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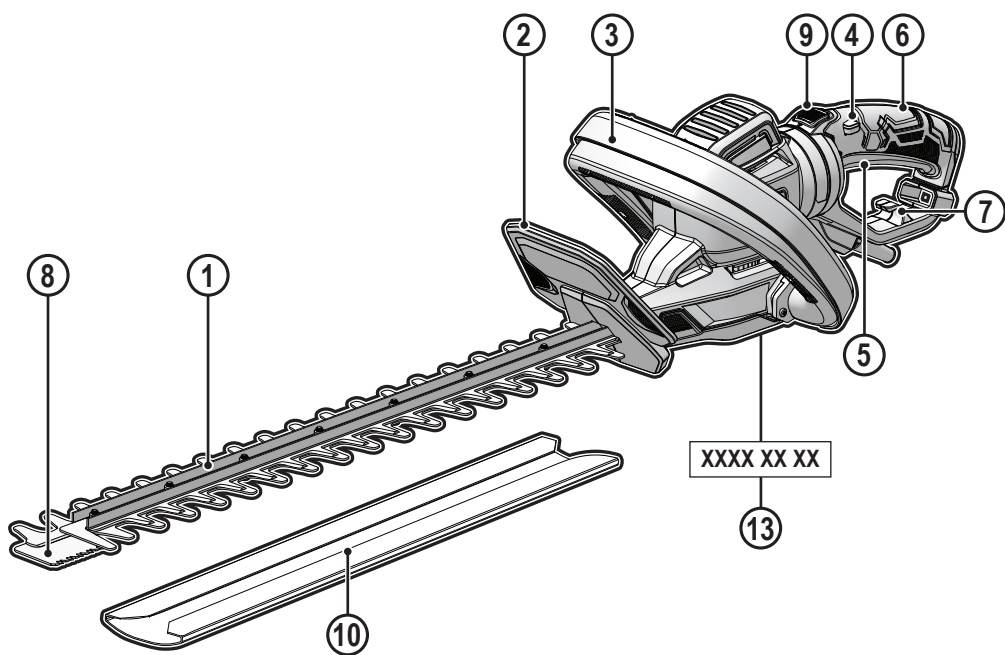


