



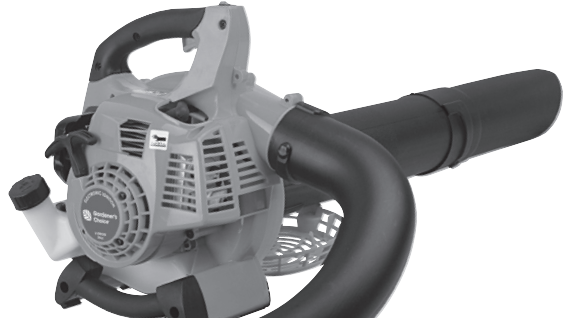
**Gardener's  
Choice™**

# BLOWER / BLOWER VAC USER MANUAL



**GCB-260**

Blower



**GCV-260**

Blower Vac

Please read this instruction manual carefully  
before operating your new  
Gardener's Choice Blower / Blower Vac.

# Congratulations on choosing a Gardener's Choice Blower / Blower Vac.

Thank you for purchasing a Gardener's Choice 2-stroke Blower / Blower Vac. We are sure that you'll enjoy many years of trouble-free performance, plus you have the reassurance of a 12 month warranty.

Inside this guide you will find all you need to know to correctly operate your new Gardener's Choice Blower / Blower Vac. To ensure that you use your new Blower / Blower Vac responsibly and get the best results possible, please read all of the safety and operating instructions carefully.

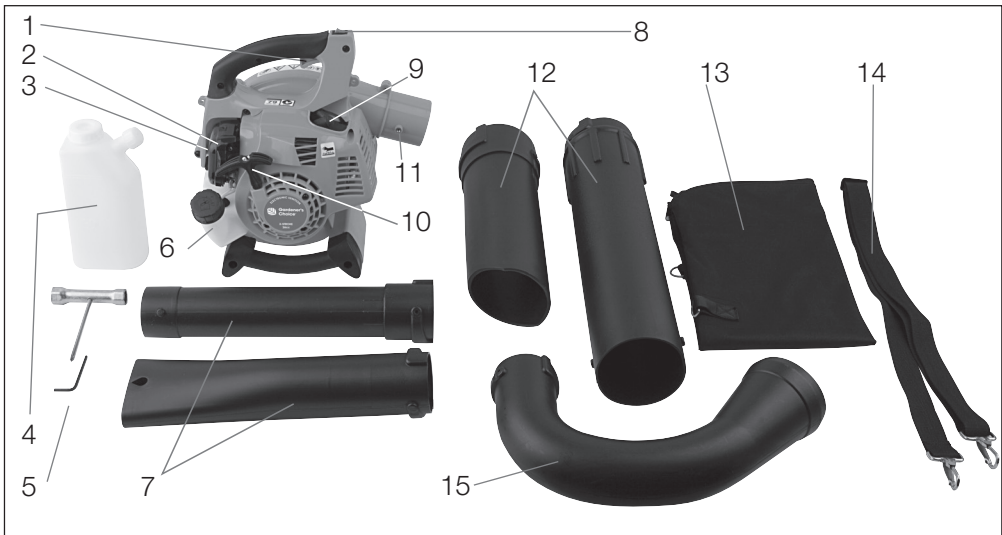
If after reading this user guide you have any questions on usage, safety, or any other issue, please call our Customer Help Line on **1800 466 068**.

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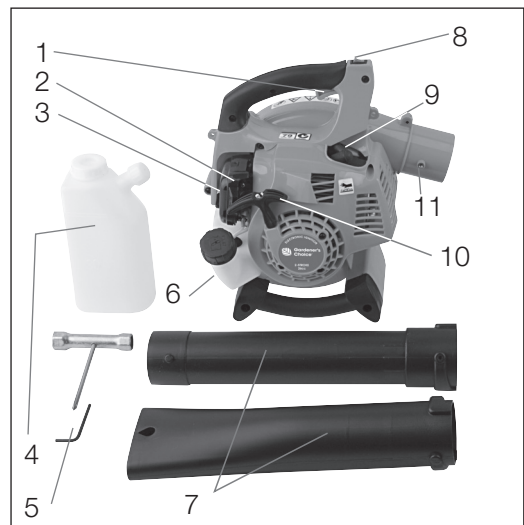
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# Blower / Blower Vac features.



