

shindaiwa®

Operator's Manual T262 Grass Trimmer / Brushcutter

WARNING

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

WARNING



Read and understand all provided literature before use. Failure to do so could result in serious injury.

Note: This product complies with CAN ICES-2/NMB-2.

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INTRODUCTION

Specifications, descriptions and illustrative material in this literature are as accurate as known at the time of publication, but are subject to change without notice. Illustrations may include optional equipment and accessories, and may not include all standard equipment.



Read and understand all provided literature. Literature contains specifications and information for safety, operation, maintenance, storage and assembly specific to this product. Scan QR codes for more information.



For additional literature, including safety manuals where applicable, or questions regarding terms used in this manual, visit:

<https://www.echo-usa.com/manuals>

OR



<https://www.shindaiwa-usa.com/manuals>

SERVICING INFORMATION

Parts/Serial Number

Genuine SHINDAIWA Parts and Assemblies for your SHINDAIWA products are available only from an Authorized SHINDAIWA Dealer. When you do need to buy parts **always** have the Model Number and Serial Number of the unit with you. You can find these numbers on the engine housing. For future reference, write them in the space provided below.



Model No. _____ Serial No. _____

Service

Service of this product during the warranty period must be performed by an Authorized SHINDAIWA Service Dealer. For the name and address of the Authorized SHINDAIWA Service Dealer nearest you, ask your retailer or call: 1-877-986-7783. Dealer information is also available on WWW.SHINDAIWA-USA.COM. When presenting your unit for Warranty service/repairs, proof of purchase is required.

Consumer Product Support

If you require assistance or have questions concerning the application, operation or maintenance of this product you may call the SHINDAIWA Consumer Product Support Department at 1-877-986-7783 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Central Standard Time) Monday through Friday. Before calling, please know the model and serial number of your unit.

Product Registration

To ensure trouble free warranty coverage it is important that you register your SHINDAIWA equipment on-line at WWW.SHINDAIWA-USA.COM or by filling out the product registration sheet included in this manual. Registering your product confirms your warranty coverage and provides a direct link between you and ECHO if we find it necessary to contact you.

Additional Literature

In addition to finding information online, information is available from your Authorized Shindaiwa Service Dealer, or by contacting ECHO Inc., 400 Oakwood Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047 (1-800-432-ECHO (3246)).

SAFETY

Manual Safety Symbols and Important Information

Throughout this manual and on the product itself, you will find safety alerts and helpful, informational messages preceded by symbols or key words. The following is an explanation of those symbols and key words and what they mean to you.

DANGER

The safety alert symbol accompanied by the word “DANGER” calls attention to an act or condition which WILL lead to serious personal injury or death if not avoided.

WARNING

The safety alert symbol accompanied by the word “WARNING” calls attention to an act or condition which CAN lead to serious personal injury or death if not avoided.

CAUTION

The safety alert symbol accompanied by the word “CAUTION” calls attention to an act or condition which may lead to minor or moderate personal injury if not avoided.

NOTICE

The enclosed message provides information necessary for the protection of the unit.

Note: This enclosed message provides tips for use, care and maintenance of the unit.



CIRCLE AND SLASH SYMBOL

This symbol means the specific action shown is prohibited. Ignoring these prohibitions can result in serious or fatal injury.

International Symbols

Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
	Warning, See Operator's Manual	H	Carburetor Adjustment - High Speed Mixture
	Wear Eye, Ear and Head Protection	T	Carburetor Adjustment - Idle Speed
	Wear Hand and Foot Protection	L	Carburetor Adjustment - Low Speed Mixture
	Safety/Alert		Emergency Stop
	Hot Surface		Fuel and Oil Mixture
	DO NOT Allow Flames or Sparks Near Fuel		Ignition ON / OFF
	DO NOT Smoke Near Fuel		Primer Bulb
	Choke Control "RUN" Position (Choke Open)		Choke Control "COLD START" Position (Choke Closed)
	Keep Bystanders and Helpers Away 15 m (50 ft.).		Do not use blades. String line only.

Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
	Beware Thrown Objects		Do not use blades. String line only.



LOOK BEFORE YOU PUMP!
Ethanol Percentage

0% - 10%	15% - 30% - 50% - 85%
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USE E10 OR LESS FUEL

Do not use any fuel containing greater than 10 percent ethanol (E10) in this equipment. It may cause damage or failure and is prohibited by Federal Law.
For Details, see the "Fuel" Section of your Operators Manual

Personal Condition and Safety Equipment

! WARNING

Cancer and Reproductive Harm
www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

! WARNING



The muffler or catalytic muffler and surrounding cover may become extremely hot. Always keep clear of exhaust and muffler area, otherwise serious personal injury may occur.

! WARNING

Users of this product risk injury to themselves and others if the unit is used improperly and/or safety precautions are not followed. Proper clothing and safety gear must be worn when operating unit.

Physical Condition

Your judgment and physical dexterity may not be good:

- If you are tired or sick
- If you are taking medication
- If you have taken alcohol or drugs

Operate unit only if you are physically and mentally well.

Eye Protection

WARNING

- ◆ **Eye protection that meets ANSI Z87.1 or CE requirements must be worn whenever you operate the unit.**
- ◆ **For additional safety, a full-face shield may be worn over safety glasses or goggles to provide protection from sharp branches or flying debris.**

Hand Protection

Wear sturdy, no-slip, rubber work gloves to improve your grip on the handles. Gloves also provide protection against cuts and scratches, cold environments, and reduce the transmission of machine vibration to your hands.

Hearing/Ear Protection

ECHO recommends wearing personal protection whenever unit is used.

Breathing Protection

Operators who are sensitive to dust or other common airborne allergens may need to wear a dust mask to prevent inhaling these materials while operating unit. Dust masks can provide protection against dust, plant debris, and other plant matter such as pollen. Make sure the mask does not impair your vision, and replace the mask as needed to prevent air restrictions.

Proper Clothing

Wear snug-fitting, durable clothing:

- Pants should have long legs, shirts should have long sleeves.
- DO NOT WEAR SHORTS.

- DO NOT WEAR TIES, SCARVES, JEWELRY, or clothing with loose or hanging items that could become entangled in moving parts or surrounding growth.
- Keep clothing buttoned or zipped, and keep shirt tails tucked in.

Wear sturdy work shoes with nonskid rubber soles:

- DO NOT WEAR OPEN TOED SHOES.
- DO NOT OPERATE UNIT BAREFOOTED.

Keep long hair away from engine and air intake. Retain hair with cap or net.

Heavy protective clothing can increase operator fatigue, which may lead to heat stroke. Schedule heavy work for early morning or late afternoon hours when temperatures are cooler.

WARNING

The components of this machine generate an electromagnetic field during operation, which may interfere with some pacemakers. To reduce the risk of serious or fatal injury, persons with pacemakers should consult with their physician and the pacemaker manufacturer before operating this machine. In the absence of such information, ECHO does not recommend the use of this machine by anyone who has a pacemaker.

