



Using the Hedge Trimmer

1. Wear your protective equipment including ear defenders, goggles and face mask.
2. Make sure there is no-one in your area of work.
3. Keep the cable clear of the cutting blade at all times.
4. Always hold the hedge trimmer firmly with both hands while working.
5. Make sure the cutting blade is running at full speed before starting to cut into the hedge.
6. Do not try to cut thick twigs. This hedge trimmer is only for trimming foliage.
7. Do not try to cut off all growth in one pass, remove it one layer at a time. Make sure that you can control the amount you are removing before you take off the final layer.
8. This hedge trimmer must only be used to cut foliage up to shoulder height. If you need to trim foliage above shoulder height then a suitable stable platform must be used.
9. Beware of debris that may be thrown out by the trimming blade.
10. If the hedge trimmer starts to labour and slow down do not force it so hard. Do not overload the motor.
11. Stop the hedge trimmer if someone approaches you.
12. Switch off and remove the plug before making any adjustments. Make sure the trimming blade has stopped.
13. If you think the cable may be cut or damaged in any way, switch off and unplug at the socket before inspecting it. If the cable attached to the hedge trimmer is damaged, stop using the machine. Contact the hire company. If an extension cable has been damaged, do not use it again.
14. Switch off and unplug before leaving the machine unattended.
15. If your equipment does not work properly do not attempt to repair it. Contact the hire company.

Please keep this leaflet as it may be required for future reference



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The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

It is important to read all of this leaflet BEFORE you use the Hedge Trimmer

1. Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
2. Electricity is dangerous and must always be used with great care.
3. This hedge trimmer is designed for cutting back and trimming hedges, shrubs and similar plants.
4. The sharp trimming blade reciprocates very fast and can cause injury or damage if the machine is not used in a careful and controlled way.
5. If you have not used a hedge trimmer before, familiarise yourself with how the machine works before you start on the main task.
6. You must have at least the following items of personal protective equipment: goggles – impact resistant EN 166-B or BS2092 grade 1; ear muffs or plugs giving protection for levels up to 98 dB(A); dust mask – a minimum of EN149 ffp3(S) protection; gloves.
7. This machine must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
8. This machine is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.



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1. Use a residual current device ("rcd") plugged directly in to the 230 volt socket. Plug your machine into the rcd. This will help to protect you against electric shock if the cable or machine get damaged.
2. Use the "TEST" button to check that the rcd is working each time you use it. Reset the rcd according to the instructions supplied with it.
3. If you need an extension cable, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If you use a suitably rated heavy duty one, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet), plug it directly into the rcd.
4. Lay it out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. Unroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.
5. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.



1. If you are using a portable transformer, plug the transformer directly into the 230 volt socket. Do not use any 230v extension cables.
2. If you need to use an extension cable, you must only use an extension cable between the transformer and the machine.
3. Lay the extension cable out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. Unroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.
4. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.



1. Check your machine, cables and all equipment. Do not use anything found damaged – contact the hire company.
 2. Make sure that any guards on your hedge trimmer are in place and adjusted correctly.
 3. Always hold the hedge trimmer correctly with both hands when working.
 4. Make sure that you understand all the controls. Before you switch on the hedge trimmer, you must know how to stop it.
- Your machine will only operate on one voltage: it will be 110v or 230v. 110v machines will have a yellow industrial plug fitted.