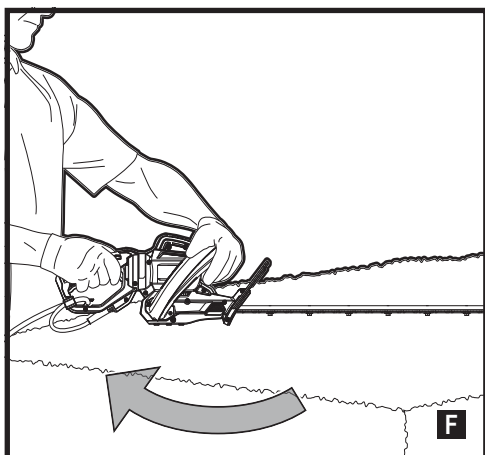
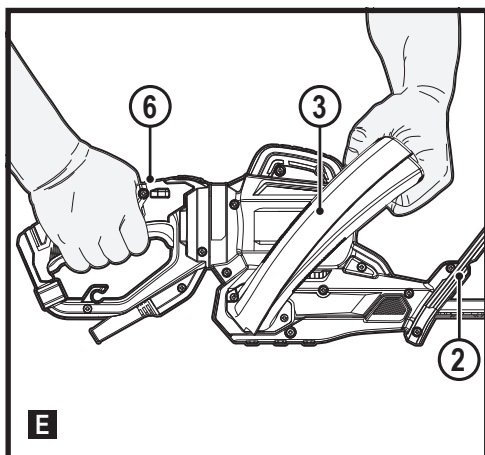
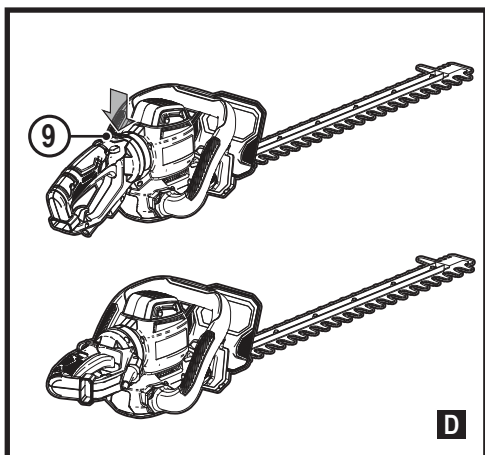
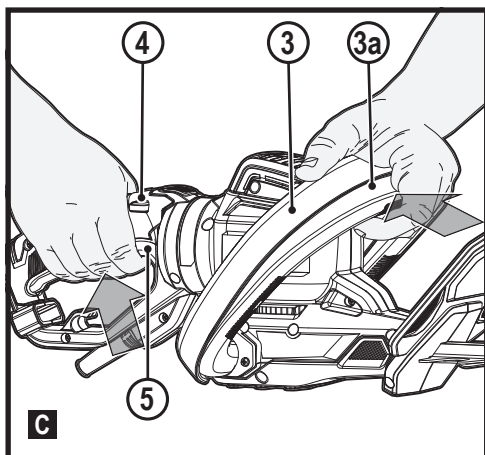
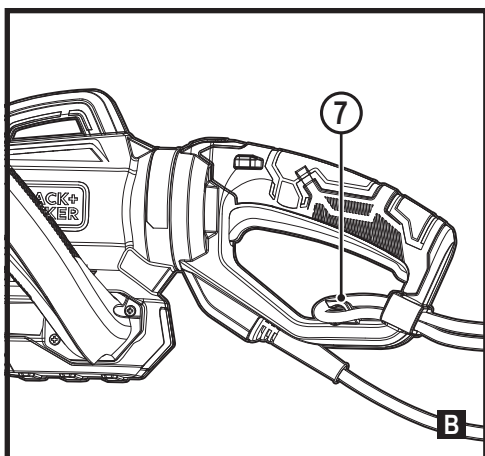
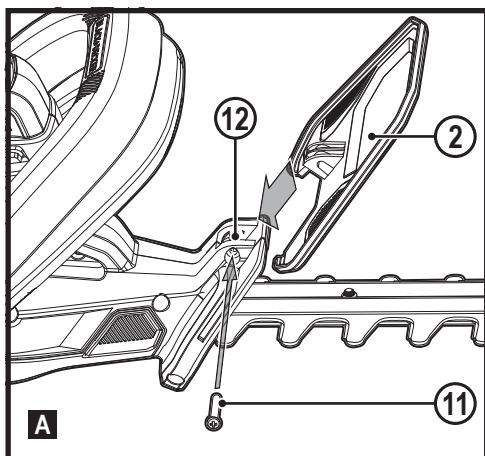
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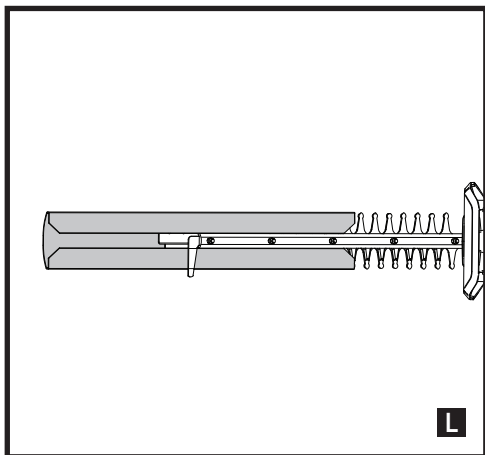
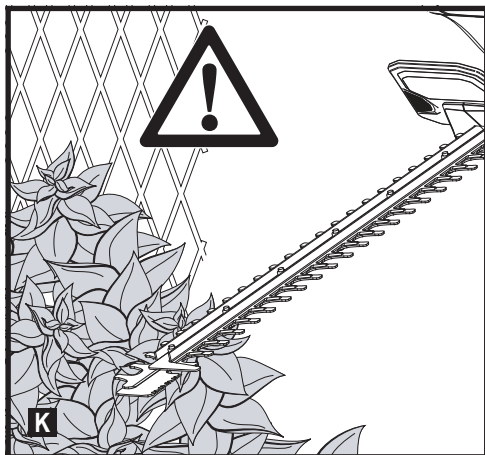
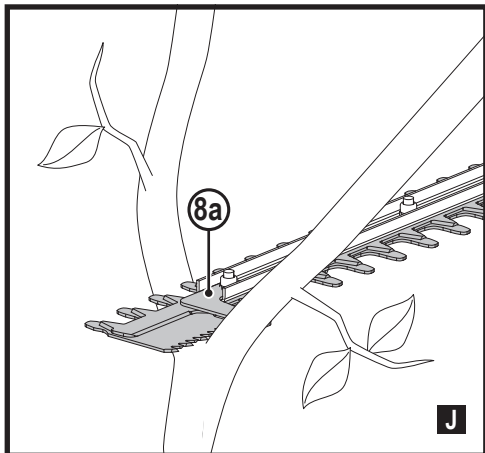
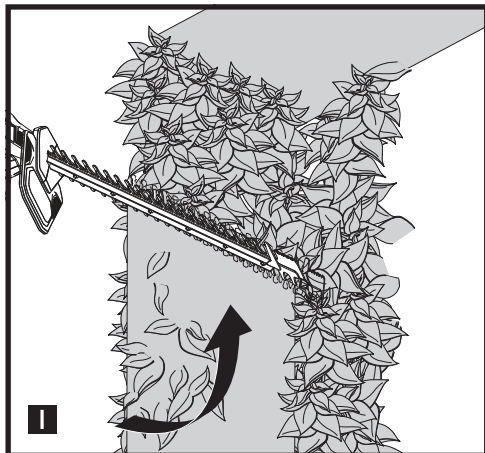
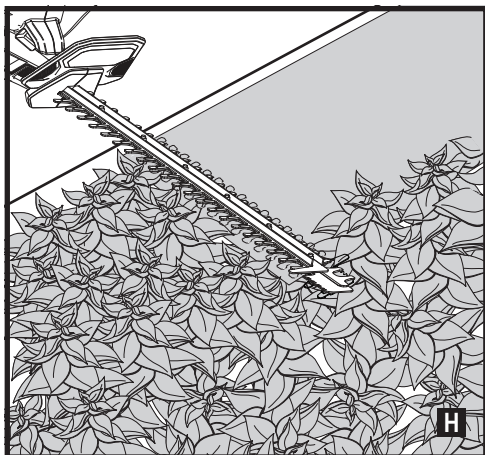
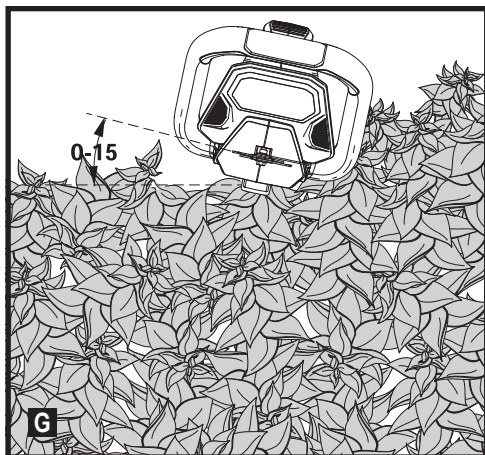
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Documents Available Online