Extended Operation / Extreme Conditions

CAUTION

Prolonged exposure to cold and/or vibration may result in injury. Read and follow all safety and operation instructions to minimize risk of injury. Failure to follow instructions may result in painful wrist/hand/arm injuries.

It is believed that a condition called Raynaud's Phenomenon, which affects the fingers of certain individuals, may be brought about by exposure to vibration and cold. Exposure to vibration and cold may cause tingling and burning sensations, followed by loss of color and numbness in the fingers. The following precautions are strongly recommended, because the minimum exposure, which might trigger the ailment, is unknown.

- Keep your body warm, especially the head, neck, feet, ankles, hands, and wrists.

- Maintain good blood circulation by performing vigorous arm exercises during frequent work breaks, and also by not smoking.
- Limit the hours of operation. Try to fill each day with jobs where operating the unit or other hand-held power equipment is not required.
- If you experience discomfort, redness, and swelling of the fingers followed by whitening and loss of feeling, consult your physician before further exposing yourself to cold and vibration.

Repetitive Stress Injuries (RSI)

It is believed that overusing the muscles and tendons of the fingers, hands, arms, and shoulders may cause soreness, swelling, numbness, weakness, and extreme pain in those areas. Certain repetitive hand activities may put you at a high risk for developing a Repetitive Stress Injury (RSI). An extreme RSI condition is Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS), which could occur when your wrist swells and squeezes a vital nerve that runs through the area. Some believe that prolonged exposure to vibration may contribute to CTS. CTS can cause severe pain for months or even years.

To reduce the risk of RSI/CTS, do the following:

- Avoid using your wrist in a bent, extended, or twisted position. Instead try to maintain a straight wrist position. Also, when grasping, use your whole hand, not just the thumb and index finger.
- Take periodic breaks to minimize repetition and rest your hands.
- Reduce the speed and force with which you do the repetitive movement.
- Do exercises to strengthen the hand and arm muscles.
- Immediately stop using all power equipment and consult a doctor if you feel tingling, numbness, or pain in the fingers, hands, wrists, or arms. The sooner RSI/CTS is diagnosed, the more likely permanent nerve and muscle damage can be prevented.



 **DANGER**

All over head electrical conductors and communications wires can have electricity flow with high voltages. This unit is not insulated against electrical current. Never touch wires directly or indirectly, otherwise serious injury or death may result.

 **DANGER**

Do not operate this product indoors or in inadequately ventilated areas. Engine exhaust contains poisonous emissions and can cause serious injury or death.

Read Manuals

- Provide all users of this equipment with literature for instructions on safe operation.

Clear The Work Area

- Always clear the work area of foreign objects such as rocks, broken glass, nails, wire, or string,, and check for any hidden hazards. Spectators and fellow workers must be warned, and children and animals prevented from coming nearer than 50 ft. (15 m) while the unit is in use.
- Outside the 15 m (50 ft) zone, there is still a risk of injury from thrown objects.
- Bystanders should be encouraged to wear eye protection.
- If you are approached, stop the engine and cutting attachment.
- When a bladed unit is used, there is the added risk of injury to bystanders being struck with the moving blade in the event of a blade thrust or other unexpected reaction of the blade.

Keep A Firm Grip

- Always hold throttle handle and support handle with thumbs and fingers tightly encircling the handles.

Keep A Solid Stance

- Maintain footing and balance at all times. Do not stand on slippery, uneven or unstable surfaces. Do not work in odd positions or on ladders. Do not over reach.
- Keep cutting attachment below waist.
- Keep all body parts away from rotating cutting attachment

Avoid Hot Surfaces

- Keep exhaust area clear of flammable debris. Avoid contact during and immediately after operation.



Equipment

WARNING

Use only approved attachments. Serious injury may result from the use of a non-approved attachment combination. ECHO INC. will not be responsible for the failure of cutting devices, attachments or accessories which have not been tested and approved by ECHO INC. Read and comply with all safety instructions.

- ◆ Do not attempt to modify this product. Serious injury can result from the use of any modified product.
- ◆ Check unit for loose or missing nuts, bolts, and screws. Tighten or replace as needed.
- ◆ Inspect shield for damage and ensure that shield is properly installed, and that the cut-off knife is securely in place. Replace if either is damaged or missing.
- ◆ Check that the cutting attachment is firmly attached and in safe operating condition.
- ◆ Manufacturer recommended flexible non-metallic line is installed in the trimmer head.
- ◆ Assure that throttle trigger, throttle trigger lockout, and stop switch all work properly.
- ◆ Check that handle and harness (if included) are installed and adjusted for safe, comfortable operation. See Assembly Section for proper adjustment.

WARNING

Moving parts can amputate fingers or cause severe injuries. Keep hands, clothing and loose objects away from all openings.

- ◆ ALWAYS stop engine, disconnect spark plug, and make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before assembling unit, removing obstructions, clearing debris, or servicing unit.
- ◆ Do not connect spark plug lead to spark plug unit until unit is ready for use.

- ◆ **DO NOT** start or operate unit unless all guards and protective covers are properly assembled to unit.
- ◆ **NEVER** reach into any opening while the engine is running. Moving parts may not be visible through openings.
- ◆ Position wiring safely to prevent snagging, separation of connectors, or breakage during operation. Gather excess wire, and secure with wiring clamp if provided on equipment, or tuck behind the air filter area. Do not place wiring directly against hot engine components.
- ◆ Check wiring and connectors for nicks, cuts, exposed wire, or other damage, and repair or replace as needed. Exposed wire or connectors can cause shocks, sparks, and risk of fire or explosion, resulting in serious injury.
- ◆ Check wire terminals for secure connections.

 **WARNING**

Periodically Check fuel system (fuel lines, vent, grommet, fuel tank, and fuel cap) for leaks especially if the unit is dropped. If damage or leaks are found, do not use unit, otherwise serious personal injury or property damage may occur. Have unit repaired by an authorized servicing dealer before using.

EMISSION CONTROL (EXHAUST & EVAPORATIVE)

CARB And EPA Emissions Control Information

The emission control system for the engine is EM (engine modification) and, if the second to last character of the Engine Family on the Emission Control

Information label (sample below) is "B", "C", "K", or "T", the emission control system is EM and TWC (3-way catalyst). The fuel tank/fuel line emission control system is EVAP (evaporative emissions). Evaporative emissions for California models are only applicable to fuel tanks and fuel feed lines.



An Emission Control Label is located on the engine. (This is an EXAMPLE ONLY, information on label varies by engine FAMILY).

