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22in Electric Hedge Trimmer

Model No. 51490—Serial No. 313000001 and Up

Operator's Manual

If you have questions or problems, contact us at www.Toro.com or call toll free 1-800-237-2654 (US) or 1-800-248-3258 (Canada) before returning this product.

General Power Tool Safety Warnings

⚠ WARNING

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Proposition 65 Warning

This product contains a chemical or chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or reproductive harm.

⚠WARNING Read all safety warnings and instructions. *Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire, and/or serious injury.*

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

The term "power tool" in all of the warnings refers to your mains-operated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

1. **Work area safety**
   - A. **Keep work area clean and well lit.** *Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents*
   - B. **Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust.** *Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.*
   - C. **Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.** *Distractions can cause you to lose control.*
2. **Electrical safety**
   - A. **Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adapter plugs with earthed (grounded) power tools**. *Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.*
   - B. **Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators.** *There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is earthed or grounded.*
   - C. **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** *Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.*
   - D. **Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the power tool. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts**. *Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.*
   - E. **When operating a power tool outdoors, use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use.** *Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock*.
   - F. **If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a residual current device (RCD) protected supply.** *Use of an RCD reduces the risk of electric shock.*
3. **Personal safety**
   - A. **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication.** *A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.*
   - B. **Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection.** *Safety equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.*
   - C. **Avoid accidental starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before plugging in.** *Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or plugging in power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.*
   - D. **Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on.** *A wrench or a key left attached to a rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury*.
   - E. **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** *This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.*
   - F. **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.** *Loose clothes, jewelry, or long hair can be caught in moving parts.*
   - G. **If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used.** *Use of these devices can reduce dust-related hazards.*
4. **Power tool use and care**

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A. **Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application.** *The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.*

B. **Do not use the power tool if the switch does not turn it on and off.** *Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.*

C. **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or the battery pack from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools.** *Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.*

D. **Store idle power tools out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool.** *Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.*

E. **Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tools operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use.** *Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.*

F. **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** *Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.*

G. **Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc., in accordance with these instructions and in the manner intended for the particular type of power tool, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed.** *Use of the power tool for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.*

5. **Service**

A. **Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts.** *This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.*

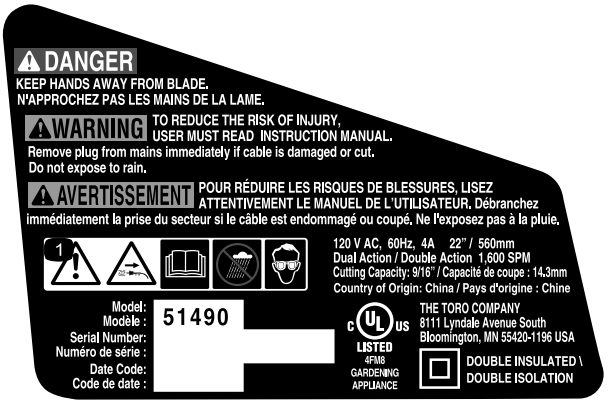
Hedge Trimmer Safety Warnings

- **Use both hands when operating the hedge trimmer. Using one hand could cause loss of control and result in serious personal injury.**
- **Keep all parts of the body away from the cutter blade. Do not remove cut material or hold material to be cut when blades are moving. Make sure the switch is off when clearing jammed material. Blades coast after turn off.** *A moment of inattention while operating the hedge trimmer may result in serious personal injury.*
- **Carry the hedge trimmer by the handle with the cutter blade stopped. When transporting or storing the hedge trimmer always fit the cutting device cover.** *Proper handling of the hedge trimmer will reduce possible personal injury from the cutter blades.*
- **Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surfaces only, because the cutter blade may contact hidden wiring or its own cord.** *Cutter blades contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.*
- **Keep cable away from cutting area.** *During operation the cable may be hidden in shrubs and can be accidentally cut by the blade.*
- **DANGER – Keep hands away from blade.** *Contact with blade will result in serious personal injury.*

Safety and Instructional Decals

Safety decals and instructions are easily visible to the operator and are located near any area of potential danger. Replace any decal that is damaged or lost.

Symbol	Name	Designation/Explanation
AC	Alternating current	Type of current
A	Amperes	Current
Hz	Hertz	Frequency (cycles per second)
SPM	Strokes per minute	Speed of blade
V	Volts	Voltage



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1. Warning; remove plug from the socket if the wire is damaged—read the *Operator's Manual*; do not operate in wet conditions; wear eye protection.

Operation

Preparing the Appliance

For safe and efficient use of your hedge trimmer, use only a UL-listed extension cord recommended for outdoor use. Refer to the Extension Cord Chart below.

Minimum Gauge for Extension Cords (AWG—120 V Only)

Amp Rating		Total Length of Cord in Feet (meters)			
More Than	Not More Than	25' (7.6 m)	50' (15 m)	100' (30.4 m)	150' (45.7 m)
0	6	18	16	16	14
6	10	18	16	14	12
10	12	16	16	14	12
12	16	14	12	Not Recommended	

Note: Do not use an extension cord over 150 feet (46 m) long.

Important: Check the power cord frequently during use for holes in the insulation. Do not use a damaged cord. Do not run the cord through standing water or wet grass. Remove plug from the mains immediately if cable is damaged or cut.

Connecting to Power Supply

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This product is designed with a cord retainer that prevents the extension cord from being pulled loose while in use.