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- Instruction Manual
- Declaration of Conformity (DoC)
- Product Emission Data (PED): Information about Noise, Vibration and Dust (not applicable for all products)



Technical Data

BEHTS551 -QS -XE Type 1, -GB Type 2		
Voltage	V _{AC}	230
Power input	W	650
Blade strokes (no load)	min ⁻¹	1840
Blade length	cm	60
Blade gap	mm	25
Blade brake time	s	<1
Saw blade Max cut	mm	35
Weight	kg	3.1

Intended use

Your BLACK+DECKER® BEHTS551 hedge trimmer has been designed for trimming hedges, shrubs and brambles. This tool is intended for consumer use only.

- ♦ Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.

Safety instructions

General power tool safety warnings



WARNING! Read all safety warnings, instructions, illustrations and specifications provided with this power tool. Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 a dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
- 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 tool in unexpected situations.
- Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair and clothing away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.

- g. 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.
 - h. Do not let familiarity gained from frequent use of tools allow you to become complacent and ignore tool safety principles. A careless action can cause severe injury within a fraction of a second.
4. **Power tool use and care**
- a. **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.
 - b. **Do not use the power tool if the switch does not turn it on and off.** Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
 - c. **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or remove the battery pack, if detachable, 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.
 - d. **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.
 - e. **Maintain power tools and accessories. 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.
 - f. **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
 - g. **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.
 - h. **Keep handles and grasping surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease.** Slippery handles and grasping surfaces do not allow for safe handling and control of the tool in unexpected situations.
5. **Service**
- a. **Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts.** This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.

