

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

500W Hedge Hog 460mm Hedge Trimmer



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Full 2 Years Home Use Warranty

Whilst every effort is made to ensure your complete satisfaction with this tool, occasionally, due to the mass manufacturing techniques, a tool may not live up to our required level of performance and you may need the assistance of our service department.

This product is warranted for a 2-year period for home domestic use from the date of the original purchase. If found to be defective in materials or workmanship, the tool or the offending faulty component will be replaced free of charge with another of the same item. A small freight charge may apply.

The warranty replacement unit is only made available by returning the tool to the place of purchase with a confirmed register receipt. Proof of purchase is essential. We reserve the right to reject any claim where the purchase cannot be verified.

This warranty does not include damage or defects to the tool caused by or resulting from abuse, accidents, alterations or commercial or business use.

It also does not cover any bonus accessories unless the tool is a GMC Platinum Professional model.

Please ensure that you store your receipt in a safe place.

Conditions apply to the above warranty.

If you need direction of what constitutes a free of charge warranty claim, please review the guide given on the rear of the Receipt Holder. An indication is given as to the types of claim that are permissible, and those that are not.



Dear Customer

If you require any help with your product, whether it is a Warranty claim, spare part or user information, please phone our Help Line for an immediate response. Phone 1300 880 001 in Australia or 0800 445 721 in New Zealand.

Introduction

Your new GMC power tool will more than satisfy your expectations. It has been manufactured under stringent GMC Quality Standards to meet superior performance criteria.

You will find your new tool easy and safe to operate, and, with proper care, it will give you many years of dependable service.

Caution. Carefully read through this entire Instruction Manual before using your new GMC Power Tool. Take special care to heed the Cautions and Warnings.

Your GMC power tool has many features that will make your job faster and easier. Safety, performance, and dependability have been given top priority in the development of this tool, making it easy to maintain and operate.

Environmental protection



Recycle unwanted materials instead of disposing of them as waste. All tools, hoses and packaging should be sorted, taken to the local recycling centre and disposed of in an environmentally safe way.

Description of symbols

The rating plate on your tool may show symbols. These represent important information about the product or instructions on its use.



Wear hearing protection.

Wear eye protection.

Wear breathing protection.



Double insulated for additional protection.



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Conforms to relevant standards for electromagnetic compatibility.



Use at a distance of at least 5m from other people.

Specifications

<i>Motor Capacity:</i>	500W
<i>Nominal voltage:</i>	230–240Vac ~ 50Hz
<i>Blade Length:</i>	460mm
<i>Branch Cutting Capacity:</i>	14mm
<i>Speed:</i>	1400 min ⁻¹
<i>Weight:</i>	3.5Kg

Safety instructions

WARNING. Read and understand all instructions. Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury. The term “power tool” in all of the warnings below refers to your mains-operated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

Save these instructions

Work area

- Keep work area clean and well lit. Cluttered and 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.

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 outdoor extension cord suitable for outdoor use. Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.

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 safety equipment. Always wear eye protection. Safety equipment such as a dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
 - Avoid accidental starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before plugging in. Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or plugging in power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
 - Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the tool on. A wrench or a key that is 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, clothing and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
 - If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities ensure that these are connected and properly used. Use of these devices can reduce dust-related hazards.
- #### Power tool use and care
- 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.
 - 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.

- *Disconnect the plug from the power source before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.*
- *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.*
- *Maintain power tools. 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.*
- *Keep cutting tools sharp and clean. Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.*
- *Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc., in accordance with these instructions and in the manner intended for the particular type of power tool, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed. Use of the power tool for operations different from intended could result in a hazardous situation.*

Service

- *Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair personnel using only identical replacement parts. This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.*

Additional safety rules for hedge trimmers

- *Do not use the trimmer in the rain.*
- *If cordset is cut or damaged remove it immediately from the power point.*
- *Keep hands and fingers well away from the blade.*
- *Wear work gloves, eye protection, solid shoes and trousers when using this hedge trimmer.*
- *Always grasp both handles when operating the unit.*
- *Disconnect the trimmer from the mains supply when you have finished work, before cleaning or if you have been interrupted.*
- *This trimmer has been designed to cut soft, new growth and should not be used on branches, hard wood or other forms of cutting.*
- *Do not attempt to free a jammed blade before first switching off the machine and disconnecting it from the mains supply*
- *If you are interrupted when operating the trimmer, complete the process and switch off before looking up.*
- *Never allow untrained users or children to use the trimmer.*

Wear goggles

Wear ear defenders

Wear a breathing mask

Unpacking

Due to modern mass production techniques, it is unlikely that your power tool is faulty or that a part is missing. If you find anything wrong, do not operate the tool until the parts have been replaced or the fault has been rectified. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury.

Know your product

Before using the trimmer, familiarise yourself with all the operating features and safety requirements.

This trimmer is to be used for trimming soft, new growth only. Use the tool and accessories only for the applications intended. All other applications are expressly ruled out.

1. Rear handle trigger switch
2. Front handle bar switch
3. Front handle
4. Guard
5. Blade
6. Cord
7. Cable safety clip



Cable safety clip

Locate the rectangular slot in the lower part of the rear handle and the position of the moulded hook. Form a loop in the extension cord and insert the loop through the rectangular slot. Twist the loop through 180° and hook the loop over the moulded hook, pull tight to secure the cable.



