



Hedge Hog® XB Hedge Trimmer

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Catalog Nos. HTD18, HTD22

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TO THE SUCCESS OF BLACK & DECKER'S QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

KEY INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Always unplug trimmer before exchanging blades.
- Keep trimmer drive pin (Fig. 7) clean and oiled. Clean debris away from metal surface of blade cassette and drive spud (Fig. 7).

SAVE THIS MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

VEA EL ESPAÑOL EN LA CONTRAPORTADA.

INSTRUCTIVO DE OPERACIÓN, CENTROS DE SERVICIO Y PÓLIZA
DE GARANTÍA. **ADVERTENCIA:** LÉASE ESTE INSTRUCTIVO ANTES
DE USAR EL PRODUCTO.

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⚠ WARNING: IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS

TO REDUCE RISK OF INJURY:

- Before any use, be sure everyone using this garden appliance reads and understands all safety instructions and other information contained in this manual.
- Save these instructions and review frequently prior to use and in instructing others.

⚠ WARNING: When using electric hedge trimmers, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury, including the following:

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

⚠ GENERAL SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS

• Replacement Parts

When servicing use only identical replacement parts.

• Polarized Appliance Connections

To reduce the risk of electric shock, this appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other) and will require the use of a polarized extension cord. The appliance plug will fit into a polarized extension cord only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the extension cord, reverse the plug. If the plug still does not fit, obtain a correct polarized extension cord. A polarized extension cord will require the use of a polarized wall outlet. This plug will fit into the polarized wall outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If the plug still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper wall outlet. Do not change the equipment plug, extension cord receptacle, or extension cord plug in any way.

1. **Avoid Dangerous Environment** – Don't use hedge trimmers in damp or wet locations.
2. **Don't use in rain.**
3. **Keep Children Away** – All visitors should be kept at a distance from work area.
4. **Dress Properly** – Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Use of rubber gloves and substantial footwear is recommended when working outdoors. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
5. **Use Safety Glasses** – Always use face or dustmask if operation is dusty.
6. **Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI)** protection should be provided on the circuit(s) or outlet(s) to be used for the hedge trimmer. Receptacles are available having built-in GFCI protection and may be used for this measure of safety.
7. **Use Right Appliance** – Do not use appliance for any job except that for which it is intended.
8. **⚠ WARNING:** – To reduce the risk of electric shock, use only with an extension cord intended for outdoor use, such as SW-A, SOW-A, SOW, STW-A, STW, STOW-A, STOW, SJW-A, SJOW-A, SJOW, SJTW-A, SJTW, SJTOW-A, OR SJTOW.
9. **Extension Cord** – Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. When using an extension cord, make sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized extension cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. The table below shows the correct size to use depending on the cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gage. The smaller the gage number, the heavier the cord. Use the extension cord retaining system described in this manual to keep the cord from disconnecting from the hedge trimmer. Black & Decker has polarized extension cords that are UL listed for outdoor use. These are available from your local dealer or Black & Decker Service Center at extra cost.

Volts	Minimum Gage for Cord Sets				
	Total Length of Cord in Feet				
120V	25	26-50	51-100	101-150	151-300
240V	50	51-100	101-200	201-300	
Ampere Rating		American Wire Gage			
More Than	Not more Than				
0	6	18	16	16	14
6	10	18	16	14	12
10	12	16	16	14	12
12	16	14	12	Not Recommended	

10. **Avoid Unintentional Starting** - Don't carry plugged-in hedge trimmer with finger on switch. Be sure switch is off when plugging in.

11. **Don't Abuse Cord** - Never carry hedge trimmer by cord or yank it to disconnect from receptacle. Keep cord from heat, oil and sharp edges.
- ⚠ **DANGER: Risk of Cut** – Keep hands away from blades – Keep both hands on handles when power is on.
Do not attempt to remove cut material nor hold material to be cut when blades are moving. Make sure trimmer switch is off when clearing jammed material from blades. Do not grasp the exposed cutting blades or cutting edges when picking up or holding the hedge trimmer.
- ⚠ **DANGER: BLADES COAST AFTER TURN OFF.**
12. **Don't Force Hedge Trimmer** – It will do the job better and with less likelihood of a risk of injury at the rate for which it was designed.
13. **Don't Overreach** – Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
14. **Stay Alert** - Watch what you are doing. Use common sense. Do not operate hedge trimmer when you are tired.
15. **Disconnect Hedge Trimmer** – Disconnect the hedge trimmer from the power supply when not in use, before servicing and when changing accessories such as blades.
16. **Store Idle Hedge Trimmer Indoors** – When not in use, hedge trimmer should be stored indoors in dry and high or locked-up place – out of reach of children.
17. **Maintain Hedge Trimmer with Care** – Keep cutting edge sharp and clean for best performance and to reduce the risk of injury. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories. Inspect extension cord periodically, and replace if damaged. Keep handles dry, clean and free from oil and grease.
18. **Check Damaged Parts** – Before further use of the hedge trimmer, a guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function. Check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting, and any other condition that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired by an authorized service center unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in this manual.

⚠ WARNING: DO NOT USE WITHOUT HANDLE AND GUARD.

- See figure 13 of this manual for a drawing of typical use of a hedge trimmer.
- The trimmer shall not be used to cut stems greater than that diameter described in this manual.
- When operating the trimmer, keep extension cord behind trimmer. Never drape it over the hedge being trimmed.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



