Be familiar with all controls and the proper use of the product.
- Keep bystanders, children and pets 15m away from the area of operation. Stop the product if anyone enters the area.
- Never use the product when you are tired,

ill or under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medicine.

- Keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.

### ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Power 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 unintentional starting. Always check that the switch is in Off position before plugging in the product to the power supply. Do not carry a plugged in product with your finger on the switch.
- 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 operate the product when there is a risk of lightning.
- Do not expose the product to rain or wet conditions. Water entering an appliance will increase the risk of electric shock.
- Electrical power should be supplied via a residual current device (RCD) with a tripping current of not more than 30 mA.
- Before every use, examine the power cord for damage. If there are signs of damage, it must be replaced. Always uncoil the power cord during use, coiled cables can overheat.
- If you need to use an extension cable ensure it is suitable for outdoor use and has a current capacity sufficient to supply your product. Check it before every use for damage, always uncoil it during use because coiled cables can overheat. Damaged extension cables should not be repaired, they should be replaced with an equivalent type.
- Do not use the product if the electric cables are damaged or worn.
- If the power cord or extension cable becomes damaged during use, disconnect from the power supply immediately. Do not touch the electric cables until the power supply has been disconnected.
- Make sure the power cord is positioned so

that it cannot be damaged by the cutting means and will not be stepped on, tripped over or otherwise subjected to damage or stress.

- Never pick up or carry the product by the electric cable.
- Never pull by the power cord to disconnect from the power supply.
- Keep the power cord away from heat, oil and sharp edges.
- Make sure voltage is correct for your product. A nameplate on the product indicates the product's voltage. Never connect the product to an AC voltage that differs from this voltage.
- Make sure the switch is in Off position before disconnecting from power supply.

## PREPARATION

- 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.
- Hearing protection may restrict the operators ability to hear warning sounds, pay particular attention to potential hazards around and inside the working area.
- 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.
- Before use and after any impact, check that there are no damaged parts. A defective switch or any part that is damaged or worn should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorized service facility.
- Make sure the cutting attachment is properly installed and securely fastened.
- Never operate the product unless all guards, deflectors and handles are properly and securely attached.
- Consider the environment in which you are working. Keep the working area free from wires, sticks, stones and debris which if struck by the cutter can become thrown objects.

## LINE TRIMMER SAFETY WARNINGS

- Never allow children or people unfamiliar with the instructions to use the product.

- Use the product in daylight or good artificial light.
- Avoid using on wet grass.
- Do not walk backwards when using the product.
- Keep firm footing and balance. Do not overreach. Overreaching can result in loss of balance. Always be sure of the footing on slopes, and walk, never run.
- Keep bystanders, children and pets 15m away from the area of operation, stop the product if anyone enters the area.
- Keep the cutting attachment below waist level.
- Never operate the product with damaged guards or without guards in place.
- Never fit a metal replacement line.
- Keep hands and feet away from the cutting means at all times and especially when switching on the motor.
- Beware, the cutting elements continue to rotate after the motor is switched off.
- Beware of objects thrown by the cutting means. Clear debris like small stones, gravel and other foreign objects from the work area before starting operation. Wires or string may become entangled with the cutting means.
- Switch off and disconnect from the power supply before:
  - servicing
  - leaving the product unattended
  - cleaning your product or clearing a blockage
  - changing accessories
  - checking for any damage after hitting an object
  - checking for any damage if the product starts to vibrate abnormally
  - performing maintenance
- The small blade fitted to the lawn guard is designed to trim the new extended line to the correct length for safe and optimum performance. It is very sharp, do not touch it particularly when cleaning the product.
- Always ensure that ventilation openings are kept clear of debris.
- Make sure the cutting head attachment is properly installed and securely fastened.
- Make sure all guards, deflectors and handles are properly and securely attached.
- Do not modify the product in any way, this

may increase the risk of injury to yourself or others.

- Use only the manufacturer's replacement cutting line. Do not use any other cutting attachment.
- Immediately switch off and disconnect from the mains once in the event of accident or breakdown. Don't operate the product again until it's fully checked by authorised service center.

## TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE

- Stop the product 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.
- For storage, always disconnect from power supply and wind cable.
- For transportation, secure the product against movement or falling to prevent injury to persons or damage to the product.

## 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.

- Switch off and disconnect from the mains before conducting any maintenance or cleaning work.
- You may make adjustments and repairs described here. For other repairs, contact the authorized service agent.
- For replacement line, use only nylon filament line of the diameter described in

the specification table of this manual.

- After extending new cutter line, always return the product to its normal operating position before starting.
- After each use, clean the product with a soft dry cloth. Any part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorised service centre.
- Check all nuts, bolts, and screws at frequent intervals for proper tightness to ensure the product is in a safe working condition.

## 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:

- Injury caused by vibration. Hold the product by designated handles and restrict working time and exposure.
- Exposure to noise can cause hearing injury. Wear ear protection and limit exposure.
- Eye injury due to flying debris. Wear eye protection at all times.

## RISK REDUCTION

It has been reported that vibrations from hand-held products 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 product 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.

### KNOW YOUR PRODUCT

See page 7.

1. Rear handle
2. Lock out trigger
3. Trigger
4. Front handle
5. Harness
6. Upper shaft
7. Lower shaft
8. Safety guard
9. Cut-off blade
10. Cutting line
11. Bump head
12. Power cord
13. Cord retainer
14. Spool cover
15. Spool
16. Eyelet

### SYMBOLS ON THE PRODUCT



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



Wear eye protection.



