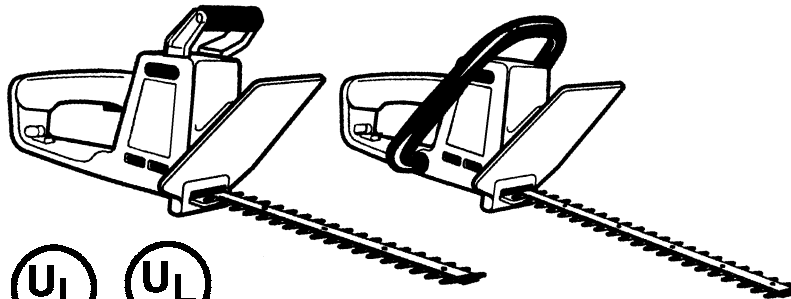


# WEED EATER

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## Operator's Manual Manual del Operador Manuel de L'utilisateur HT14/HT17/HT19/HT22



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### For Household Use Only



#### WARNING:

Read and follow all Safety Rules and Operating Instructions before using this product. Failure to do so can result in serious injury.

#### ADVERTENCIA:

Lea el manual del operador y siga todas las advertencias e instrucciones de seguridad. El no hacerlo puede resultar en lesiones graves.

#### AVERTISSEMENT:

Lire le manuel de l'utilisateur et bien respecter tous les avertissements et toutes les instructions de sécurité. Tout défaut de le faire pourrait entraîner des blessures graves.



### CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE 1-800-554-6723

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING:** When using electric hedge trimmers, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury. Read all instructions. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment.

### OPERATOR SAFETY

- **DANGER:** Risk of cut. Keep hands away from blades. Keep both hands on handles when power is on. Do not attempt to clear away cut material when blades are in motion. Make sure trigger switch is not engaged and power source is disconnected when removing jammed material from blades. Do not grab or hold unit by blades.
- **WARNING:** Do not use without handle and guard. See Assembly section.
- Dress properly. Always wear safety glasses. Always wear face or dust mask if operation is dusty. Always wear heavy, long pants, boots, and gloves. Secure hair so it is above shoulder length. Do not go barefoot or wear short pants, sandals, jewelry, loose clothing, or clothing with loosely hanging straps, ties, tassels, etc.; they can be caught in moving parts. Being fully covered will help protect you from pieces of toxic plants such as poison ivy thrown by the blades, which could be more of a hazard than touching the plant itself.
- Stay alert. Do not operate unit when you are tired, ill, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication. Watch what you are doing. Use common sense.
- Avoid unintentional starting of unit. Never carry unit with your finger on trigger switch. Be sure trigger switch is not engaged before connecting extension cord.
- **CAUTION:** Blades move momentarily after the trigger switch is released. Allow blades to stop before removing them from the cut.
- Wear hearing protection when using unit.

### ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- **WARNING:** To reduce risk of electrical shock, avoid dangerous environment. Do not use on wet hedges or shrubbery, in damp or wet locations, or around swimming pools, hot tubs, etc. Do not expose to snow, rain, or water to avoid the possibility of electrical shock.
- 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 wall 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.

- **WARNING:** To reduce the risk of electrical shock, use extension cords specifically marked as suitable for outdoor appliances having electrical rating not less than the rating of the unit. The cord must be marked with the suffix "WA" ("W" in Canada). An undersized extension cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the heavier the cord. See Select an Extension Cord section.
- Use only a 120 A.C. voltage supply as shown on the nameplate of unit.
- Make sure your extension cord is in good condition.
- Do not use in the presence of flammable liquids or gases to avoid creating a fire or explosion and/or causing damage to unit.
- Do not attempt to repair unit. Inspect insulation and connectors on unit and extension cord before each use. If there is any damage, do not use until damage is repaired by qualified service personnel. Do not use a damaged extension cord.
- Don't abuse cord. Never carry unit by cord or yank cord to disconnect unit.
- To reduce the possibility of extension cord disconnecting from unit during operation, attach extension cord to cord retainer on unit. See illustration in Select an Extension Cord section.
- Do not use unit if the trigger switch does not turn the unit on and off properly. Repairs to the switch must be made by qualified service personnel.
- Keep the extension cord clear of the operator, blades, and obstacles at all times. Do not expose cords to heat, oil, water, or sharp edges.
- Avoid body contact with any grounded conductor, such as metal pipes or wire fences, to avoid the possibility of electric shock.

### UNIT SAFETY

- Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protection should be provided on the circuit or outlet to be used for the hedge

trimmer. Receptacles are available having built-in GFCI protection and may be used for this measure of safety.