Safety features

1. The lower blade teeth have extended points with rounded ends to reduce the chance of injury in case of accidental contact.
2. The rear handle trigger switch (1) and front handle bar switch (2) must be operated together to start the motor. This ensures that both hands are used to control the trimmer.
3. If either of the two switches is released, the trimmer will stop instantly.

Switching on and off

This Hedge Trimmer is fitted with two safety interlocked switch levers for safety.

1. To switch on, press both the rear handle trigger switch (1) and the front handle bar switch (2) at the same time.



2. To stop the Hedge Trimmer move the Hedge Trimmer away from the cutting area and release either one of the switches.

Operating the hedge trimmer

WARNING. Do not use the hedge trimmer in the rain or store the hedge trimmer in wet conditions.

WARNING. If cordset is cut or damaged remove it immediately from the power point.

This product requires the use of two hands to ensure safe operation.

Inspect the area to be cut before starting. Remove any objects or debris that could be thrown, jammed or become entangled in the blades.

Adopt a stable stance always keeping the Hedge Trimmer in front of your body. Grip the front handle bar switch with one hand. With the other hand grip the rear handle and with your fingers squeeze the trigger switch.

Allow the cutting blades to reach full speed before commencing the cut.

When cutting always move in a forward direction and never backwards, you could fall over unseen obstacles.

Never work towards people or solid objects such as walls, trees or vehicles etc.

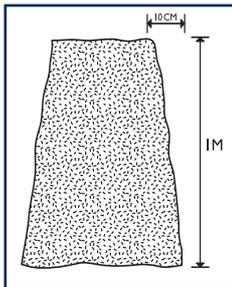
If during cutting the blade stalls, stop the Hedge Trimmer immediately and disconnect it from the mains supply before investigating the cause.

Remove any jammed debris from the blades and examine them for any damage before re-commencing cutting.

Always replace any damaged blades.

Shaping

1. Trim a hedge so that it is wider at the bottom than the top.
2. This improves light penetration and promotes healthy growth.
3. Narrow the hedge approximately 100mm for every metre in height.
4. A bush can be round or column shaped.



Cutting

1. Assume a secure position, using two hands to hold the trimmer and switch on.

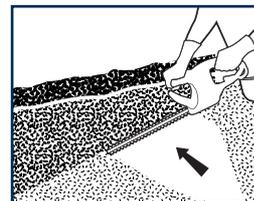
2. Trim both sides of the hedge, starting at the bottom. This prevents cuttings falling into the area yet to be cut.

3. Pass the blade lightly through the surface of the hedge. Do not attempt to cut too deep.

4. Trim the top of the hedge.

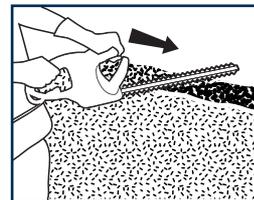
5. For older hedges that require cutting back substantially, use pruning shears to cut the thicker branches and then finish the job with the hedge trimmer.

WARNING. Do not let the blade come into contact with fencing wire or any other object that could damage it.



Pruning

Your hedge trimmer is versatile. It can also be used for trimming back new growth from small shrubs onto the driveway or into the garden.



Lubrication

WARNING. Always ensure that the trimmer is switched off and the plug is removed from the power point before making any adjustments.

1. After each use, clean the blades and lightly lubricate with general purpose oil or spray lubricant.

Cleaning and Storage

Make sure that all nuts, bolts and screws are tight and that the guard is fitted correctly.

All damaged and worn parts should be replaced in order to maintain the Hedge Trimmer in a safe working condition.

Keep the tool's air vents unclogged and clean at all times. Remove dust and dirt regularly. Cleaning is best done with compressed air or a rag. Never use caustic agents to clean plastic parts.

CAUTION. *Do not use cleaning agents to clean the plastic parts of the tool. A mild detergent on a damp cloth is recommended. Water must never come into contact with the tool.*

Special care should be taken when cleaning and adjusting the blades. This should only be done with the Hedge Trimmer switched off and disconnected from the mains supply to prevent injury.

The Hedge Trimmer should always be stored with the protective blade cover fitted and secured in place.

Store the tool, instruction manual and accessories in a secure, dry place.

Ensure that the cable and any extension cable used are checked for damage and are coiled correctly without kinks.

Power Cord Maintenance

If the supply cord needs replacing, the task must be carried out by the manufacturer, the manufacturer's agent, or an authorised service centre in order to avoid a safety hazard.

Carefully read the entire *Instruction Manual* before using this product.

Before returning this product for a Warranty Claim or any other reason
Please Call 1300 880 001 (Australia)
or 0800 445 721 (New Zealand)

When you make your call, please have the following information at hand:

- **GMC Product Type**
- **GMC Product Code**

A GMC Service Engineer will take your call and, in most cases, will be able to solve your problem over the phone.

You are welcome to use this phone-in service to make suggestions or give comments about any GMC product.

With continuing product development changes may have occurred which render the product received slightly different to that shown in this instruction manual. The manufacturer reserves the right to change specifications without notice. Note: Specifications may differ from country to country.



The GMC 777 Helpline operates from 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week (EST). This allows you to contact GMC directly with any queries and technical questions you have regarding our products.



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