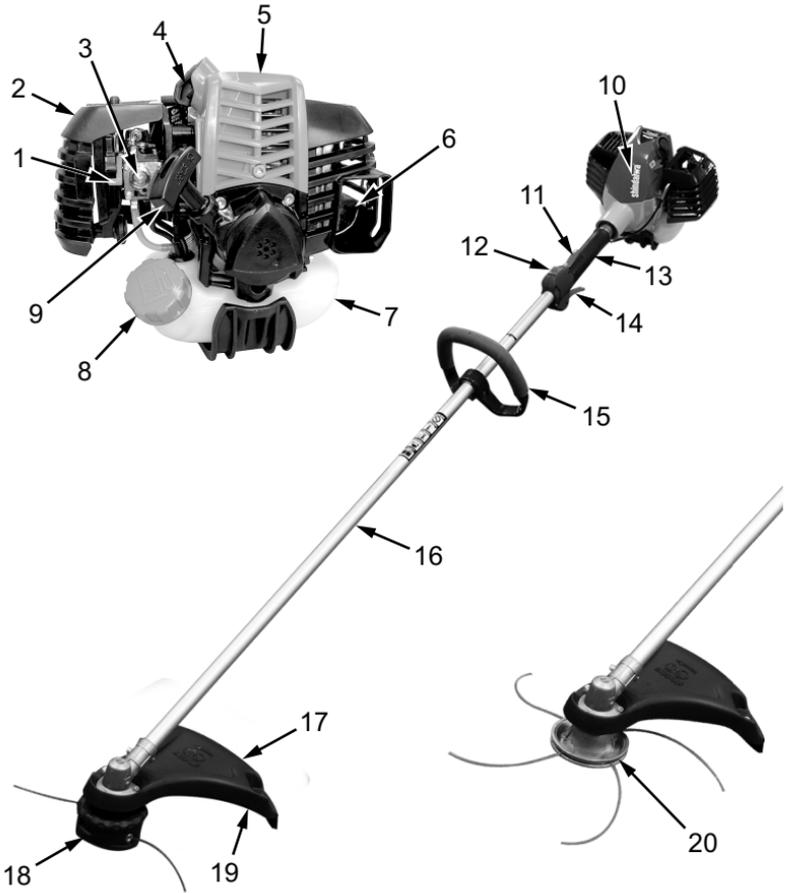
Product Emission Durability (Emission Compliance Period)



The 50 or 300 hour emission compliance period is the time span selected by the manufacturer certifying the engine emissions output meets applicable emissions regulations, provided that approved maintenance procedures are followed as listed in the Maintenance Section of this manual.

DESCRIPTION

Locate the safety decal(s) on your unit. Make sure the decal(s) is legible and that you understand and follow the instructions on it. If a decal cannot be read, a new one can be ordered from your SHINDAIWA dealer. Safety label is for example only. Your label may appear slightly different.



1. Choke
2. Air Cleaner
3. Purge Bulb
4. Spark Plug
5. Arm Rest
6. Spark Arrestor Muffler Or Spark Arrestor Muffler With Catalyst
7. Fuel Tank
8. Fuel Tank Cap
9. Recoil Starter Handle
10. Power Head
11. Throttle Trigger Lockout
12. Stop Switch
13. Throttle Handle - For Right Hand
14. Throttle Trigger
15. Support Handle - For Left Hand
16. Drive Shaft Assembly
17. Debris Shield With Cut-off Knife
18. Nylon Cutter Head
19. Cut-off Knife
20. Heavy Duty Fixed Line Head (Hdfh) - On Hdfh Models Only

CONTENTS

The SHINDAIWA product you purchased has been factory pre-assembled for your convenience. Due to packaging restrictions, some assembly may be necessary.

After opening the carton, check for damage. Immediately notify your retailer or SHINDAIWA Dealer of damaged or missing parts. Use the contents list to check for missing parts.

- 1 Power Head / Drive Shaft Assembly
- 1 Operator's Manual
- 1 Warranty Statement
- 2 Pieces of pre-cut Nylon Line*
- 1 Debris Shield

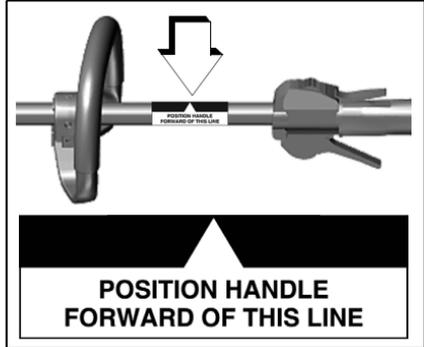
*HDFH models only.

ASSEMBLY

Support Handle

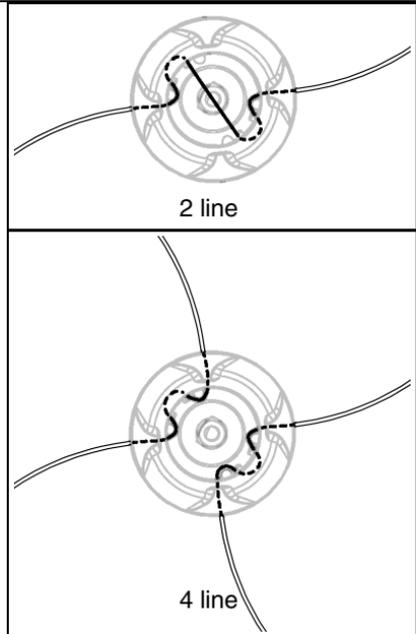
Note: Label shows minimum spacing for support handle location.

1. If necessary, position support handle for comfortable operation and securely tighten screws.



Line Installation HDFH Models

1. Install trimmer line as shown:



OPERATION

 **WARNING**

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 **WARNING**

Engine exhaust IS HOT, and contains Carbon Monoxide (CO), a poison gas. Breathing CO can cause unconsciousness, serious injury, or death. Exhaust can cause serious burns. ALWAYS position unit so that exhaust is directed away from your face and body.

 **WARNING**

Operation of this equipment may create sparks that can start fires around dry vegetation. This unit is equipped with a spark arrestor to prevent discharge of hot particles from the engine. Metal cutters can also create sparks if the cutter strikes rocks, metal, or other hard objects. Contact local fire authorities for laws or regulations regarding fire prevention requirements.

Fuel **WARNING**

Diesel fuels and alternative fuels, such as E15 (15% ethanol), E85 (85% ethanol) or any fuels not meeting Shindaiwa requirements are NOT approved for use in Shindaiwa 2-stroke or Hybrid 4-stroke gasoline engines. Use of diesel or alternative fuels may cause performance problems, loss of power, overheating, fuel vapor lock, and unintended machine operation, including, but not limited to, improper clutch engagement. Diesel or alternative fuels may also cause premature deterioration of fuel lines, gaskets, carburetors and other engine components.

Fuel Requirements

Gasoline - Use 89 Octane [R+M/2] (mid grade or higher) gasoline known to be good quality. Gasoline may contain up to 10% Ethanol (grain alcohol) or 15% MTBE (methyl tertiary-butyl ether). Gasoline containing methanol (wood alcohol) is **NOT** approved. Use of ECHO branded fuel is recommended to extend engine life in all air-cooled 2-stroke and 2/4-stroke hybrid engines.