Wear hearing protection.



Wear non-slip safety footwear when using the product.



Do not use metal blade(s) on the product.



Do not expose to rain or damp condition.



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



Beware of thrown or flying objects. Keep all bystanders a safe distance away from the product.



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



Keep hands away from cut-off blade.



Class II tool, double insulation



Switch off: remove plug from mains before cleaning or maintenance.



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.



The guaranteed pressure level is 91 dB.



The guaranteed sound power level is 102 dB.



Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM). Product meets applicable regulatory requirements.



To reduce the risk of injury, the user must read and understand the operator's manual before using the product.

### SYMBOLS IN THIS MANUAL



Connect to power outlet.



Disconnect from power outlet.



Parts or accessories sold separately



Note



Warning

The following signal words and meanings are intended to explain the levels of risk associated with this product.

**⚠ DANGER**

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

**⚠ WARNING**

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

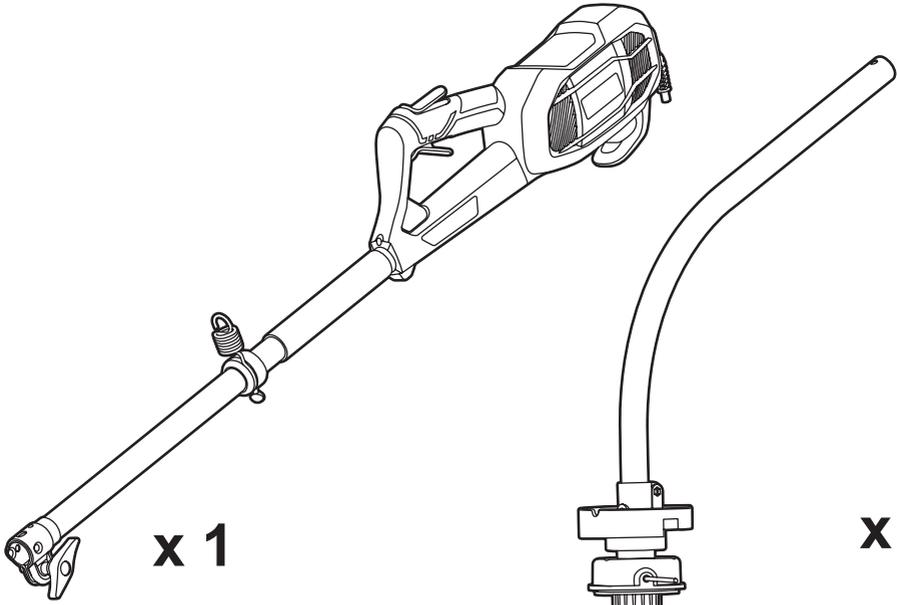
**⚠ CAUTION**

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

**CAUTION**

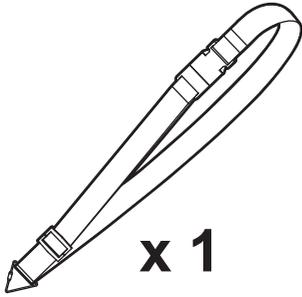
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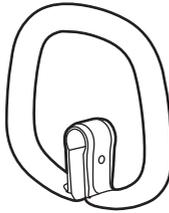


