

start, put the choke lever to the halfway position and try again.

Once started, release the throttle trigger, 'open' the choke and allow the engine to warm up.

To stop the engine release the throttle and allow the engine to idle for a minute.

Release the 'safety lock-off' and move the ignition switch to the stop position.

## BASIC TECHNIQUES

**Hold the trimmer with both hands**, adopting a stable stance that lets you see what you are doing but keeps you safely clear of the cutters.

**Sweep the blades over the hedge**, working from the ground upwards. If you encounter a really thick stem, stop the hedge trimmer and use a pruning saw to cut through the obstruction.

**Never over-reach.**

**Keep the work area tidy.** Regularly sweep up trimmings.

**Watch your footing.** Be careful not to trip or slip while operating the equipment.

**Between cuts and when moving location, turn the hedge trimmer off.**

**Do not allow the blades to come into contact with the ground or metal posts and the like.** Switch OFF and allow the blades to stop moving before removing any debris from them.

**Never use a broken blade.** Return the machine to your local HSS Hire Shop.

## EQUIPMENT CARE

**Never push the equipment beyond its design limits.** If it will not do what you want with reasonable ease, assume you have the wrong tool for the job. Contact your HSS Hire Shop for advice.

**Handle the equipment with care.** Avoid dropping it, knocking it, or otherwise exposing it to damage.

**Keep the equipment clean.** You will find it performs better if you clean it regularly rather than wait until the end of the hire period.

**When not in use, store the equipment somewhere clean, dry and safe from thieves.**

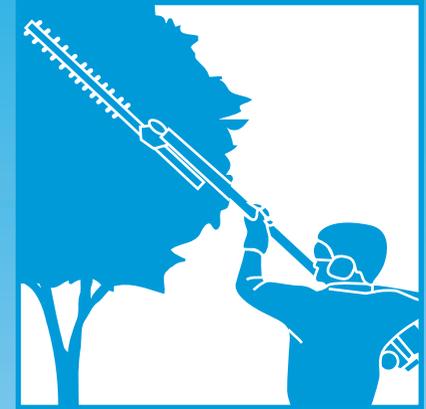
## FINISHING OFF

Clean up the equipment by wiping over the drive shaft and engine cover with a damp cloth and lightly oil the blades – take care, they are sharp.

Finally, replace the protective sheath onto the blade and return to your local HSS Hire Shop.

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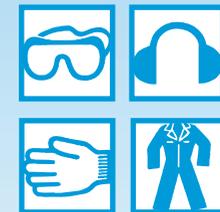
# Long Handled Hedge Trimmer

A petrol hedgetrimmer with the ability to trim tall hedges and bushes up to 3.2 metres.



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## GENERAL SAFETY

For advice on the safety and suitability of this equipment contact your local HSS Hire Shop.

Never use this equipment if you are ill, feeling tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

This equipment should only be used by a competent person who has read and understood these instructions.

Check the equipment before use, if it shows signs of damage or excessive wear, return it.

## Exhaust Fumes

Never operate petrol engines indoors or in a confined space.

The exhaust contains gases that can kill.



**Safety goggles should be worn by everyone in the work area.** Avoid loose garments and jewellery that could interfere with the work. Tie back long hair.



**NOTE: This equipment generates potentially harmful noise levels.** To comply with Health and Safety at Work regulations, **ear defenders must be worn** by everyone in the vicinity.



**Practical protective clothing,** stout footwear and gloves must be worn.

Hedge trimmers can cause serious injury. Keep a firm grip on the handles whilst trimming. Always keep feet and hands well away from the cutting blade, taking special care when starting.

Always switch off the equipment and wait for moving parts to stop before making any adjustments to the trimmer or before moving to a new location.

Only adjust the cutting angle of the blades with the trimmer switched off, the blades stationary and resting flat on the ground.

Never leave the machine running and unattended.

## Onlookers

Keep children, animals and bystanders at least 15 metres from the work area.

## Power Cables

Look for hazards that could be a danger. Do not operate this machine if any wires or power cables are closer than 5 metres away from the operator or trimmer.

## Fuel Safety

NEVER refuel while the engine is hot or running.  
NEVER smoke or allow naked lights into the area while refuelling.

ALWAYS mop up fuel spillages as quickly as possible.  
Change your clothes if you spill fuel on yourself.

ALWAYS store fuel in an approved container, in a cool, safe place away from the work area.  
Never mix petrol/oil in the machine's fuel tank.

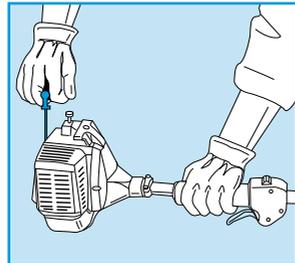
## GETTING STARTED

Unclip the harness from the trimmer and put it on. Adjust the straps to ensure a comfortable balanced fit with the trimmer attached.

Now unclip the machine from the harness and lay the trimmer on a flat area with cutter bar clear of any obstructions. The blade angle can be set between 0° and 90° in 15° increments. Adjust and tighten the blade angle tension and then remove the protective sheath from the blades.

Mix 1 gallon of unleaded petrol with 1 bottle of HSS 2-stroke oil in a suitable container and fill the fuel tank. Each tankful gives about 30 minutes use. Never add the oil and petrol to the tank unmixed.

Move the ignition switch to 'run' and on cold starts, close the choke by pushing the choke lever forward to the 'cold start' position.



Pump the purge bulb until fuel is visible in the 'clear' fuel return tube.

With your left hand, press down on the safety lock off lever and pull the trigger in halfway. Hold the handle firmly to stop the trimmer moving.

**NOTE: The safety lock-off must be constantly held tight against the grip or the engine will stop.**

**Pull the starter rope until the engine fires. If it fails to**

## Moving Blades

Beware, when the engine starts the blades may move even with the throttle in idle (released) position.

The blades take time to stop even after you have switched off or released the throttle.