Two Stroke Oil - A 2-stroke engine oil, such as Shindaiwa branded 2-stroke oils, meeting ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. FD Standards must be used. Shindaiwa branded 2-stroke oils meet these standards. Engine problems due to inadequate lubrication caused by failure to use an ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. M345-FD certified oil will void the 2-stroke engine warranty.

WARNING

2-Stroke engine oil contains petroleum distillates and other additives that may be harmful if swallowed. Heated oil can release vapors that can cause flash fire, or ignite with explosive force. Read and follow the oil manufacturer's instructions, and observe all safety warnings and precautions for handling flammable liquids. For more detailed safety and first aid information, visit www.echo-usa.com for a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet.

- ◆ **KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**
- ◆ **If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. CALL PHYSICIAN OR A POISON CONTROL CENTER IMMEDIATELY.**
- ◆ **WEAR SAFETY GLASSES** when mixing or handling.
- ◆ **AVOID** repeated or prolonged skin contact.
- ◆ **AVOID** inhaling oil mists or vapors.

NOTICE

Shindaiwa branded 2-stroke oils may be mixed at 50:1 ratio for application in all Shindaiwa engines sold in the past, regardless of ratio specified in those manuals.

Handling Fuel

! DANGER

Fuel is VERY flammable. Use extreme care when mixing, storing or handling, or serious personal injury may result.

- ◆ **Use an approved fuel container.**
- ◆ **DO NOT smoke near fuel.**
- ◆ **DO NOT allow flames or sparks near fuel.**
- ◆ **Fuel tanks/cans may be under pressure. Always loosen fuel caps slowly allowing pressure to equalize.**
- ◆ **NEVER refuel a unit when the engine is HOT or RUNNING!**
- ◆ **DO NOT fill fuel tanks indoors. ALWAYS fill fuel tanks outdoors over bare ground.**
- ◆ **DO NOT overfill fuel tank. Wipe up spills immediately.**
- ◆ **Securely tighten fuel tank cap and close fuel container after refueling.**
- ◆ **Inspect for fuel leakage. If fuel leakage is found, do not start or operate unit until leakage is repaired.**
- ◆ **Move at least 3 m (10 ft.) from refueling location before starting the engine.**

! DANGER

Gasoline vapor is heavier than air, and can travel along the ground to nearby sources of ignition such as electrical motors, pilot lights, and hot or running engines. Vapors ignited by an ignition source can flash back to the fuel container, resulting in an explosion, fire, serious or fatal injuries, and extensive property damage.

Mixing Instructions

1. Fill an approved fuel container with half of the required amount of gasoline.
2. Add the proper amount of engine oil to gasoline.
3. Close container and shake to mix oil with gasoline.
4. Add remaining gasoline, close fuel container, and remix.

Fuel to Oil Mix – 50:1 Ratio			
US		Metric	
Gas	Oil	Gas	Oil
gal.	fl. oz.	L	cc
1	2.6	5	100
2	5.2	10	200
5	13	25	500

NOTICE

Spilled fuel is a leading cause of hydrocarbon emissions. Some states may require the use of automatic fuel shut-off containers to reduce fuel spillage.

After use

- Empty the fuel tank prior to storing the unit. Return unused fuel to an approved fuel storage container.

Storage - Fuel storage laws vary by locality. Contact your local government for the laws affecting your area. As a precaution, store fuel in an approved, airtight container. Store in a well-ventilated, unoccupied building, away from sparks and flames.

NOTICE

Stored fuel ages. Do not mix more fuel than you expect to use in thirty (30) days, ninety (90) days when a fuel stabilizer is added.

NOTICE

Stored 2-stroke fuel may separate. ALWAYS shake fuel container thoroughly before each use.

NOTICE

Used oil and gasoline, and soiled towels are hazardous waste materials. Disposal laws vary by locality.

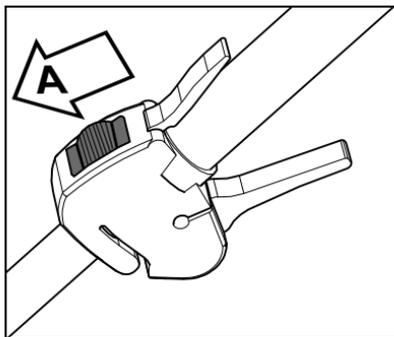
Starting Cold Engine

WARNING

The attachment will operate immediately when the engine starts, and could result in possible serious injury. Keep movable parts of the attachment away from objects that could become entangled or thrown, and surfaces that could cause loss of control.

1. Stop Switch

Move stop switch (A) away from the STOP position.

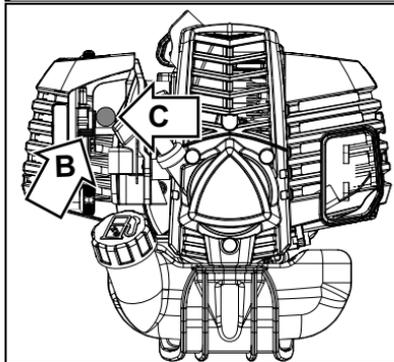


2. Choke

Move choke (B) to COLD START (←) (CLOSED) position.

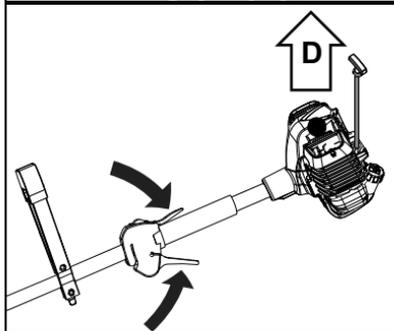
3. Purge Bulb

Pump purge bulb (C) until fuel is visible and flows freely in the clear fuel tank return line. Pump bulb an additional 4 or 5 times.



4. Recoil Starter

Lay the unit on a flat area and keep movable attachment parts clear of all obstacles. Firmly grasp throttle handle and throttle trigger lockout with left hand and fully depress throttle trigger to wide open position. Rapidly pull recoil starter handle/rope (D) until engine fires (or maximum five [5] pulls).



5. Choke

After engine fires (or 5 pulls), move choke (B) to the RUN (|↑|) (OPEN) position. Firmly grasp throttle handle and throttle trigger lockout with left hand and fully depress throttle trigger to wide open position. Pull starter handle/rope until engine starts and runs. Release throttle trigger and allow unit to warm up at idle for several minutes.

Note: If engine does not start with choke in "Run" position after 5 pulls, repeat instructions 2 - 5.

6. Throttle Trigger

After engine warm-up, grip throttle handle and support handle. Depress the throttle trigger lockout, and gradually depress throttle trigger to increase engine RPM to operating speed.

Starting Warm Engine

The starting procedure is the same as Cold Start except DO NOT close the choke, and do not hold throttle trigger fully depressed.

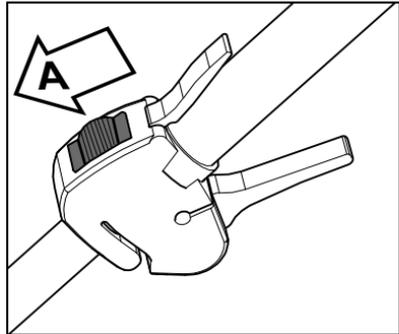
WARNING

The attachment should not move at idle, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

Note: If attachment moves, readjust carburetor according to "Carburetor Adjustment" instructions in this manual or see your Dealer.