Safety Instructions for Hedge Trimmers

Hedge trimmer safety warnings

- a) **Do not use the hedge trimmer in bad weather conditions, especially when there is a risk of lightning.** This decreases the risk of being struck by lightning.
- b) **Keep all power cords and cables away from cutting area.** Power cords or cables may be hidden in hedges or bushes and can be accidentally cut by the blade.
- c) **Wear ear protection.** Adequate protective equipment will reduce the risk of hearing loss.
- d) **Hold the hedge trimmer by insulated gripping surfaces only, because the blade may contact hidden wiring.** Blades contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the hedge trimmer "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
- e) **Keep all parts of the body away from the blade.** Do not remove cut material or hold material to be cut when blades are moving. Blades continue to move after the switch is turned off. A moment of inattention while operating the hedge trimmer may result in serious personal injury.
- f) **When clearing jammed material or servicing the hedge trimmer, make sure all power switches are off and the power cord is disconnected.** Unexpected actuation of the hedge trimmer while clearing jammed material or servicing may result in serious personal injury.
- g) **Carry the hedge trimmer by the handle with the blade stopped and taking care not to operate any power switch.** Proper carrying of the hedge trimmer will decrease the risk of inadvertent starting and resultant personal injury from the blades.
- h) **When transporting or storing the hedge trimmer, always use the blade cover.** Proper handling of the hedge trimmer will decrease the risk of personal injury from the blades.

Hedge trimmer safety warnings

- The hedge trimmer is intended to be used by the operator at ground level and not on ladders or any other unstable support.
 - Use both hands when operating the hedge trimmer. Using one hand could cause loss of control and result in serious personal injury.
 - 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 material. Blades coast after turn off. A moment of inattention while operating the hedge trimmer may result in serious personal injury.
 - Check the hedge for foreign objects, e.g. wire fences.
- DANGER:** Keep hands away from blade. Contact with blade will result in serious personal injury.

Warning: Wear eye protection.

Warning: Do not expose to rain.

Warning: Only use with bail handle and blade guard properly assembled to hedge trimmer. The use of the hedge trimmer without the proper guard or handle provided may result in serious personal injury.

Residual risks

Additional residual risks may arise when using the tool which may not be included in the enclosed safety warnings. These risks can arise from misuse, prolonged use etc.

Even with the application of the relevant safety regulations and the implementation of safety devices, certain residual risks can not be avoided. These include:

- ◆ Injuries caused by touching any rotating/moving parts.
- ◆ Injuries caused when changing any parts, blades or accessories.
- ◆ Injuries caused by prolonged use of a tool. When using any tool for prolonged periods ensure you take regular breaks.
- ◆ Impairment of hearing.
- ◆ Health hazards caused by breathing dust developed when using your tool (example:- working with wood, especially oak, and beech.)

Date Code Position

The production date code (13) consists of a 4-digit year followed by a 2-digit week and is extended by a 2-digit factory code.

Labels on tool

To reduce the risk of injury, user must follow the following instructions:



User must read and understand instruction manual before using this product.



User must wear sufficient eye, ear and head protection.



DO NOT expose the product to rain.



DO NOT touch the blade.
Keep hands away from blade.



WARNING: Electric shock or cutting hazard.
Remove plug from mains before maintenance or if cord is damaged.



Directive 2000/14/EC guaranteed sound power.

Electrical safety



This tool is double insulated; therefore no earth wire is required. Always check that the power supply corresponds to the voltage on the rating plate.

- ◆ If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or an authorised BLACK+DECKER Service Centre in order to avoid a hazard.
- ◆ When using the tool outdoors, only use extension cables intended for outdoor use. A suitable rated

BLACK+DECKER extension cable of up to 30 m can be used without loss of power.

- ◆ Electric safety can be further improved by using a high-sensitivity 30 mA residual current device (RCD).

Features

This tool includes some or all of the following features.

1. Blade
2. Guard
3. Bail handle
4. Lock off button
5. Trigger switch
6. Switch handle
7. Cord retainer
8. Sawblade
9. Rotate button
10. Sheath

Assembly

Warning! Before assembly, make sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged and that the blade sheath is fitted over the blades.

Attaching guard to trimmer (Fig. A)

The trimmer is shipped with the guard unattached to the trimmer. To attach the guard:

- ◆ Remove guard retaining screw (11) with a Phillips screwdriver (not supplied).
- ◆ Position the guard in place as shown in Fig. A. Ensuring the guard slots into the grooves (12) on the unit.
- ◆ Insert the guard retaining screw (11) into the opening on the side of the guard and tighten securely as shown in Fig. A.

Warning! Only use with handle and guard properly assembled to hedge trimmer. The use of the hedge trimmer without the proper guard or handle provided may result in serious personal injury.