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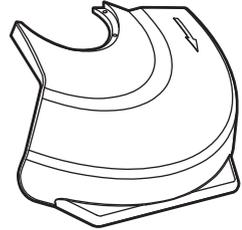
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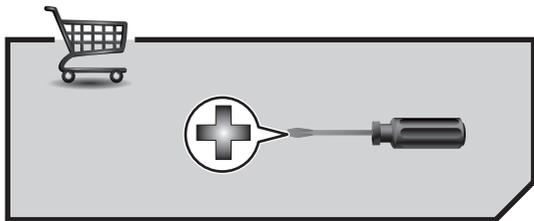
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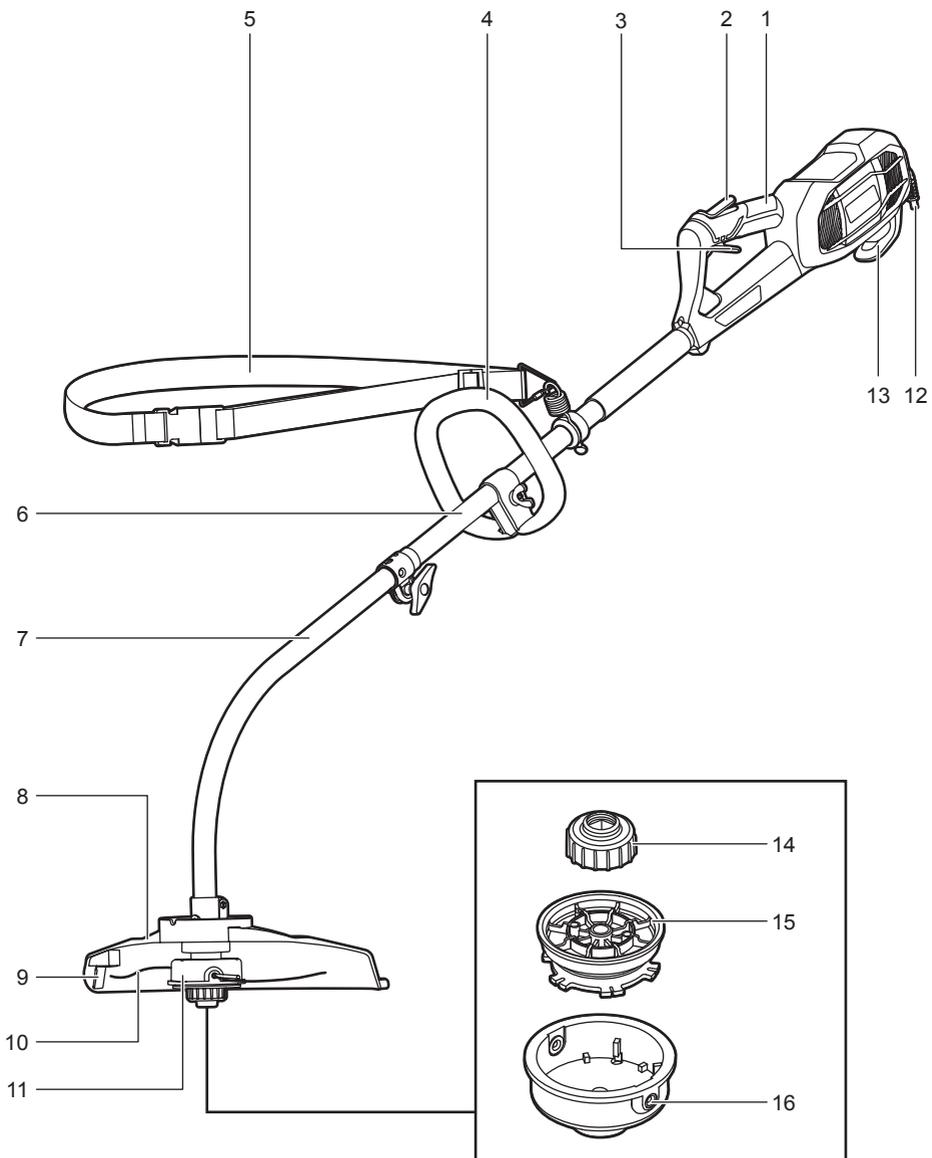