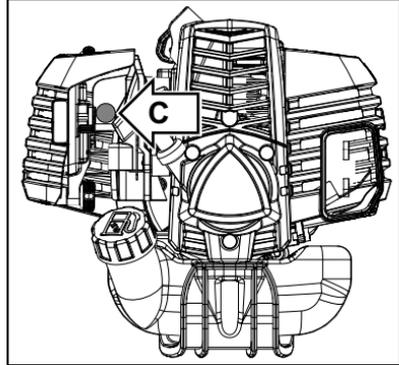
1. Stop Switch

Move stop switch (A) away from the STOP position.



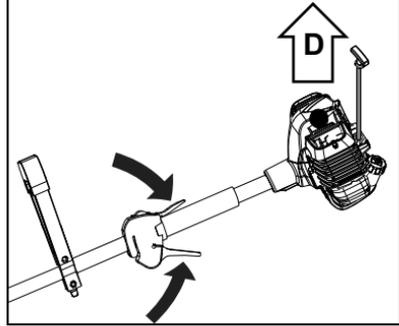
2. Purge Bulb

Pump purge bulb (C) until fuel is visible and flows freely in the clear fuel tank return line. Pump bulb an additional 4 or 5 times.



3. Recoil Starter

Lay the unit on a flat area and keep movable attachment parts clear of all obstacles. Firmly grip throttle handle and throttle trigger lockout with left hand. Rapidly pull recoil starter handle/rope (D) until engine fires.



Note: If engine does not start after 5 pulls, use Cold Start Procedure.

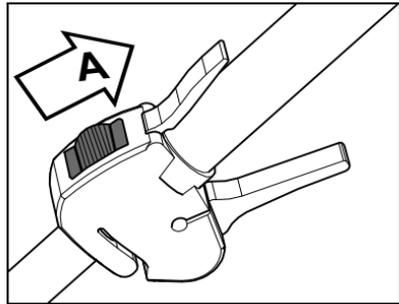
Stopping Engine

1. Throttle

Release throttle trigger and allow engine to return to idle before shutting off engine.

2. Stop Switch

Move stop switch (A) to STOP position.



WARNING

If engine does not stop when stop switch is moved to STOP position, close choke - COLD START position - to stall engine. Have your dealer repair stop switch before using unit again.

To Advance Trimmer Line (Automatic Line Head Models)

See Maintenance Section for nylon line replacement.

To advance trimmer line, tap trimmer head against the ground while the head is turning at normal operating speed.

MAINTENANCE

WARNING

Moving parts can amputate fingers or cause severe injuries. Keep hands, clothing and loose objects away from all openings. Always stop engine, disconnect spark plug, and make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before removing obstructions, clearing debris, or servicing unit. Allow unit to cool before performing service. Wear gloves to protect hands from sharp edges and hot surfaces.

WARNING

Operating a poorly maintained unit can result in serious injuries to operator or bystanders. Always follow all maintenance instructions as written, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

Your unit is designed to provide many hours of trouble free service. Regular scheduled maintenance will help your unit achieve that goal. If you are unsure or are not equipped with the necessary tools, we recommend that you take your unit to a Servicing Dealer for maintenance. To help you decide whether you want to DO-IT-YOURSELF or have the Dealer do it, each maintenance task has been graded. If the task is not listed, see your Dealer for repairs.

NOTICE

The use of emission control components other than those specifically designed for this unit is a violation of federal law.

Skill Levels

Level 1 = Easy to do. Common tools may be required.

Level 2 = Moderate difficulty. Some specialized tools may be required.

Level 3 = See your dealer.

Click [HERE](#) or go to <http://www.echo-usa.com/products/maintenance-kit>

or

[HERE https://www.shindaiwa-usa.com/you-can.aspx](https://www.shindaiwa-usa.com/you-can.aspx)

For information about maintenance kits.

Maintenance Intervals

COMPONENT/SYSTEM	MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE	REQ'D SKILL LEVEL
Daily or Before Use		
Air Filter	Inspect/Clean *	1
Choke Shutter	Inspect/Clean *	1
Fuel System	Inspect ³	1
Cooling System	Inspect/Clean	2
Recoil Starter Rope	Inspect/Clean *	1
Screws/Nuts/Bolts	Inspect/Tighten/Replace *	1
Every Refuel		
Fuel System	Inspect ³	1
3 Months		
Air Filter	Replace *	1
Fuel Filter	Inspect *	1
Fuel Cap Gasket	Inspect *	1
Spark Plug	Inspect/Clean/Replace *	1
Muffler Spark Arrestor	Inspect/Clean/Replace *	2
Cylinder Exhaust Port	Inspect/Clean/Decarbon	2
Drive Shaft (Flex Cable Models)	Grease ¹	2
Gear Housing	Grease ²	2
Yearly		
Fuel Filter	Inspect/Replace *	1
Fuel Cap Gasket	Replace *	1

IMPORTANT NOTE - Time intervals shown are maximum. Actual use and your experience will determine the frequency of required maintenance.

MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE NOTES:

- 1 Apply lithium based grease every 25 hours of use.
 - 2 Apply lithium based grease every 50 hours of use.
 - 3 Low evaporative fuel tanks DO NOT require regular maintenance to maintain emission integrity.
- * Replacement is recommended based on the finding of damage or wear during inspection.

Air Filter

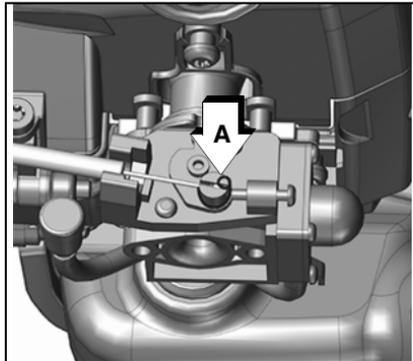
Level 1

Parts Required: Tune Up Kit.

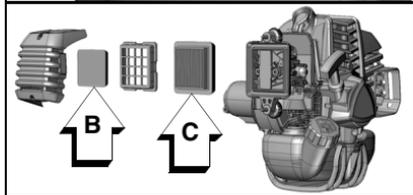
1. Close choke (COLD START position). This prevents dirt from entering the carburetor throat when the air filter is removed. Brush accumulated dirt from air cleaner area.
2. Remove air filter cover. Brush dirt from inside cover.

NOTICE

Assure throttle wire retaining clip (A) remains in place as shown when removing or installing air filter cover.



3. Remove foam pre-filter (B) and air filter (C) and clean as indicated below:
4. Foam Pre-filter.
 - Clean foam filter in water/detergent solution and rinse with clean water.
 - Wrap the filter in a clean, dry cloth and squeeze (do not wring) dry. Allow to dry completely before reuse. Do not oil.