Attaching extension cord to trimmer (Fig. B)

A cord retainer (7) is incorporated into the rear of the switch handle (6).

- ◆ Near the end of the extension cord, fold the extension cord to create a loop.
- ◆ Feed the loop into the cord retainer housing as shown in Fig. B.
- ◆ Hook the loop onto the cord retainer (7) so it rests in the cord retainer.
- ◆ Plug the extension cord into the unit.

Use

Warning! Let the tool work at its own pace. Do not overload.

Warning! Do not store or use the tool and battery pack in locations where the temperature may fall below 4 °C (39 °F) (such as outside sheds or metal buildings in winter), or reach or exceed 40 °C (104 °F) (such as outside sheds or metal buildings in summer).

Switching on and off

Note: For your safety, this tool is equipped with a double switching system. This system prevents starting the tool inadvertently and will only allow operation while holding the tool with both hands.

Switching on (Fig. C)

- ◆ To turn the tool "ON", press the lock off button (4) in the switch handle (6) backward and squeeze the trigger switch (5). Depress the safety switch in the Bail handle (3a) as shown in figure C. Once the unit is running, you may release the lock off button. In order to keep the unit running you must continue to squeeze the trigger. To turn the tool "OFF", release the trigger.

Warning! Never attempt to lock a switch in the ON position.

Rotating the Rear Handle (Fig. D)

The rear handle has the capability of rotating 180°. There are optional stops at 0°, 45° and 90° which are ideal for side cuts and rounded or irregular shaped shrubs.

To rotate the rear handle, press in on the rotate button (9) and turn in the desired direction as shown in Figure D. Figure D depicts the rear handle in 90° left, 0° and 90° right positions.

Correct hand position (Fig. E)

Always hold the trimmer, as shown in the illustrations in this manual, with one hand on the switch handle and one hand on the bail handle (Fig. E). Never hold the unit by the blade guard.

Guidelines for trimming

Extension cord (Fig. F)

- ◆ Always keep extension cord behind trimmer and away from the trimming operation as shown in figure F. Never drape it over a hedge being trimmed.
- ◆ If you cut or damage the cord, unplug it at the electrical outlet immediately, before inspecting or repairing cord.

Working position

- ◆ Maintain proper footing and balance and do not overreach.
- ◆ Wear safety goggles, non-skid footwear and rubber gloves when trimming.
- ◆ Hold the tool firmly in both hands and turn the tool ON. Always hold the trimmer, as shown in Fig. E, with one hand on the switch handle and one hand on the auxiliary handle. Never hold the tool by the blade guard.

Trimming new growth (Fig. G)

- ◆ A wide, sweeping motion, feeding the blade teeth through the twigs is most effective. A slight downward tilt of the blade, in the direction of motion gives the best cutting.

Warning! Do not use trimmer for cutting stems greater than 16 mm. Use the trimmer only for cutting normal shrubbery found around houses and buildings.

Level hedges (Fig. H)

- ◆ To obtain exceptionally level hedges, a piece of string can be stretched along the length of the hedge as a guide.

Side trimming hedges (Fig. I)

- ◆ Begin at the bottom and sweep up.

Sawblade (Fig. J)

- ◆ For branches too large for the blade (1) to cut, use the sawblade (8). Position the sawblade as close to the bottom of the branch as possible. Place the sawblade shoe (8a) against the branch. Turn the hedge trimmer on as described above, allowing the tool to work at its own pace until the branch is fully cut.

The cutting blades are made from high quality, hardened steel and with normal usage, they will not require sharpening. However, if you accidentally hit a wire fence (Fig. K), stones, glass or other hard objects, you may put a nick in the blade. There is no need to remove this nick as long as it does not interfere with the movement of the blade. If it does interfere, unplug the cord and use a fine toothed file or sharpening stone to remove the nick. If you drop the trimmer, carefully inspect it for damage. If the blade is bent, housing cracked, or handles broken or if you see any other condition that may affect the trimmer's operation contact your local BLACK+DECKER Service Center for repairs before putting it back into use.

Fertilizers and other garden chemicals contain agents which greatly accelerate the corrosion of metals. Do not store the unit on or adjacent to fertilizers or chemicals.

Blade Lubrication (Fig. L)

- ◆ After use, disconnect the power source.
- ◆ Carefully apply a resin solvent to the exposed blades.
- ◆ Connect the power source and turn the trimmer vertical with the blades toward the ground and run the trimmer for a few seconds to fully disperse the lubrication.
- ◆ Keeping your hands away from the blade, slide the sheath (10) over the blade until it snaps into place as shown in Figure L.