Blower Vac only

1	Throttle Control
2	Choke Lever
3	Air Filter
4	Fuel Mixing Bottle
5	Tools
6	Fuel Tank
7	Blower attachment
8	Ignition Switch
9	Spark Plug
10	Starter Grip
11	Securing Screw
12	Vacuum attachment
13	Vacuum Bag
14	Straps
15	Elbow Tube



Blower

# Tips on Blower / Blower Vac safety.

**WARNING!** The information contained within this safety section is extremely important. Personal injury to the user and to others may result if this section is not read and acted upon at all times.

1. Before starting your Blower / Blower Vac inspect it carefully to ensure that there are no loose parts and that it is in good working order.
2. Be sure of your footing. Always walk, never run, when operating the Blower / Blower Vac.
3. Be aware that the machine's exhaust area and other parts of the Blower / Blower Vac get very hot during, and right after use.
4. Turn off the engine and disconnect the spark plug cap before cleaning, transporting or making adjustments.
5. We recommend you avoid blowing or vacuuming when it is raining, or after nightfall.
6. Do not fill the tank, or start the Blower / Blower Vac indoors, or in a poorly ventilated area, as exhaust gases contain poisonous substances and petrol fumes are flammable and dangerous.
7. Never open the fuel filler cap, or fill the tank while engine is running or if the engine is still hot after use. And please ensure that you securely tighten the petrol cap after filling.
8. Do not transport the Blower / Blower Vac in a vehicle if there is any petrol in the tank.
9. Store fuel and oil in a cool well-ventilated place, away from direct sunlight and not near gas cylinders or hot water heater systems.
10. Do not smoke when filling the fuel tank, using the machine, or when petrol is in the immediate area. And never use or store the Blower / Blower Vac near a naked flame.
11. Gardener's Choice recommends that you wear ear protectors, safety goggles and safety boots when using a Blower / Blower Vac.
12. All servicing and repair work under warranty must be carried out by an Authorised Gardener's Choice Dealer, otherwise the 12 month warranty may be void.

# Assembly Instructions

## Attaching the blower tube.

Join the two Blower attachment tubes together (refer to number 7 on page 3) then attach onto machine as shown in (Figure 1). Rotate tube clockwise into locking position then tighten securing screw.



Figure 1.

## Vacuum Attachments (Blower Vac only).

Unscrew locking wing-nut and store safely until closing the inlet grill (Figure 2).



Figure 2.

## Attaching the Vacuum tube.

Join the two Vacuum attachment tubes together (refer to number 12 on page 3) then open grill and attach onto machine as shown (Figure 3). Rotate tube clockwise into locking position.



Figure 3.

## Preparing the vacuum bag.

Open zipper and pass narrow end of elbow tube through hole at opposite end. Pull narrow end of tube out of hole until it is held firmly in place at wider end (*Figure 4*).



Figure 4.

## Attaching the vacuum bag.

Attach elbow tube to the machine and twist in place as shown in (*Figure 5*) then tighten the securing screw.

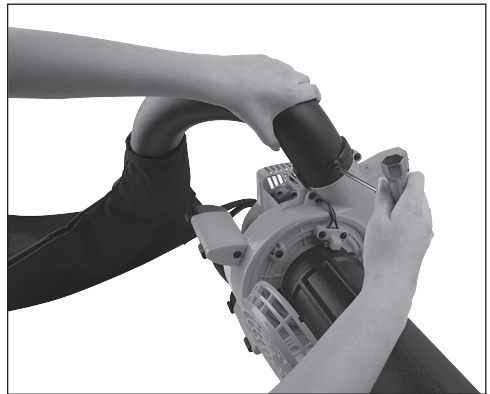


Figure 5.

## Starting your Blower / Blower Vac.

Press primer bulb three or four times until a flow of fuel is visible inside the fuel line see (Figure 6).




Figure 6.

Slide the ignition switch back from the STOP position (Figure 7).



Figure 7.

Set choke lever into  closed position if starting from cold (Figure 8).

Pull the starter cord until the Blower / Blower Vac starts (or sounds like it wants to start) then return choke to  open position.

After it starts, allow the engine to warm up for at least 20 to 30 seconds.

For warm restarts, do not prime, just pull the cord and it will start after one or more pulls.

**To stop the engine, simply slide the ignition switch forward to the STOP position (Figure 9).**



Figure 8.



Figure 9.

## Using your accessories - Blower Vac only.

The shoulder strap see (Figure 10) can be adjusted in length for the convenience of the operator and hooks onto the eyelets on the bag.