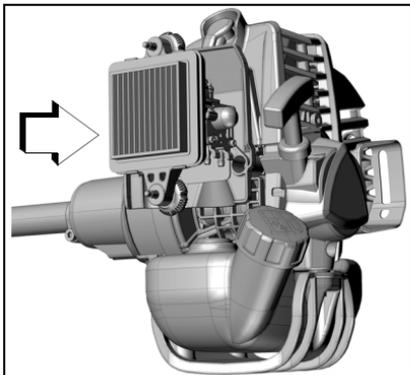


Air Filter

- Lightly brush debris from filter. Replace filter if it is damaged, fuel soaked, very dirty, or the rubber sealing edges are deformed.
5. Assemble components in reverse order.

NOTICE

Assure air filter is assembled with pleats oriented vertically.

**Fuel Filter****Level 1.**

Parts Required: Tune Up Kit.

! DANGER

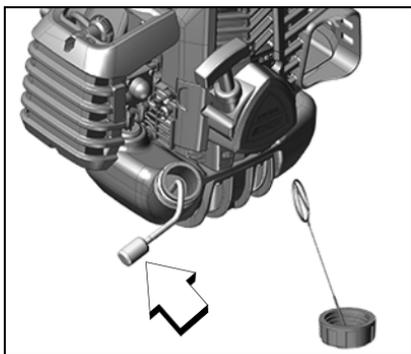
Fuel is VERY flammable. Use extreme care when mixing, storing or handling, or serious personal injury may result.

NOTICE

Do not damage fuel line while removing Fuel Filter from tank.

1. Use a clean rag to remove loose dirt from around fuel cap and empty fuel tank.

2. Pull fuel filter out through gas port, and inspect fuel filter.
3. When the fuel filter is dirty, replace it as follows:
4. Do not remove the wire coil clamp to remove the fuel filter. Pinch the fuel filter with the fingers on one hand and the fuel line with the other hand. Pull and twist slightly to separate.
5. Install the new fuel filter with the reverse action.
6. When the inside of the fuel tank is dirty, rinse the tank out with gasoline to clean it.



Note: Federal EPA regulations require all model year 2012 and later gasoline powered engines produced for sale in the United States to be equipped with a special low permeation fuel supply hose between the carburetor and fuel tank. When servicing model year 2012 and later equipment, only fuel supply hoses certified by EPA can be used to replace the original equipment supply hose. Fines up to \$37,500 may be enforced for using an un-certified replacement part.

Spark Plug

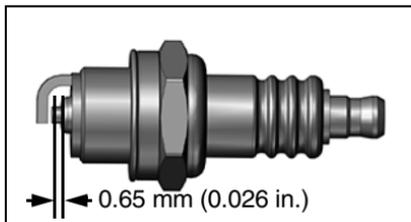
Level 2.

Parts Required: Tune Up Kit.

NOTICE

Use only NGK CMR7H spark plug otherwise severe engine damage may occur.

1. Remove spark plug and check for fouling, worn and rounded center electrode.
2. Clean the plug or replace with a new one. **DO NOT** sand blast to clean. Remaining sand will damage engine.
3. Adjust spark plug gap by bending outer electrode.
4. Tighten spark plug to 102-153 kgf•cm (89-133 in•lbf).



Cooling System

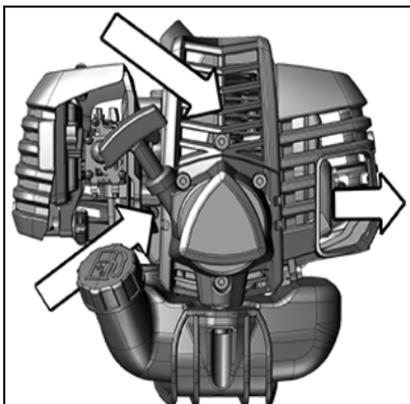
Level 2.

NOTICE

To maintain proper engine operating temperatures, cooling air must pass freely through the cylinder fin area. This flow of air carries combustion heat away from the engine.

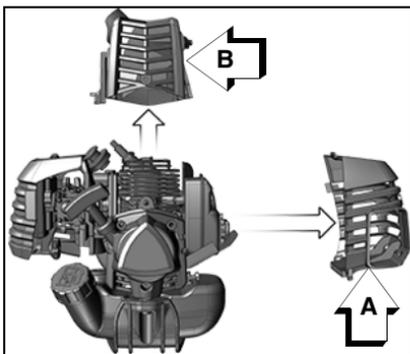
Overheating and engine seizure can occur when:

- Air intakes are blocked, preventing cooling air from reaching the cylinder.
- Dust and grass build up on the outside of the cylinder. This build up insulates the engine and prevents the heat from leaving.



Removal of cooling passage blockages or cleaning of cooling fins is considered "Normal Maintenance". Any failure attributed to lack of maintenance is not covered by the warranty.

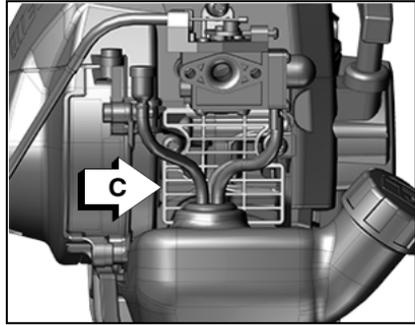
1. Remove spark plug lead.
2. Remove muffler cover (A).
3. Remove engine cover (B).



NOTICE

DO NOT use a metal scraper to remove dirt from the cylinder fins.

4. Use brush to remove dirt from the cylinder fins.
5. Remove grass and leaves from the grid (C) between the recoil starter and fuel tank.
6. Assemble components in reverse order.



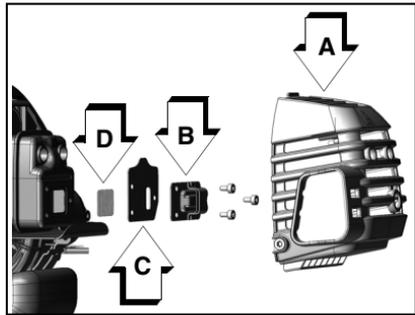
Exhaust System

Spark Arrestor Screen

Level 2.

Parts Required: Spark Arrestor Screen, Gasket

1. Remove spark plug lead.
2. Remove muffler cover (A).
3. Place piston at Top Dead Center (TDC) to prevent carbon or dirt from entering cylinder.
4. Remove spark arrestor screen cover (B), gasket (C), and screen (D), from muffler body.
5. Clean carbon deposits from muffler components.



Note: When cleaning carbon deposit, be careful not to damage the catalytic element inside muffler.

