



# Power Pruner™

## *Operator's Manual*

**MODEL: PPT-261**

### **WARNING** **DANGER**



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**



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



### **WARNING** **DANGER**

Read rules for safe operation and instructions carefully. ECHO provides an Operator's Manual and a Safety Manual. Both must be read and understood for proper and safe operation.

## INTRODUCTION

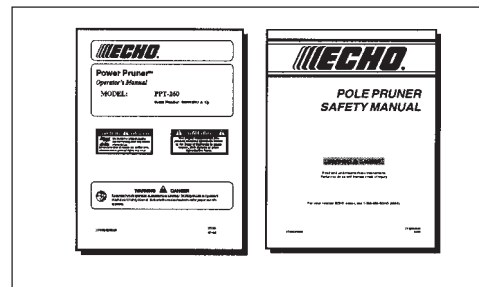
Welcome to the ECHO family. This ECHO product was designed and manufactured to provide long life and on-the-job dependability. Read and understand this manual and the SAFETY MANUAL you found in the same package. You will find both easy to use and full of helpful operating tips and SAFETY messages.

## THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL

Read and understand this manual before operation. Keep it in a safe place for future reference. It contains specifications and information for operation, starting, stopping, maintenance, storage, and assembly specific to this product.

## THE SAFETY MANUAL

Read and understand this manual before operation. Keep it in a safe place for future reference. It explains possible hazards involved with the use of Power Pruner™ and what measures you should take to make their use safer.



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## 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.



This symbol accompanied by the words **WARNING** and **DANGER** calls attention to an act or condition that can lead to serious personal injury to operator and bystanders.



The circle with the slash symbol means whatever is shown within the circle is prohibited.



**IMPORTANT** 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.

## INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLS

| Symbol form/shape | Symbol description/application                                                | Symbol form/shape | Symbol description/application                                    |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                   | Read and understand Operator's Manual.                                        |                   | Fuel and oil mixture                                              |
|                   | Wear eyes, ears and head protection                                           |                   | Finger Severing                                                   |
|                   | Hot Surface                                                                   |                   | Wear hand protection. Use two handed.                             |
|                   | Safety/Alert                                                                  |                   | DO NOT smoke near fuel.                                           |
|                   | Avoid all power lines. This unit is not insulated against electrical current. |                   | Do not operate closer than 15 M (50 ft.) from electrical hazards. |
|                   | Keep bystanders at least 15 meters (50 feet) away.                            |                   | Plan retreat path from falling objects.                           |

| Symbol form/shape | Symbol description/application                     | Symbol form/shape | Symbol description/application             |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                   | DO NOT allow flames or sparks near fuel.           |                   | Wear slip resistant foot wear.             |
|                   | Emergency stop                                     |                   | Ignition ON/OFF                            |
|                   | Chain lubrication                                  |                   | Primer bulb                                |
|                   | Carburetor adjustment - Low speed mixture          |                   | Carburetor adjustment - High speed mixture |
|                   | Carburetor adjustment - Idle speed                 |                   |                                            |
|                   | Choke Control "Cold Start" Position (Choke Closed) |                   | Choke Control "Run" Position (Choke Open)  |

## PERSONAL CONDITION AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

**WARNING**



**DANGER**

Power Pruner™ users risk injury to themselves and others if the Power Pruner™ is used improperly and or safety precautions are not followed. Proper clothing and safety gear must be worn when operating a Power Pruner™.

## **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**

Wear eye protection that meets ANSI Z87.1 or CE requirements whenever you operate the unit

## **Face and Head Protection**

When trimming overhead, always wear head protection meeting ANSI Z89.1 or CE requirements with a full face shield. Head protection with full face shield will help protect you from falling branches and debris.

## **Hand Protection**

Wear no-slip, heavy duty work gloves to improve your grip on the unit handles. Gloves also reduce the transmission of machine vibration to your hands.

## **Hearing Protection**

ECHO recommends wearing hearing protection whenever unit is used.

## **Proper Clothing**

Wear snug fitting, durable protective clothing; chain saw safety pants or chaps are recommended.

- Pants should have long legs, shirts with long sleeves.
- DONOTWEARSHORTS,
- DONOTWEARTIES, SCARVES, JEWELRY.

Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.

Wear sturdy protective safety shoes or boots with non-skid soles;

- DONOTWEAROPENTOEDSHOES,
- DONOTOPERATEUNITBAREFOOTED.

## **Hot Humid Weather**

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.

## **Vibration and Cold**

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.