- Inspect entire unit, including guards, before each use. Have damaged parts replaced by a qualified service dealer. Make sure all fasteners are in place and securely fastened.
- Before using the unit, have your service dealer replace blades or parts that are cracked, chipped, broken, or damaged in any other way. Throw away damaged or bent blades.
- Use only Weed Eater® blades.

### OPERATING SAFETY

- Don't force the unit; it will do the job better and with less likelihood of a risk of injury at the rate for which it was designed.
- Inspect area to be trimmed before each use. Remove objects (rocks, broken glass, nails, wire, string, etc.) which can wrap around or be thrown by blades.
- Keep children away. Keep others including children, animals, bystanders and helpers outside the 30 foot (10 meter) Hazard Zone. Stop the unit immediately if you are approached.
- Always keep unit in front of your body.
- Don't overreach or stand on unstable support such as ladders, stools, truck beds, etc. Keep firm footing and balance at all times.
- Do not raise unit above your shoulders. The blades can come dangerously close to your body.

- Keep all parts of body away from blades.
- Use unit properly. Use only for jobs explained in this manual.
- Use only in daylight or good artificial light.



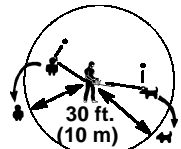
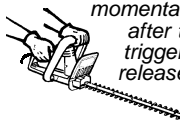

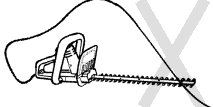
### MAINTENANCE SAFETY

- Maintain unit according to recommended procedures.
- Keep blades/air vents free of debris.
- Disconnect unit from the power supply before performing maintenance.
- Use only genuine Weed Eater replacement parts as recommended.

### TRANSPORTING AND STORAGE

- Clean unit and labels with a damp sponge and mild household detergent. Keep handles dry, clean, and free from oil and grease.
- Disconnect unit from the power supply when not in use.
- Hand carry unit with the motor stopped and the blades away from your body.
- Secure the unit before storing or transporting it in a vehicle.
- Store unit so blades cannot accidentally cause injury. The unit can be hung by the hole in the blades.
- Store unit indoors, unplugged in a high, dry place out of the reach of children.

If situations occur which are not covered in this manual, use care and good judgment. If you need assistance, contact your Authorized Service Dealer or call the Customer Assistance Hotline, 1-800-554-6723.

 <p>Safety Glasses Boots</p>	 <p><b>⚠ WARNING</b> Blades can throw objects violently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can be blinded or injured.</li> <li>• Wear safety glasses.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>⚠ WARNING</b> Hazard zone for thrown objects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blades can throw objects violently.</li> <li>• Others can be blinded or injured.</li> <li>• Keep people and animals 30 feet (10 m) away.</li> </ul>
<p>Blades move momentarily after the trigger is released.</p> 	<p>Allow blades to stop before removing them from the cut.</p>  <p><b>⚠ WARNING</b> Blades move momentarily after the trigger is released.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The blades can seriously cut you or others.</li> <li>• Allow blades to stop before removing them from the cut.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>⚠ WARNING</b> Blades can cut extension cord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep extension cord away from blades.</li> <li>• A cut extension cord can cause serious electrical shock to you or others.</li> </ul>

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## ASSEMBLY

### CARTON CONTENTS

Hedge Trimmer  
Assist Handle  
Screw  
Nut

Examine parts for damage. Do not use damaged parts.

**NOTE:** If you need assistance or find parts missing or damaged, call 1-800-554-6723.

If you receive your unit assembled, check each step to be sure your unit is properly assembled. Follow all safety information in the manual and on unit.

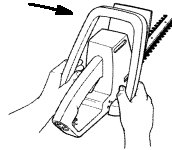
### ASSIST HANDLE ATTACHMENT

**WARNING:** Do not use without the assist handle properly installed.

This unit is equipped with an assist handle for extra comfort and control.

- Place the assist handle on the unit.

Assist Handle



- Insert screw through assist handle and motor housing.



- Thread nut onto screw. Tighten securely.

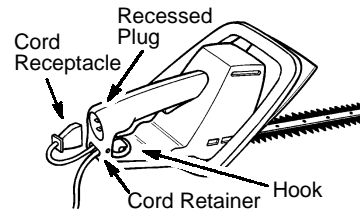
## OPERATION

Use only the voltage supply specified on your unit. See chart below to select the proper extension cord.

### SELECT AN EXTENSION CORD

Extension Cord Gauge Chart		
25 ft.	50 ft.	100 ft.
16 gauge	16 gauge	16 gauge

Extension cords are available for this unit.