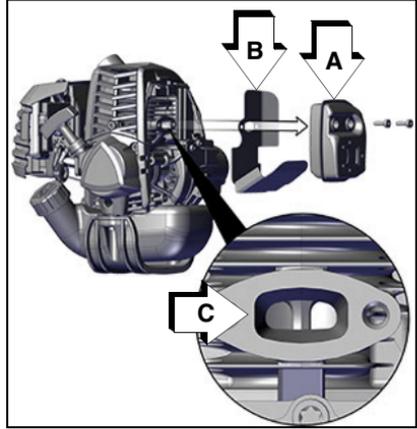
6. Replace screen if it is cracked, plugged, or has holes burned through.
7. Assemble components in reverse order.

Exhaust Port Cleaning

Level 2.

Parts Required: Heat Shield (as needed)

1. Remove spark plug lead from spark plug, and remove muffler cover.
2. Place piston at top dead center. Remove muffler (A) and heat shield (B).
3. Use a wood or plastic scraping tool to clean deposits from cylinder exhaust port (C).



NOTICE

Never use a metal tool to scrape carbon from the exhaust port. Do not scratch the cylinder or piston when cleaning the exhaust port. Do not allow carbon particles to enter the cylinder.

4. Inspect heat shield, and replace if damaged.
5. Install heat shield and muffler.
6. Tighten muffler mounting bolts (or nuts) to 90-110 kgf•cm (80-95 in•lbf).
7. Install muffler cover and attach spark plug lead.
8. Start engine, and warm to operating temperature.
9. Stop engine, and re-tighten mounting bolts (or nuts) to specifications.

Carburetor Adjustment

Level 2.

WARNING

When carburetor adjustment is completed, the cutting attachment should not move at idle, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

Engine Break-In

New engines must be operated a minimum duration of two tanks of fuel break-in before carburetor adjustments can be made. During the break-in period your engine performance will increase and exhaust emissions will stabilize. Idle speed can be adjusted as required.

High Altitude Operation

This engine has been factory adjusted to maintain satisfactory starting and durability performance up to 330 m (1100 ft.) above sea level (ASL) (96.0 kPa). To maintain proper engine operation above 330 m (1100 ft.) ASL the carburetor may need to be adjusted by an authorized service dealer.

NOTICE

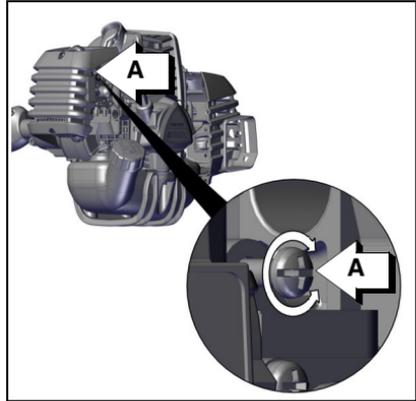
If the engine is adjusted for operation above 330 m (1100 ft.) ASL, the carburetor must be re-adjusted when operating the engine below 330 m (1100 ft.) ASL, otherwise severe engine damage may result.

Note: Every unit is run at the factory and the carburetor is set in compliance with emission regulations. Carburetor adjustments, other than idle speed, must be performed by an authorized dealer.

WARNING

- ◆ The cutting attachment may be moving during carburetor adjustments.
- ◆ Wear your protective equipment and observe all safety instructions.
- ◆ For units equipped with a clutch, be sure the cutting attachment stops moving when the engine idles.
- ◆ When the unit is turned off, make sure the cutting attachment has stopped before the unit is set down.

1. Check idle speed and reset if necessary. If a tachometer is available, idle speed screw (A) should be set to the specifications found on "Specifications" page of this manual. Turn idle screw (A) clockwise to increase idle speed; counterclockwise to decrease idle speed.



Lubrication

Level 1.

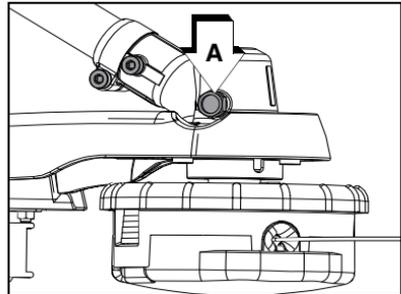
Parts Required: Lithium Based Grease.

Gear Case

NOTICE

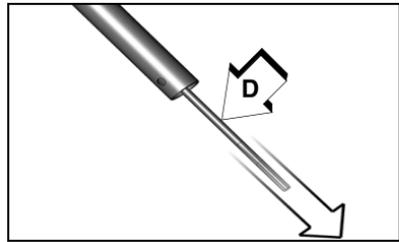
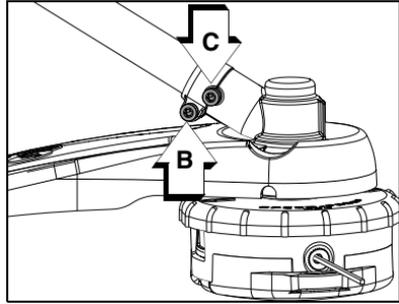
Gear cases without grease plug (A) do not require lubrication.

1. Clean all loose debris from gear case.
2. Remove plug (A) and check level of grease.
3. Add grease if necessary. DO NOT over-fill.



Drive Shaft (flex cable only)

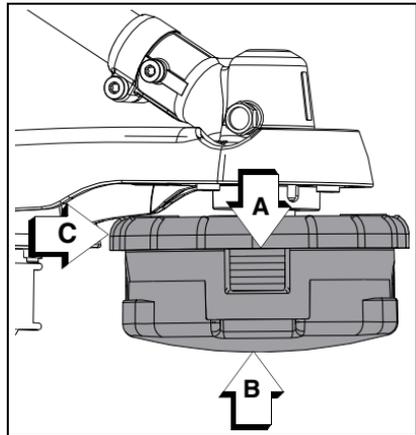
1. Loosen screw (B) and remove locating screw (C). Pull gear case and shield from drive shaft housing.
2. Pull flexible cable (D) from the drive shaft housing, wipe clean and re-coat with 15 ml (0.5 oz.) of grease.
3. Slide the flexible cable (D) back in the drive housing. DO NOT get dirt on the flex cable.
4. Install the gear housing and shield assembly.



Nylon Line Head Disassembly Instructions

Note: For normal use, Speed Feed[®] head disassembly is not necessary. However, if circumstances require disassembly, follow these instructions.

1. Press top of locking tabs (A) on both sides of Speed Feed[®] head to release cover (B) from eyelet carrier (C).
2. Remove cover from eyelet carrier.