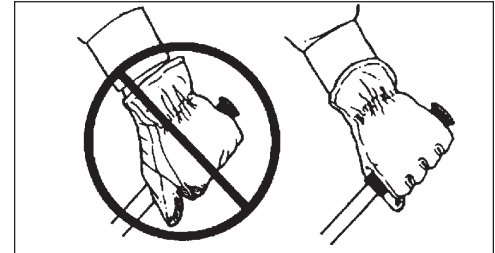


## Repetitive Stress Injuries

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.



## WARNING 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 when pruning, otherwise serious injury or death may result.

## WARNING 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 the Manuals

- Provide all operators of this equipment with the Operator's Manual, and instructions for safe operation.

## Clear the Work Area

- Spectators and fellow workers must be warned, and children and animals prevented from coming nearer than 15 m (50 ft.) while the unit is in use.

## Use Proper Clothing & Equipment

- Always wear head protection with full face shield to help protect against falling branches and debris.

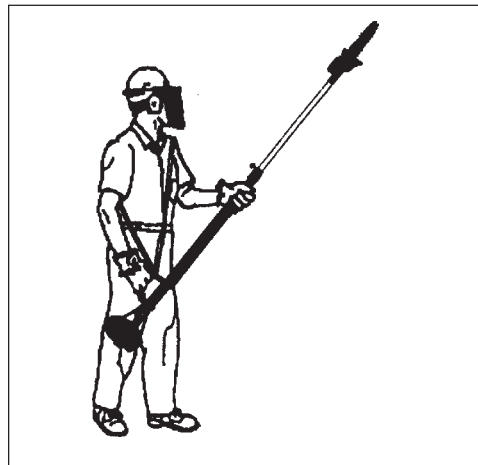
## Keep A Firm Grip

- Grip Power Pruner™ with both hands with thumbs and fingers encircling the handle, and shaft tube.



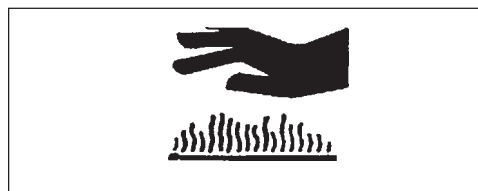
## Keep A Solid Stance

- 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 overreach.
- Operate the Power Pruner™ only from the ground or out of an approved bucket lift.
- Always evaluate the branches to be pruned for hazards such as loose dead branches which may fall and strike the operator or helpers. Remove hazards before pruning.
- Plan retreat path from falling objects.
- Cut branches bounce when striking ground.
- Check that shoulder harness is adjusted for safe, comfortable operation. See picture at right for proper adjustment.
- Turn the Power Pruner™ off when moving from tree to tree.
- Avoid any contact with saw chain.



## Avoid Hot Surfaces

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



## KICKBACK

### WARNING DANGER

Kickback can lead to dangerous loss of control of the Power Pruner™ and result in serious injury to the operator or any one standing close by. Hold the Power Pruner™ firmly with both hands with thumbs and fingers encircling the front and rear handles. Be aware of the down and outward path the pruner will take after the cut is made.

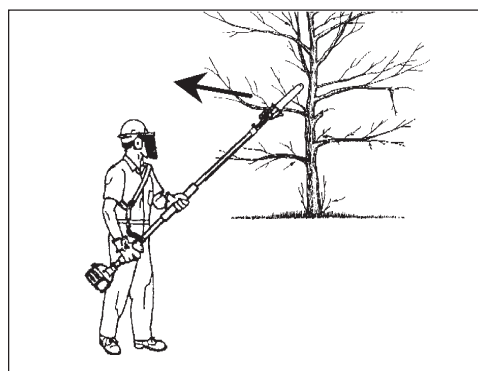
Kickback may occur when the moving saw chain at the nose or tip of the guide bar touches an object, or when the wood closes in and pinches the saw chain in the cut. In some cases this may cause a lightning-fast reverse action, kicking the guide bar and saw chain up and back or down and back towards the operator. Either of these reactions may cause the operator to lose control of the Power Pruner™ which could result in serious personal injury.

With a basic understanding of kickback, you can reduce or eliminate the element of surprise which contributes to accidents.

Avoid contact of the guide bar tip with any object while the saw chain is moving.

Cut only wood. Avoid striking concrete, metal, wire, or other obstructions which could cause kickback or damage to the saw chain.

If the saw chain does strike a foreign object, immediately stop the engine, inspect and repair the Power Pruner™ if necessary.



## EQUIPMENT

### WARNING DANGER

Serious injury may result from the use of non approved guide bar and saw chain combinations. ECHO, INC. will not be responsible for the failure of cutting devices or accessories which have not been tested and approved by ECHO for use with this unit. Read and comply with all safety instructions listed in this manual.

- Check unit for loose/missing nuts, bolts, and screws. Tighten and/or replace as needed.
- Inspect fuel lines, tank, and area around carburetor for fuel leaks. DO NOT operate unit if leaks are found.