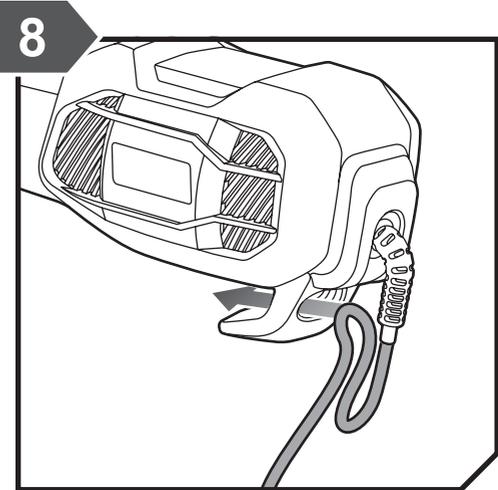
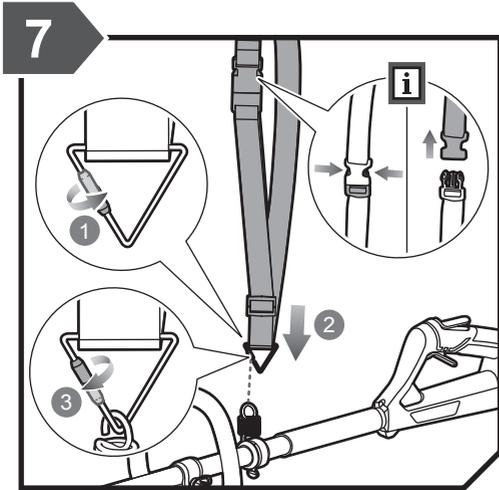
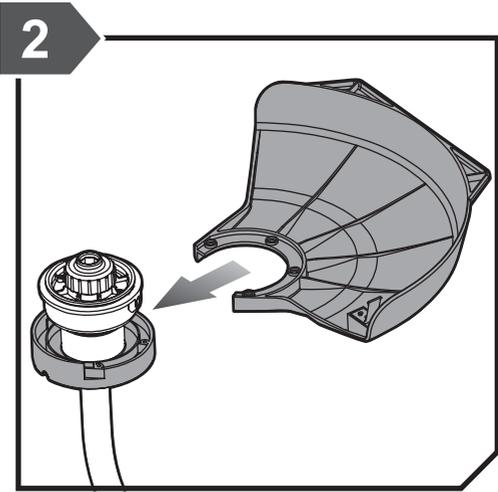
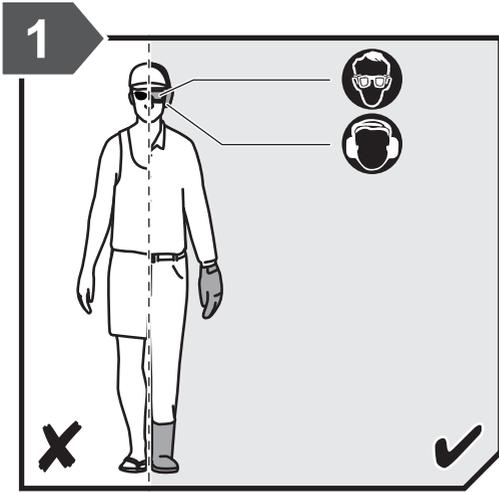
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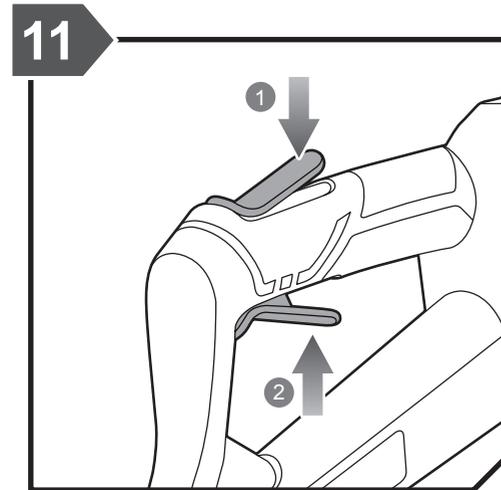
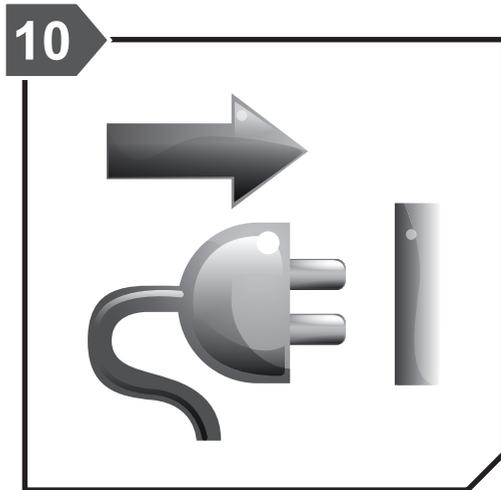
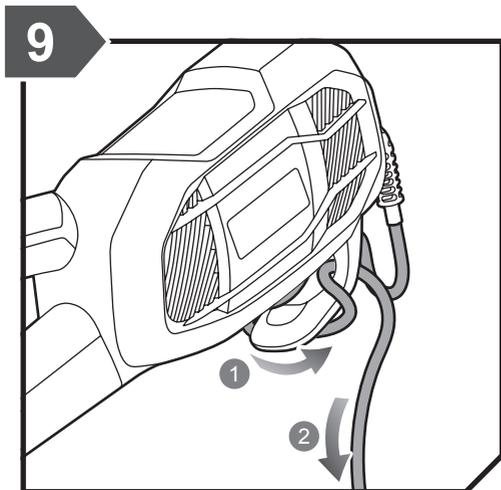
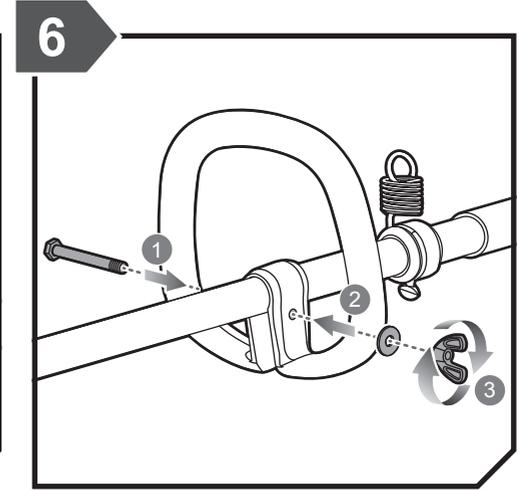
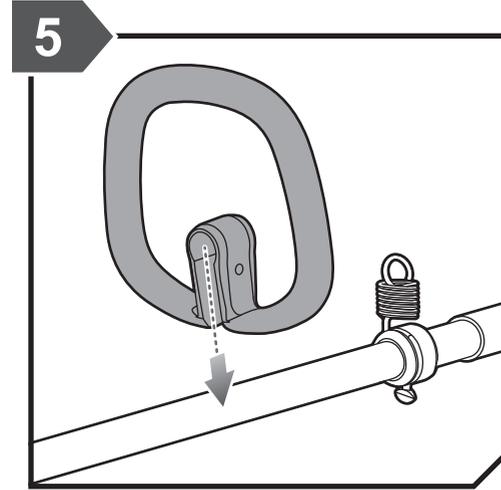
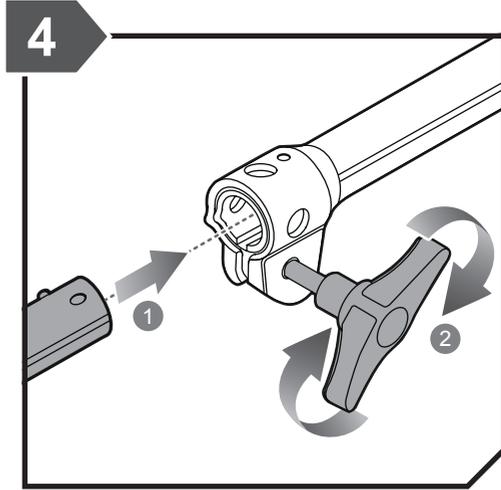
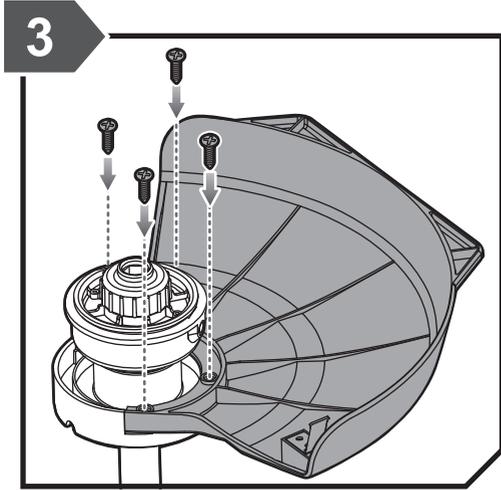


