

SAFETY FIRST

If you are collecting the equipment for someone else please make sure this sheet is given to the equipment user to read. This sheet should be given to the site supervisor if the equipment is being hired for commercial use so that the information is available to all users. Before starting any job, be sure to spend a few minutes planning and understanding the hazards and risks of the activity and determining how you will control them to prevent injury or damage.



Required Safety Equipment



Pre-Start Checks and Safety

- Check fuel tank is full of appropriate fuel.
- Check for loose nuts, bolts, screws
- Check for broken knives
- Check blades are sharp
- Ensure there are no foreign objects (e.g. wire, steel, electrical cables, water pipes etc in the hedge/shrub)
- Keep children away from work area
- Hold trimmer with both hands
- Make sure if you are using a ladder or scaffold that it is on firm ground and another person holds it
- Do not spill fuel
- Do not attempt to cut foreign material
- Do not free a jam-up with engine running

Starting Procedure

1. Turn switch to ON position
2. Turn fuel tap on (on some models)
3. Engage choke (cold start)
4. Pump fuel primer bulb to prime fuel in carburetor (on some models)
5. Depress throttle trigger
6. Pull starter cord with short sharp pulls until engine fires or starts
7. Disengage choke
8. Restart engine (without choke)
9. Allow engine to warm up

When Operating

- Hold trimmer firmly with both hands
- Squeeze throttle trigger to increase engine revs
- Tilt trimmer so cutting teeth are angled slightly toward the hedge or shrub
- Proceed to cut

Stopping and After Use

- Idle engine
- Turn ignition switch to OFF
- Turn fuel tap off (on some models)