### **Guide Bar and Saw Chain**

- Check that the cutting attachment, guide bar, and saw chain is firmly attached and in safe operating condition.
- Use only one Echo-approved extension on the pruner.
- Do not hit rocks, stones, tree stumps, and other foreign objects with the saw chain.
- Do not cut into the ground with the saw chain.
- If cutting attachment end strikes an obstruction, stop engine immediately and inspect saw chain for damage.
- Do not operate with a dull, fractured, or discolored saw chain.
- Remove all foreign objects from work area.
- Always cover the guide bar and saw chain with guide bar cover during transportation and for storage.

## EMISSION CONTROL

### **EPA Phase 2**

The emission control systems for these engines are EM/TWC (Engine Modification and Catalyst).

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

### IMPORTANT ENGINE INFORMATION

ENGINE FAMILY : 5EHXS.0254KA DISPLACEMENT : 25.4cc

EMISSION COMPLIANCE PERIOD: 300 Hours

THIS ENGINE MEETS U.S. EPA PH2 AND 2005 - 2006 CALIFORNIA EXH EMISSION REGULATIONS FOR SOREs. REFER TO OWNER'S MANUAL FOR MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS.



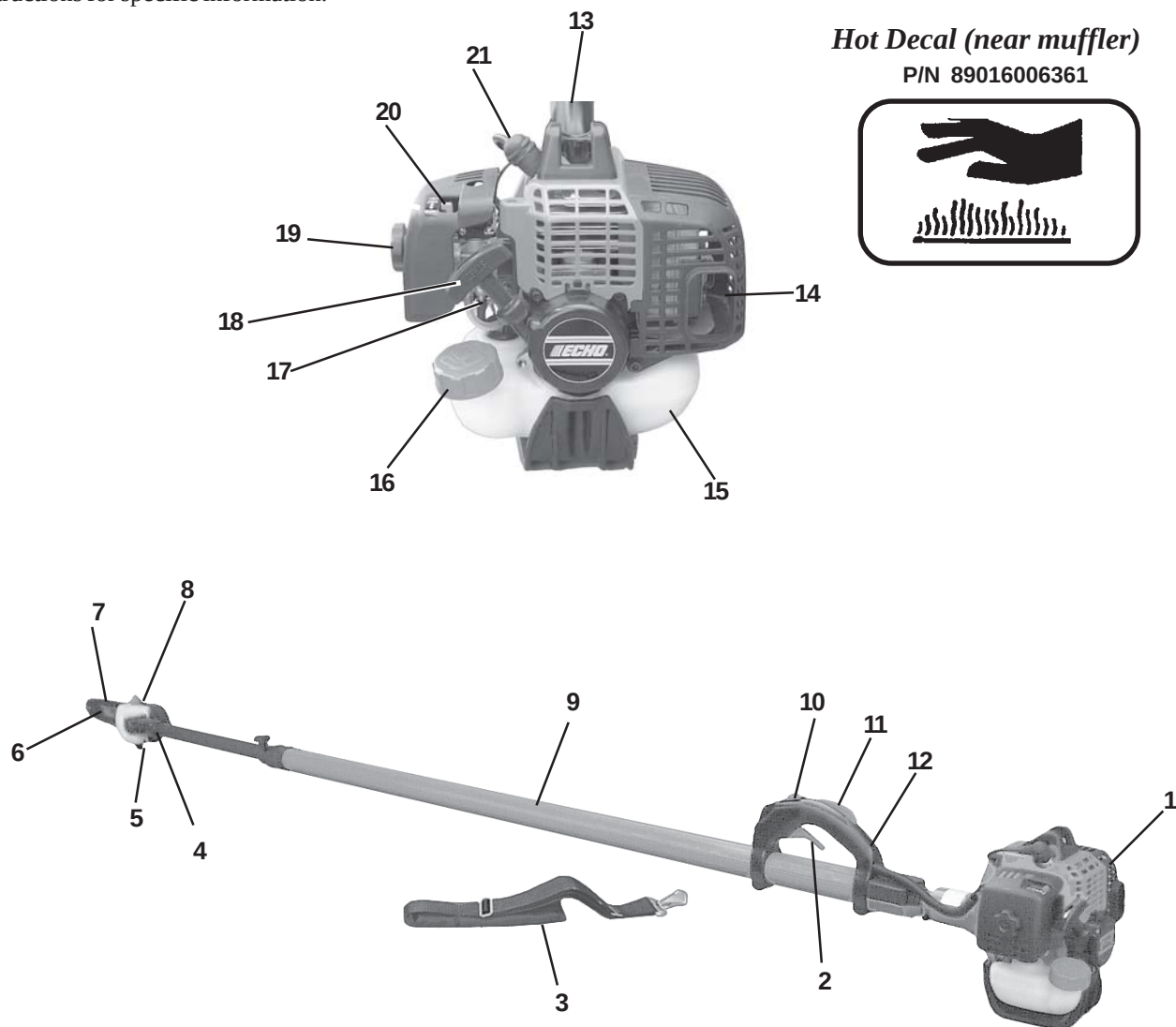
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### PRODUCT EMISSION DURABILITY

The 300 hour emission durability 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.