1. Form a loop with the end of the extension cord.
2. Insert loop portion of extension cord through opening in the bottom of the rear handle and place over cord retainer.
3. Slowly pull loop against cord retainer until the slack is removed.
4. Plug product into extension cord (Figure 1).

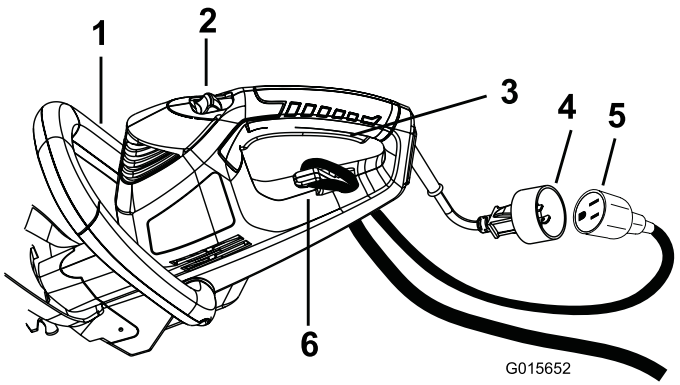


Figure 1

1. Auxiliary handle
2. Lock switch
3. Trigger
4. 2-prong plug
5. Extension cord
6. Cord retainer

Starting the Hedge Trimmer

1. Remove the protective cover from the cutter blades (Figure 2).

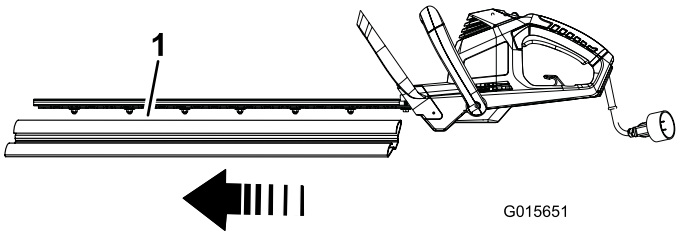


Figure 2

1. Protective cover

2. Attach an extension cord to the trimmer (Figure 1).
3. Place one hand on the trigger handle. Place the other hand on the auxiliary handle.
4. Slide the lock switch backwards, towards you, then squeeze the trigger switch to turn on the hedge trimmer (Figure 1). The trimmer will stay on as long as the trigger switch is squeezed. Lock-off switch may be released once hedge trimmer is running.

Stopping the Hedge Trimmer

1. Release the trigger switch (Figure 1).
2. Allow at least 5 seconds for the cutting blade to stop moving.

Operating Tips

- The unit is used for cutting in either direction in a slow, sweeping action from side to side.
- Stand so that you are stable and balanced on both feet. Do not overreach.
- Inspect and clear the area of any hidden objects.
- Never use the hedge trimmer near power lines, fencing, posts, buildings, or other immovable objects.
- Never use a blade after hitting a hard object without first inspecting it for damage. Do not use if any damage is detected.
- Never touch blades or service unit with the power supply connected.
- When operating the hedge trimmer, keep the extension cord behind the trimmer. Never drape it over the hedge being trimmed.
- Do not force the hedge trimmer through heavy shrubbery. This can cause the blades to bind and slow down. If the blades slow down, reduce the pace.
- Do not attempt to cut stems or twigs that are larger than 9/16 in., or those obviously too large to feed into the cutting blade. Use a non-powered hand saw or pruning saw to trim large stems.
- If blades do become jammed, stop the motor, allow the blades to stop, and disconnect the plug from the power source before attempting to remove the obstruction.
- If desired, you can use a string to help cut your hedge level. Decide how high you want the hedge. Stretch a piece of string along the hedge at the desired height. Trim the hedge just above the guide line of string. Trim the side of a hedge so that it will be slightly narrower at the top. More of the hedge will be exposed when shaped this way, and it will be more uniform.
- Wear gloves when trimming thorny or prickly growth. When trimming new growth, use a wide sweeping action, so that the stems are fed directly into the cutting blade. Older growth will have thicker stems and will be trimmed easiest by using a sawing movement.

Maintenance

Oiling the Trimmer Blade

1. Stop the motor and disconnect from power supply.
2. Clean dirt and debris from the body of the hedge trimmer, using a damp cloth with a mild detergent.

   Note: Do not use any strong detergents on the plastic housing or the handle. They can be damaged by certain aromatic oils such as pine and lemon, and by solvents such as kerosene.
3. Lay the hedge trimmer on a flat surface. Apply light weight machine oil along the edge of the top blade. If you will be using the hedge trimmer for an extended period of time, it is advisable to oil the blade during use.

   Note: Do not oil while the hedge trimmer is running.

Service

Should this item need service, take the product to your Authorized Toro Service Dealer. Your Toro Dealer is specially trained to fix Toro products and will ensure that your Toro stays “All” Toro.

Double-insulated Appliance

In a double-insulated appliance, two systems of insulation are provided instead of grounding. No grounding means is provided on a double-insulated appliance, nor should a means for grounding be added to the appliance. Servicing a double-insulated appliance requires extreme care and knowledge of the system, and should be done only by the qualified service personnel at your Authorized Toro Service Dealer. 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.

Storage

- Clean all foreign material from the product.
- Store it in a well-ventilated place that is inaccessible to children.
- Keep away from corrosive agents such as garden chemicals and de-icing salts.

Notes:

The Toro Promise - Electric Products

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* Residential use means use of the product on the same lot as your home.

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