



1608 Safety Guidance

Using the Hedge Trimmer

- Wear your protective equipment including ear defenders, goggles and face mask.
- Make sure there is no-one in your area of work.
- Keep the cable clear of the cutting blade at all times.
- Always hold the hedge trimmer firmly with both hands while working.
- Make sure the cutting blade is running at full speed before starting to cut into the hedge
- Do not try to cut thick twigs. This hedge trimmer is only for trimming foliage.
- 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.
- 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
- 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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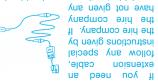
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110 VOLT MACHINES (YELLOW PLUG)

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square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial 230v machines will have either a normal











Hedge Trimmer

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

- Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be
- Electricity is dangerous and must always be used with great
- This hedge trimmer is designed for cutting back and trimming hedges, shrubs and similar plants.
- 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.
- If you have not used a hedge trimmer before, familiarise yourself with how the machine works before you start on the main task.
- 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.
- This machine must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or
- 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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industrial plug fitted. 110v machines will have a yellow

voltage: it will be 110v or 230v. Your machine will only operate on one

ELECTRICAL SAFETY now to stop it.

the hedge trimmer, you must know the controls. Before you switch on Make sure that you understand all of working.

correctly with both hands when Always hold the hedge trimmer adjusted correctly.

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found damaged - contact the hire equipment. Do not use anything 1. Check your machine, cables and all

HEDGE TRIMMER

2. Wear gloves to protect your hands.

other dust when cut. you are trimming gives off pollen or appropriate dustmask if the hedge You may need to wear an

·wnwiuiw hearing protection for this level as a appropriate ear muffs or plugs giving noise levels up to 98 dB(A) - wear





3. This equipment is likely to cause working with this machine.

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level of protection. environments may require a higher Particular Jobs or trimmer. whenever you use this hedge minimum that should be worn protective equipment (ppe) are the 1. The following items of personal

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rain or to cut wet foliage. 7. Do not use the hedge trimmer in the Contact the nire company.

stable platform must be used. shoulder height then a suitable If you need to cut foliage above your electric cable.

5. Plan and maintain a safe path for Wear gloves to do this.

that could foul the hedge trimmer. wire, stout branches or other debris Before starting, check there is no

10 metres (32 feet) away. and from injury. Keep people at least Protect other people from the noise

or could distract you. safe and that no-one is near to you Make sure that the area is clear and

ignite fumes from petrol, or gas there is a danger of explosion. It will Do not use this hedge trimmer where

WORK AREA

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