

LONG REACH HEDGE TRIMMER UP TO 3.2M SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Starting and Stopping the Equipment:

- **Starting the Engine:** Put the choke lever to the halfway position and attempt to start. After starting, release the throttle trigger, open the choke, and let the engine warm up.
- **Stopping the Engine:** Release the throttle and let the engine idle for a minute. Release the safety lock-off and move the ignition switch to the stop position.

Safe Operation:

- **Proper Holding and Stance:** Hold the trimmer with both hands and maintain a stable stance that allows you to see your work while staying clear of the blades.
- **Cutting Technique:** Sweep the blades over the hedge from ground to top. If encountering thick stems, halt the trimmer and use a pruning saw. Avoid over-reaching and maintain a tidy work area by sweeping trimmings.
- **Foot Care:** Watch your footing to prevent tripping or slipping. Turn off the trimmer between cuts and when moving.
- **Blade Handling:** Avoid ground or metal contact with the blades. Switch off and allow blades to stop before removing debris. Never use a broken blade; return the machine to your local Target Tool & Plant Hire shop.

Equipment Handling:

- **Limitations:** Do not exceed equipment limits. If the tool struggles, consult your Target Tool & Plant Hire shop for advice.
- **Handle with Care:** Prevent damage by avoiding drops or impacts.
- **Maintenance:** Keep the equipment clean for optimal performance and store it in a clean, dry, secure location when not in use.
- **Safety and Suitability:** Consult your local Target Tool & Plant Hire shop for advice on safety and suitability.
- **Personal Condition:** Do not use when ill, tired, or under the influence of substances.
- **Competent Use:** Only use by someone who has read and understood the instructions.

Safety Gear and Precautions:

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- **Safety Goggles and Clothing:** Wear safety goggles and suitable clothing. Tie back long hair and avoid loose garments and jewelry.
- **Ear Defenders:** Due to noise levels, wear ear defenders.
- **Protective Clothing:** Wear practical protective clothing, sturdy footwear, and gloves.
- **Firm Grip:** Maintain a firm grip on handles while trimming.
- **Avoid Blade Contact:** Keep feet and hands away from cutting blade.
- **Switch Off and Wait:** Turn off and wait for parts to stop before making adjustments or moving.
- **Adjust Blade Angle Safely:** Adjust the blade angle only when switched off and blades are stationary on the ground.

Refueling Safety:

- **Hot Engine:** Never refuel with a hot engine.
- **No Smoking or Flames:** Avoid smoking or open flames while refueling.
- **Spillage Cleanup:** Quickly clean up fuel spills and change clothes if needed.
- **Proper Fuel Storage:** Store fuel in an approved container away from work area.
- **Oil and Petrol Mixing:** Always mix petrol/oil before adding to the tank.

Harness and Equipment Setup:

- **Harness Usage:** Clip on and adjust the harness for a comfortable fit with the trimmer attached.
- **Blade Angle Adjustment:** Set the blade angle and tighten the tension. Remove the protective sheath from the blades.
- **Fuel Mixing and Filling:** Mix petrol and oil in the correct ratio and fill the tank. Move the ignition switch to 'run' and engage the choke for cold starts.
- **Starting the Engine:** Pump the purge bulb until fuel is visible. Hold the safety lock-off lever while pulling the trigger halfway.
- **Blade Movement Note:** Be cautious; blades may move even at idle throttle.
- **Blade Stopping:** Blades continue to move after switching off or releasing the throttle.

Safety for Onlookers and Surroundings:

- **Keep Distance:** Maintain at least 15 meters of distance from the work area for children, animals, bystanders, and onlookers.
- **Power Cables:** Check for hazards. Do not operate near wires or cables within 5 meters of the operator or trimmer.