Nylon Line Replacement

! CAUTION

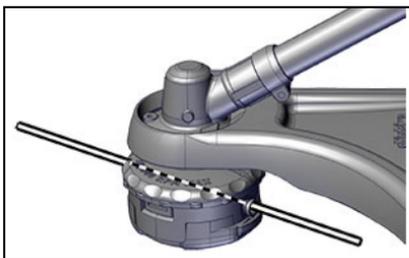
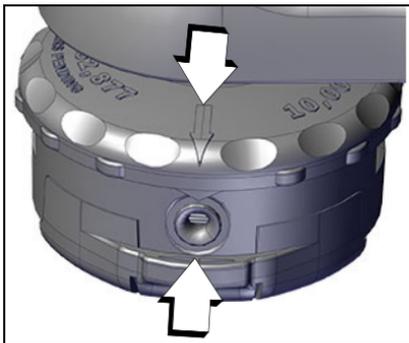
Wear gloves or personal injury may result:

- ◆ *Cutoff knife is sharp.*
- ◆ *Gearcase and surrounding area may be hot.*

! WARNING

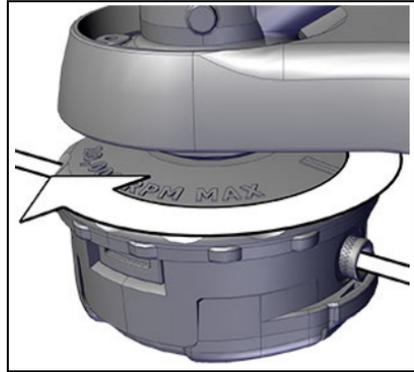
Never use wire or wire-rope that can break off and become a dangerous "projectile". Serious injury can occur.

1. Cut one piece of line to recommended length.
2.0 mm (0.080 in.) diameter
6 m (20 ft.).
2.4 mm (0.095 in.) diameter
6 m (20 ft.).
2. Align arrows on top of knob with openings in eyelets.
3. Insert one end of trimmer line into an eyelet, and push line equal distance through trimmer head.



4. Hold trimmer head while turning knob clockwise to wind line onto spool until about 13 cm (5 in.) of each line remains exposed.

Trimmer head is now fully loaded and ready for operation.



NOTICE

When the wear indicators located at the bottom of the Speed-Feed® head are worn smooth, or if holes appear, replacement of the cover or the entire Speed-Feed® head is required.



HDFH line head requires no maintenance.

TROUBLESHOOTING

ENGINE PROBLEM TROUBLESHOOTING CHART				
Problem	Check	Status	Cause	Remedy
Engine starts hard or Engine does not start	Fuel at carburetor	No fuel at carburetor	Fuel strainer or fuel line obstructed	Clean or replace See your dealer
	Fuel at cylinder	No fuel at cylinder	Carburetor	See your dealer
Engine starts hard or Engine does not start		Muffler wet with fuel	Fuel mixture too rich	OPEN choke Clean or replace air filter Adjust carburetor See your dealer
	Spark at end of plug wire	No spark	Stop switch OFF - Electrical problem - Interlock switch	Turn switch to ON See your dealer
Spark at plug	Incorrect gap - Covered with carbon - Fouled with fuel - Plug defective		Adjust to 0.65mm (0.026 in.) Clean or replace plug	
Engine runs, but dies or Engine does not accelerate properly	Air filter	Air filter dirty	Normal wear	Clean or replace
	Fuel filter	Fuel filter dirty	Contaminants or residue in fuel	Replace filter or replace fuel
	Fuel vent	Fuel vent plugged	Contaminated fuel	Clean or replace

ENGINE PROBLEM TROUBLESHOOTING CHART				
Problem	Check	Status	Cause	Remedy
Engine runs, but dies	Spark plug	Plug dirty or worn	Normal wear	Clean and adjust or replace
	Carburetor	Improper adjustment	Vibration	Adjust
or				
Engine does not accelerate properly	Cooling system	Cooling system dirty or plugged	Extended operation in dirty or dusty locations	Clean
	Spark arrestor screen	Spark arrestor screen plugged	Normal wear	Replace
Engine does not crank	N/A		Internal engine problem	See your dealer


DANGER

Fuel vapors are extremely flammable and may cause fire and/or explosion. Never test for ignition spark by grounding spark plug near cylinder plug hole, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

STORAGE

WARNING

During operation the muffler or catalytic muffler and surrounding cover become hot. Always keep exhaust area clear of flammable debris during transportation or when storing, otherwise serious property damage or personal injury may result.

Long Term Storage (Over 30 Days)

Do not store your unit for a prolonged period of time (30 days or longer) without performing protective storage maintenance which includes the following:

1. Store unit in a dry, dust free place, out of the reach of children.

DANGER

Do not store in enclosure where fuel fumes may accumulate or reach an open flame or spark.

2. Place the stop switch in the "OFF" position.
3. Remove accumulation of grease, oil, dirt and debris from exterior of unit.
4. Perform all periodic lubrication and services that are required.
5. Tighten all the screws and nuts.
6. Drain fuel tank completely. Press purge bulb 6-7 times to remove remaining fuel from carburetor then drain the tank again. Close choke, start and run the engine until it stops due to lack of fuel.
7. Allow engine to cool. Remove the spark plug lead from the spark plug. Remove the spark plug. Pour 7 cc (0.25 oz.) of fresh, clean, two-stroke engine oil into the cylinder through the spark plug hole.
8. Pull the recoil starter handle 2-3 times to distribute the oil inside the engine.
9. Observe the piston location through the spark plug hole. Pull the recoil handle slowly until the piston reaches the top of its travel and leave it there.
10. Install the spark plug. Connect the spark plug lead to the spark plug.

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	T262
Length w/o cutter head	1788 mm (70.4 in.)
Width	296mm (11.6 in.)
Height	345 mm (13.6 in.)
Weight (dry) w/o cutter head	5.1 kg (11.2 lb.)
Engine Type	Air cooled, two-stroke, single cylinder gasoline engine
Bore	34 mm (1.34in.)
Stroke	28 mm (1.10 in.)
Displacement	25.4 cc (1.55 cu. in.)
Exhaust	Spark arrestor muffler or spark arrestor muffler with catalyst
Carburetor	Diaphragm w/purge pump
Ignition System	Flywheel magneto, capacitor discharge ignition type
Spark Plug	NGK CMR7H Gap 0.6 mm (0.026 in.)
Fuel	Mixed (Gasoline and Two-stroke Oil)
Fuel/Oil Ratio	50 : 1
Gasoline	Use 89 Octane unleaded. Do not use fuel containing methyl alcohol, more than 10% ethyl alcohol or 15% MTBE. Do not use alternative fuels such as E15 or E85.
Oil	ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. M345-ED, two-stroke, air-cooled engine oil.
Fuel Tank Capacity	.61L (20.6 US fl. oz.)
Starter System	Automatic Rewind Starter
Clutch	Centrifugal Type
Vibration Isolated System	Rubber cushion on engine mount (heavy duty). Rubber grip on throttle handle.
Operating Rod	25.0 mm aluminum Tube
Drive Shaft	7mm (.28 in.) hollow shaft
Gear Case Ratio	1.62 Reduction
Rotating Direction	Counterclockwise; viewed from top
Cutter Head	Speed Feed® 400 LH Nylon line head, Line capacity 6.0 m (20 ft.) or Heavy Duty Fixed Line Head
Handle	Front - loop, Rear handle

MODEL	T262
Shoulder Harness	Optional
Idle Speed	3,000 RPM
Clutch Engagement Speed	4,100 RPM
Wide Open Throttle Speed (W.O.T.)	9,100 RPM

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