Accessories

The performance of your tool depends on the accessory used. BLACK+DECKER accessories are engineered to high quality standards and designed to enhance the performance of your tool. By using these accessories you will get the very best from your tool.

Cleaning

WARNING: Blow dirt and dust out of the main housing with dry air as often as dirt is seen collecting in and around the air vents. Wear approved eye protection and approved dust mask when performing this procedure.

WARNING: Never use solvents or other harsh chemicals for cleaning the non-metallic parts of the tool. These chemicals may weaken the materials used in these parts. Use a cloth dampened only with water and mild soap. Never let any liquid get inside the tool; never immerse any part of the tool into a liquid.

Maintenance

Your BLACK+DECKER corded/cordless appliance/tool has been designed to operate over a long period of time with a

minimum of maintenance. Continuous satisfactory operation depends upon proper tool care and regular cleaning. Lubrication oil is available from your BLACK+DECKER dealer (cat. no. A6102-XJ).

Please refer to the back page of this manual for service center contact information, or visit www.2helpu.com.

Warning! Before performing any maintenance on corded/cordless power tools:

- ◆ Switch off and unplug the appliance/tool.
- ◆ Or switch off and remove the battery from the appliance/tool if the appliance/tool has a separate battery pack.
- ◆ Or run the battery down completely if it is integral and then switch off.
- ◆ Unplug the charger before cleaning it. Your charger does not require any maintenance apart from regular cleaning.
- ◆ Regularly clean the ventilation slots in your appliance/tool/charger using a soft brush or dry cloth.
- ◆ Regularly clean the motor housing using a damp cloth. Do not use any abrasive or solvent-based cleaner.
- ◆ After use, carefully clean the blades. After cleaning, apply a film of light machine oil to prevent the blades from rusting.

Mains plug replacement (U.K. & Ireland only)

If a new mains plug needs to be fitted:

- ◆ Safely dispose of the old plug.
- ◆ Connect the brown lead to the live terminal in the new plug.
- ◆ Connect the blue lead to the neutral terminal.

Warning! No connection is to be made to the earth terminal. Follow the fitting instructions supplied with good quality plugs. Recommended fuse: 5 A.

Protecting the Environment



Products/batteries are recyclable, but if marked with the crossed-out bin, they must not be disposed of with normal household waste.

Run the batteries down completely and separate them, and separate any light sources from the product if possible. It is the user's responsibility to delete personal data from the product. Then take the waste to an official waste collection centre or a participating retailer who will often accept it free of charge. Packaging should be discarded based on the marked material code. Operating and safety instructions should only be discarded once the applicable product is no longer in use.

Please check with your local community/municipality for waste management guidance. For further information, visit www.2helpU.com and scan the above QR code.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Possible Solution
Slow running, noisy or hot blades.	Dry, corroded blades.	Lubricate blades.
	Blades or blade support bent.	Straighten blade or blade support.
	Bent or damaged teeth.	Straighten teeth.
	Loose blade bolts.	Tighten blade bolts.
Unit will not start.	Lock off not fully operated.	Check that lock off is fully forward prior to moving main trigger.
	Cord not plugged in.	Plug cord into a work-ing outlet.
	Circuit fuse is blown.	Replace circuit fuse. (If the product repeatedly causes the circuit fuse to blow, discontinue use immediately and have it serviced at a BLACK+DECKER service center or authorized servicer.)
	Circuit breaker is tripped.	Reset circuit breaker. (If the product repeatedly causes the circuit breaker to trip, discontinue use immediately and have it serviced at a BLACK+DECKER service center or authorized servicer.)
	Cord or switch is damaged.	Have cord or switch replaced at BLACK+DECKER Service Center or Authorized Servicer.

Guarantee

Black & Decker is confident of the quality of its products and offers consumers a 24 month guarantee from the date of purchase. This guarantee is in addition to and in no way prejudices your statutory rights. The guarantee is valid within the territories of the Member States of the European Union and the European Free Trade Area.

To claim on the guarantee, the claim must be in accordance with Black&Decker Terms and Conditions and you will need to submit proof of purchase to the seller or an authorised repair agent. Terms and conditions of the Black&Decker 2 year guarantee and the location of your nearest authorised repair agent can be obtained on the Internet at www.2helpU.com, or by contacting your local Black & Decker office at the address indicated in this manual.

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