### DOUBLE INSULATION CONSTRUCTION

This unit is Double Insulated to help protect against electric shock. Double insulation construction consists of two separate "layers" of electrical insulation instead of grounding.

Tools and appliances built with a double insulation system are not intended to be grounded. No grounding means is provided on this unit, nor should a means of grounding be added to this unit. As a result, the ex-

ension cord used with your unit can be plugged into any standard 120 volt electrical outlet.

Safety precautions must be observed when operating any electrical tool. A double insulation system only provides added protection against injury resulting from internal electrical insulation failure.

**WARNING:** All electrical repairs to this unit, including housing, switch, motor, etc., must be diagnosed and repaired by qualified service personnel. Replacement parts for a double insulated appliance must be identical to the parts they replace. A double insulated appliance is marked with the words DOUBLE INSULATION or DOUBLE INSULATED. The symbol □ (square within a square) may also be marked on the appliance. Failure to have the unit repaired by qualified service personnel can cause the double insulation construction to become ineffective and result in serious injury.

### CORRECT OPERATING POSITION

Stand as shown; check for the following:

- Operator wearing safety glasses/eye protection and proper clothing.
- Right hand holding rear handle, left hand holding assist handle.
- Unit below waist level.

## OPERATING YOUR UNIT

- Squeeze switch to operate your unit. To turn off the unit, release the switch.
- Read important safety instructions before operating.
- Hedge trimmer is not to be used to cut stems greater than 3/8 inch thick.
- When operating the unit, keep the extension cord behind the trimmer; never drape it over the hedge being trimmed.



Operating Position

## MAINTENANCE

### CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

CARE & MAINTENANCE TASK	WHEN TO PERFORM
Check for loose fasteners and parts	Before each use
Check for damaged or worn parts	Before each use
Clean unit and labels	After each use
Lubricate blades	After each use

#### BEFORE EACH USE

##### CHECK FOR LOOSE FASTENERS AND PARTS

- Assist handle screws
- Housing Screws

##### CHECK FOR DAMAGED OR WORN PARTS

Refer replacement of damaged/worn parts to your Authorized Service Dealer.

- Switch - Ensure switch functions properly by moving the switch to the Off position. Make sure motor stops; then restart motor and continue.
- Pigtail plug and extension cord - Have damaged cords replaced by your Authorized Service Dealer.

#### AFTER EACH USE

##### CLEAN UNIT & LABELS

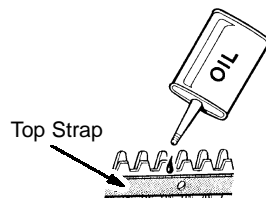
- Clean the unit using a damp cloth with a mild detergent.

- Wipe off unit with a clean dry cloth.

##### LUBRICATE BLADES

- Stop the motor and disconnect the unit from the power source.
- Remove any debris on blades.
- Clean all parts and check for damage. Have damaged parts replaced. Be cautious of sharp edges.
- Apply a light machine oil along the edge of the top and bottom straps.

**NOTE:** Ensure that handles remain clean and dry.



## STORAGE

Prepare unit for storage at end of season or if it will not be used for 30 days or more.

- Clean the unit before storing. Pay particular attention to the air intake and air vents; keep them free of debris. Use a mild soap and sponge dampened with warm water to clean the plastic surfaces. Avoid all other types of detergents, cleaners, or solvents; they can contain chemicals, such as aromatic oils (lemon, pine) or kerosene that can seriously damage the plastic housing. Do not spray the unit with water.

- Make sure the receptacle is free of obstructions.
- Store unit so that any sharp edges cannot accidentally cause injury.
- Never immerse any part of the unit in any liquid.
- Never douse or squirt the unit with water or any other liquids.
- Store unit indoors in a cool, high, dry location out of the reach of children.

## SERVICE

### TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

TROUBLE	CAUSE	REMEDY
Cutting blades stop under a load or do not move when switch is pressed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forcing blade into material being cut.</li> <li>• Blades clogged with debris.</li> <li>• Unit not plugged in.</li> <li>• Circuit breaker off.</li> <li>• None of the above.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut at a slower pace.</li> <li>• Clean debris from blades.</li> <li>• Plug unit into a 120 volt outlet.</li> <li>• Turn on breaker.</li> <li>• Contact your Service Dealer.</li> </ul>

#### NEED ASSISTANCE?

Call 1-800-554-6723.

#### NEED SERVICE PART?

Contact your dealer/place of purchase.

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