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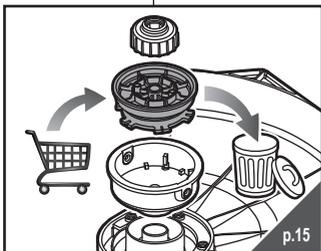
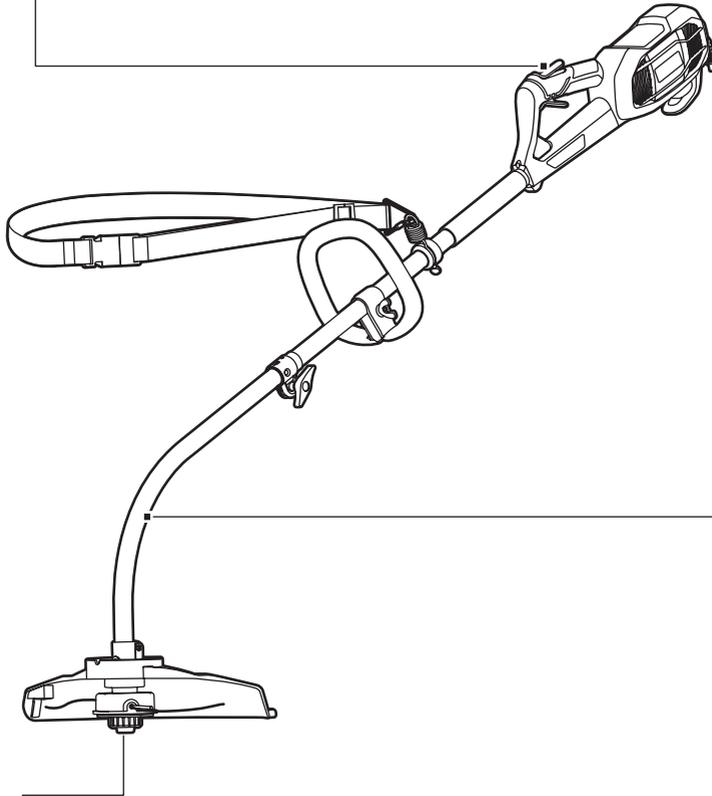
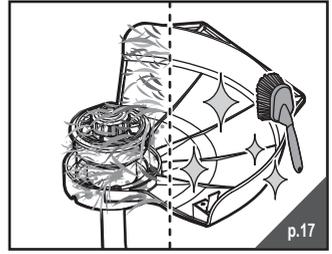
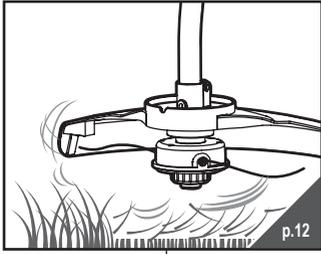


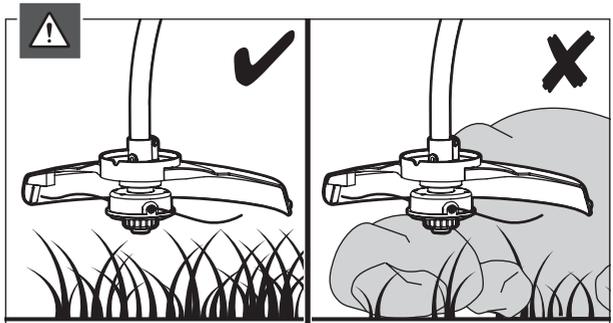
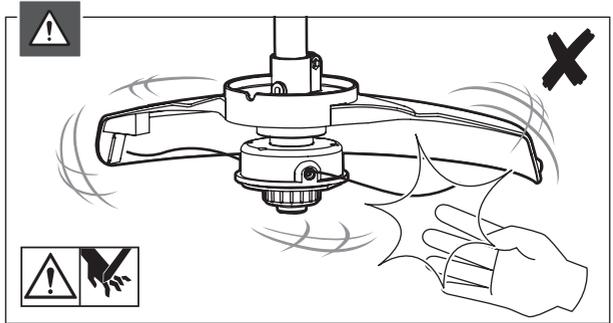
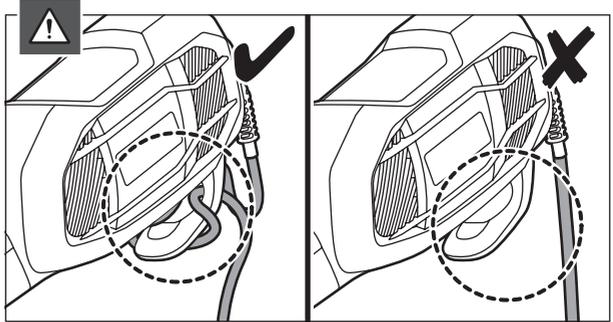
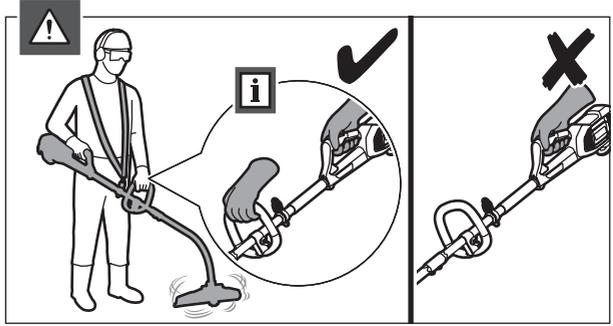
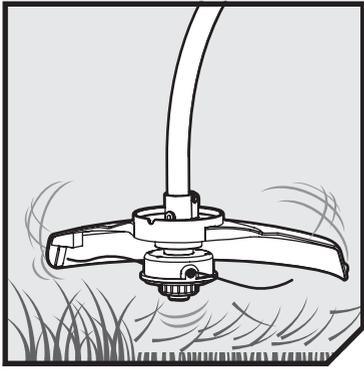


