

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

- Ensure the machine has a current electrical tag
- Ensure a transformer or residual current device (RCD) unit is used
- Ensure extension leads are heavy duty with a maximum length of 30 metres
- 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
- If working at height ensure you are operating from a secure and safe platform
- Do not attempt to cut foreign material
- Do not free a jam-up with engine running

Starting Procedure

1. Plug transformer or a residual current device (RCD) into power supply
2. Plug extension lead into transformer or RCD and hedge trimmer
3. Turn on power supply

When Operating

- Hold trimmer firmly with both hands
- Squeeze on/off switch/s to start machine
Note: Most models have the main handle switch and two other switches, you must always work the main switch plus one of the other two to activate machine. The choice of the second two switches is for comfort and maximum reach.
- Tilt trimmer so cutting teeth are angled slightly toward the hedge or shrub
- Proceed to cut

Stopping and After Use

- Release either of the on/off switches to stop the machine.
- When the job is completed disconnect the power supply
- Roll up all power leads and RCD or transformer
- Clean down machine with a dry cloth