Figure 10.



# Technical specifications.

<b>Model number</b>	<b>GCV260</b>	<b>GCB260</b>
Engine type	2-stroke engine	2-stroke engine
Engine model	1E34F petrol engine	1E34F petrol engine
Fuel mix	25:1 unleaded petrol to 2-stroke oil	25:1 unleaded petrol to 2-stroke oil
Engine displacement	26cc	26cc
Engine idling speed	2,800rpm	2,800rpm
Engine power	0.71kW@6,000rpm	0.71kW@6,000rpm
Spark plug type	NGK BPMP7A	NGK BPMP7A
Spark plug gap	0.6 to 0.7 mm	0.6 to 0.7 mm
Fuel tank capacity	500ml	500ml
Noise level	79dBA	79dBA
Dry weight	4.5kg (not including vac)	4.5kg
Warranty	1 year domestic warranty	1 year domestic warranty

# Fast trouble shooting.

Often, a depleted, loose, or dirty spark plug is responsible for a Blower or Blower Vac not being able to start, but there can be a number of other reasons. Refer below to the list of potential problems you may encounter, along with suggested remedies.

For servicing and all warranty work, contact your local Authorised Gardener's Choice Dealer.

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Likely cause</b>	<b>Suggested remedy</b>
Engine does not start	Out, or almost out, of fuel	Fill tank with fresh 2 stroke fuel (25:1)
	Spark plug dirty	Clean or replace with a new spark plug
	Spark plug not connected	Press firmly on the terminal cover
	Fuel older than 3 months	Drain stale fuel and replace with fresh 2 stroke fuel
	Water in the fuel tank	Contact an authorised Gardener's Choice dealer
	Inlet grill not closed (blower vac only)	Secure grill
	Dirty air filter	Clean or replace with a new Gardener's Choice air-filter
Engine stops often	Dirty air filter	Clean or replace with a new Gardener's Choice air-filter
	Blocked fuel supply	Ensure the fuel line is not pinched or blocked
	Fuel cap is not venting	Ensure vent hole in the fuel tank cap is clear
	Incorrect type of fuel	Drain tank and fill with 2 stroke fuel (25:1)
Engine loses power	Dirty air filter	Clean or replace with a new Gardener's Choice air-filter
	Blocked fuel cap vent holes	Ensure vent hole in the fuel tank cap is clear

# Basic maintenance made easy.

**WARNING! If your Blower or Blower Vac is not serviced correctly, you could void warranty and reduce its ability to operate effectively.**

## 1. Spark plug.

Wait until the engine has cooled before disconnecting the spark plug cover and then removing the spark plug with the box spanner supplied. If it is dirty, you can clean the plug with a wire brush.

The applicable spark plug for this machine is the NGK BPMR7A. For optimum results we advise you to replace the spark plug after 20 hours of use.

When refitting the spark plug take care not to over-tighten. If adjusting yourself, note that the spark plug gap must be set to 0.6 to 7.0mm.

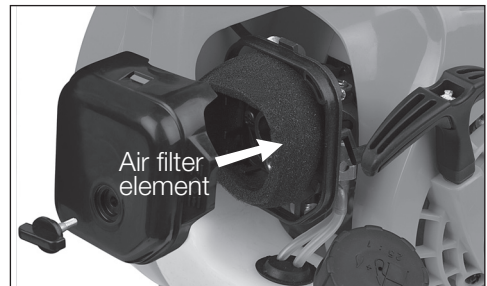
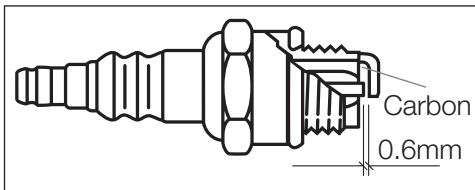


Figure 11.

## 2. Air filter.

Ensure that the engine is cool, remove the air filter cover and then take out the air filter element, see (Figure 11). Put the cover back on the housing immediately to prevent any objects falling into the air intake.

Carefully brush off any excess dirt particles, or clean filter element using lukewarm soapy water. When cleaning with water, rinse thoroughly and allow to dry before replacing air filter element.

## 3. Storing petrol and oil.

**WARNING! Petrol is highly flammable so extreme caution must be taken. Always store petrol in approved containers and ensure petrol is less than three months old.**



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