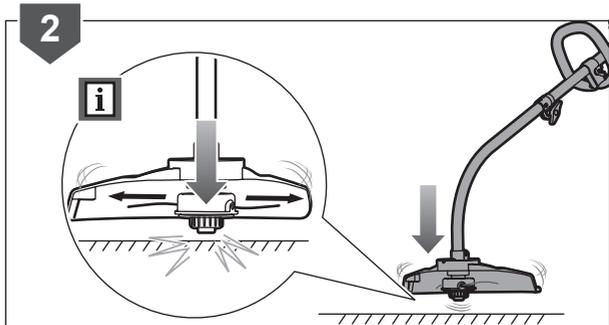
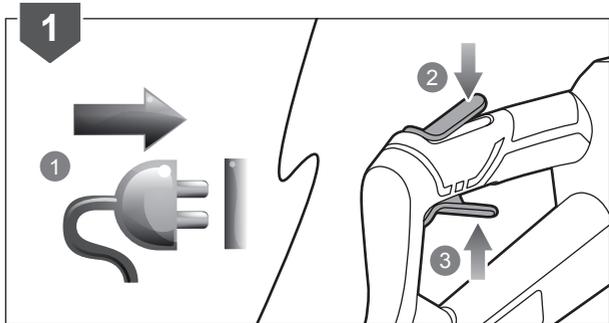
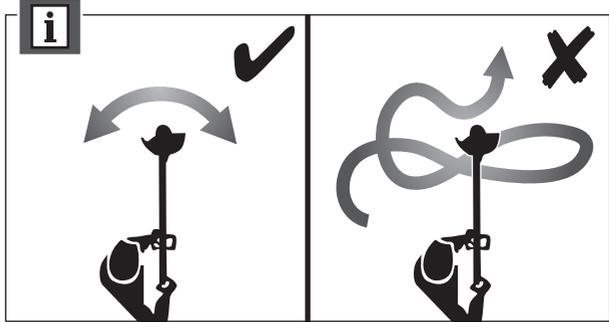
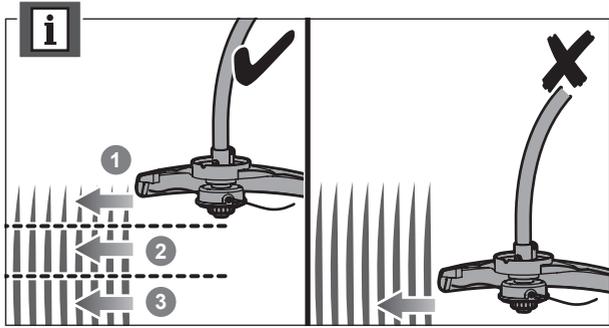


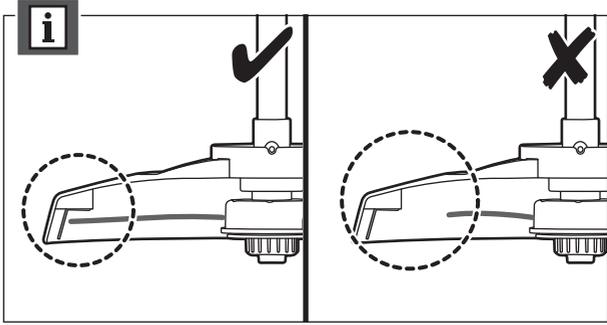
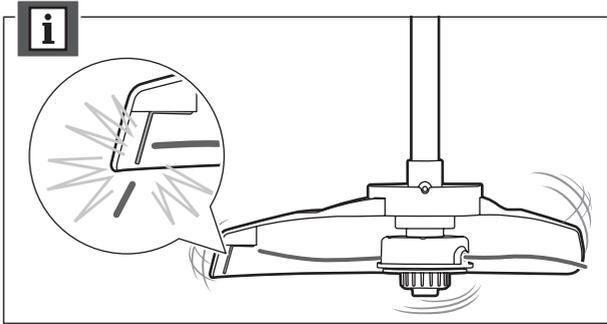


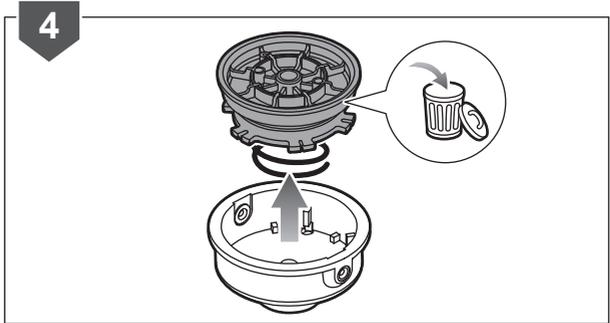
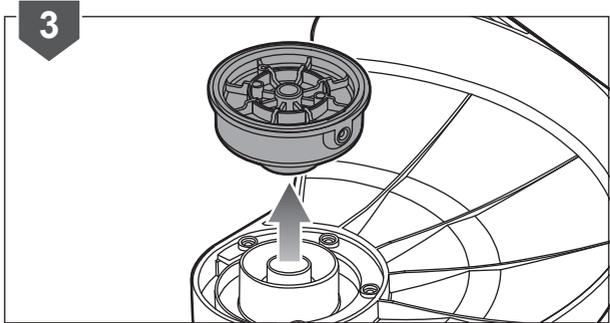
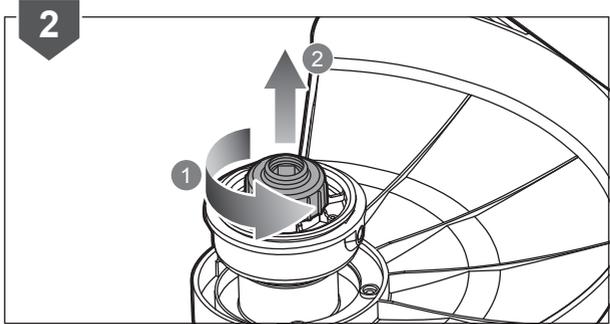
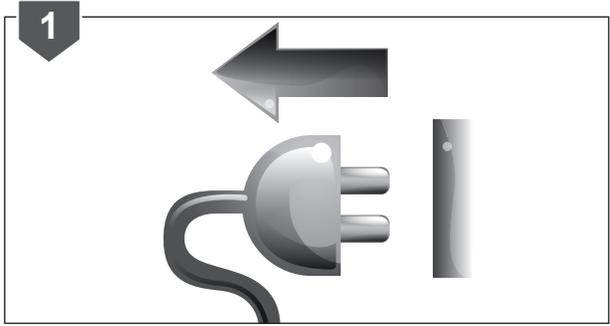


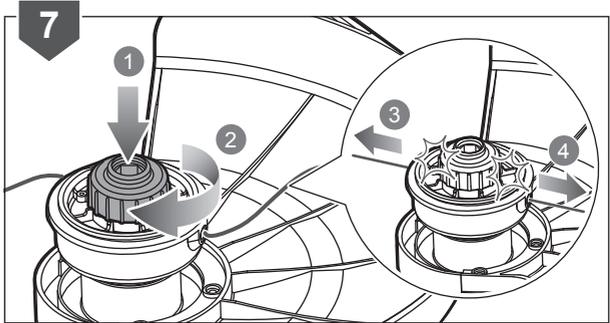
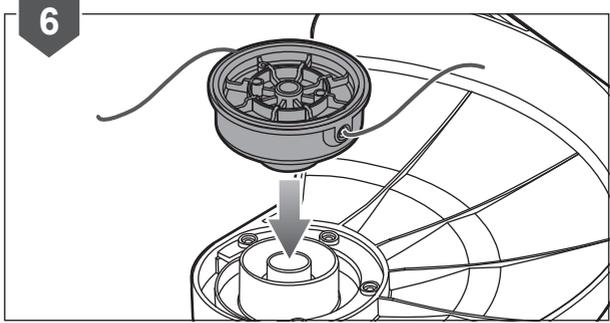
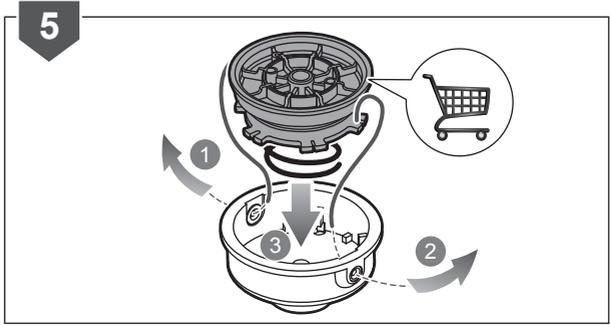


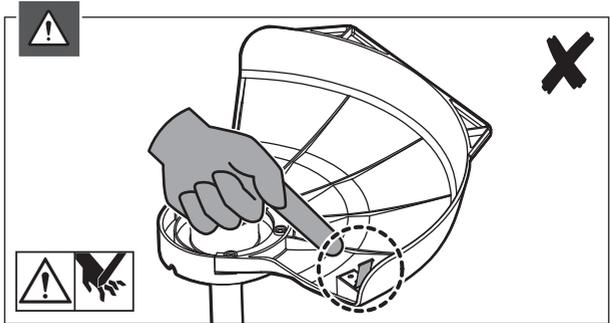
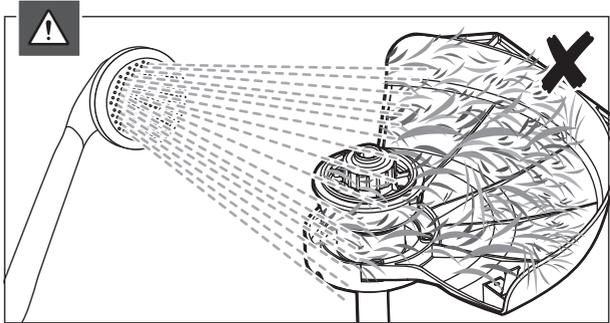
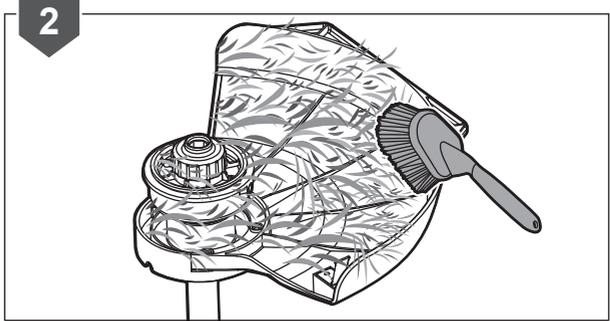
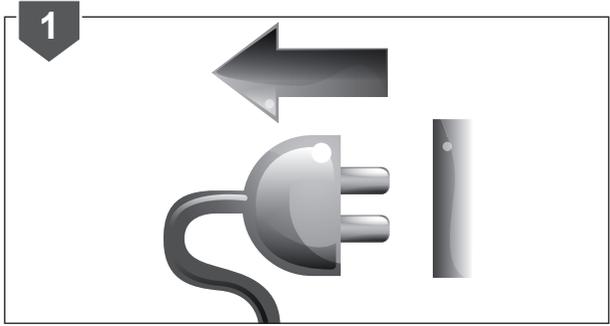
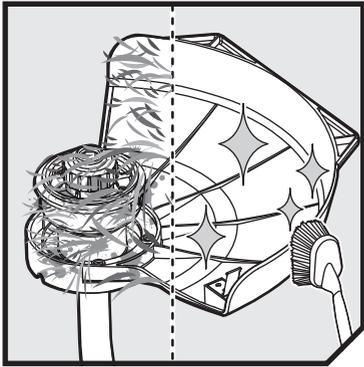


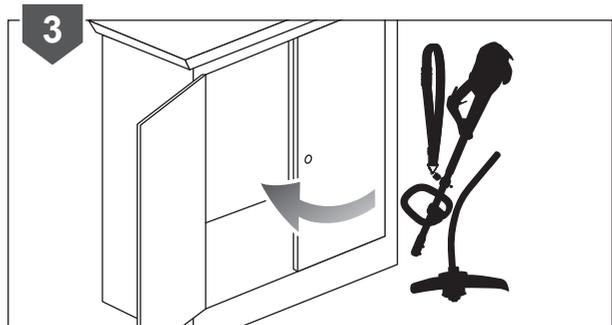
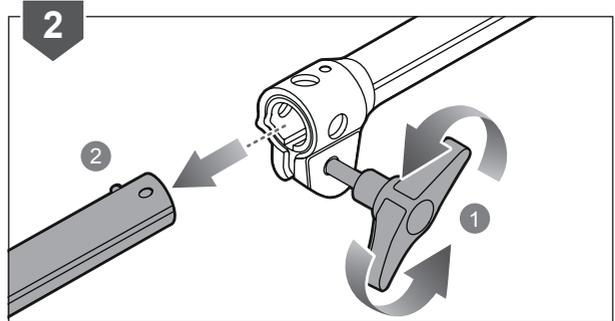
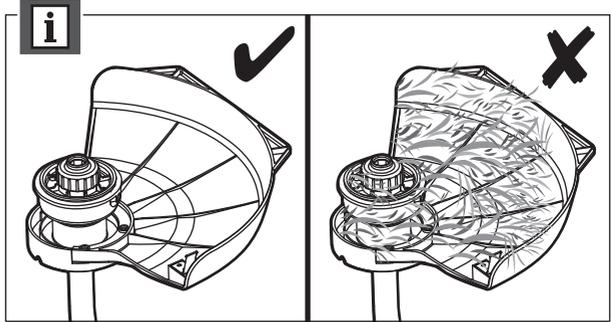
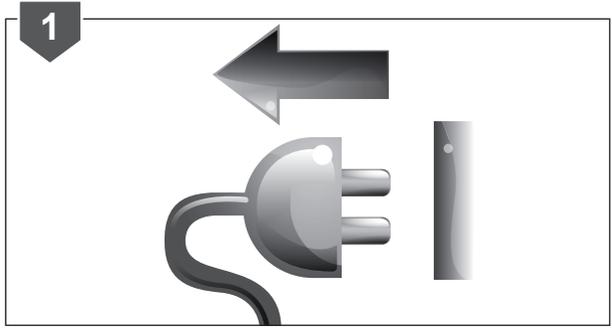












## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

### Electric Line Trimmer

Model	RLT1238
Rated power	1200 W
Rated voltage	230-240V ~ 50Hz
No-load speed	7,100 min <sup>-1</sup>
Cutting line diameter	2.0 mm
Cutting capacity	380 mm
Power cord length	0.35 m

### Vibration level (in accordance with AS/NZS 60335.2.91 Annex BB)

Rear handle	3.1 m/s <sup>2</sup>
Front handle	2.2 m/s <sup>2</sup>
Uncertainty of measurement	1.5 m/s <sup>2</sup>

### Noise emission level (in accordance with AS/NZS 60335.2.91 Annex CC)

A-weighted sound pressure level at operator's position	88.4 dB(A)
Uncertainty of measurement	2.5 dB
A-weighted sound power level	99.5 dB(A)
Uncertainty of measurement	2.5 dB
Weight	4.52 kg

## REPLACEMENT PART

2.0 mm complete spool	RAC1201
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