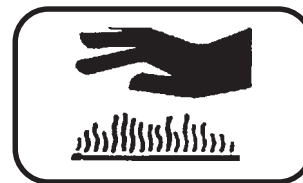
## DESCRIPTION

Locate this safety decal on your unit. Make sure the decals are legible and that you understand and follow the instructions on them. If a decal cannot be read, a new one can be ordered from your ECHO dealer. See PARTS ORDERING instructions for specific information.



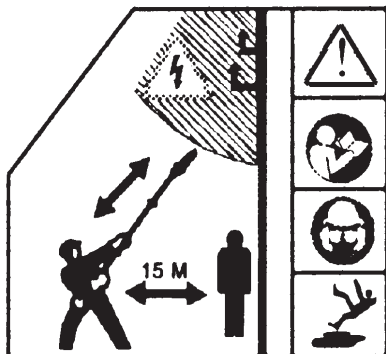
**Hot Decal (near muffler)**

P/N 89016006361



**Engine Cover**

P/N 89016022660



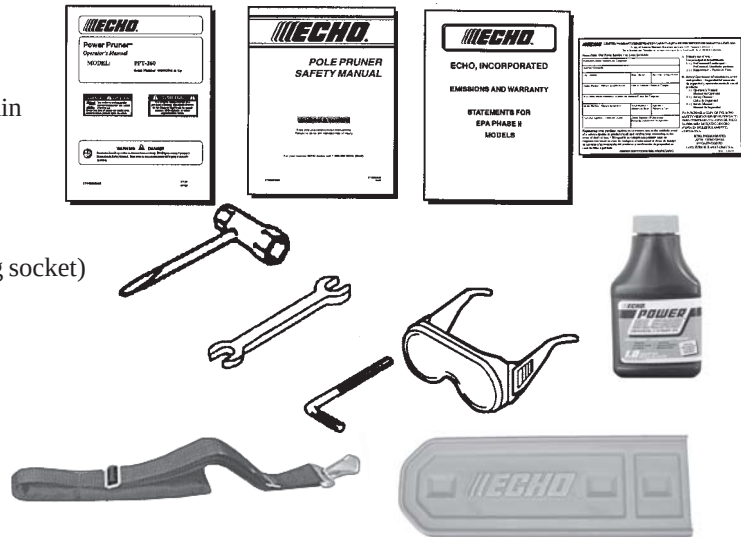


1. **POWER HEAD** - Includes the Engine, Clutch, Fuel System, Ignition System and Starter.
2. **THROTTLE TRIGGER** - Spring loaded to return to idle when released. During acceleration press trigger gradually for best operating technique.
3. **SHOULDER HARNESS** - An adjustable strap that suspends the unit from the operator.
4. **CUTTING ATTACHMENT** - Sealed, gear ratio is 1.5:1 reduction.
5. **CUTTING SHOE** - Used to capture and stabilize branch while cutting. Place cutting shoe against branch, accelerate and lower saw chain into branch.
6. **GUIDE BAR** - 305 mm (12 in.) guide bar w/chain tensioner.
7. **SAW CHAIN** - 91 VS 9.53 mm (3/8 in.) low profile Oregon® saw chain. Runs approximately 609.6 m/min. (2000 ft/min) at full throttle.
8. **AUTOMATIC OILER ASSEMBLY** - Self oiling. Use high quality, low viscosity, non detergent bar and chain oil.
9. **LOWER SHAFT TUBE** - Durable fiberglass mesh housing.
10. **STOP SWITCH** - Mounted on top of handle assembly. Move switch forward to run, back to stop.
11. **THROTTLE TRIGGER LOCKOUT** - This lever must be depressed before throttle trigger can be operated.
12. **REAR HANDLE ASSEMBLY** - Sturdy handle for right hand placement. Includes stop switch and throttle trigger.
13. **TOP GUARD** - Protects arm from hot engine.
14. **SPARK ARRESTOR - CATALYTIC MUFFLER/MUFFLER** - The muffler or catalytic muffler controls exhaust noise and emission. The spark arrestor screen prevents hot, glowing particles of carbon from leaving the muffler. Keep exhaust area clear of flammable debris.
15. **FUEL TANK** - Contains fuel and fuel filter.
16. **FUEL TANK CAP** - Covers and seals fuel tank opening.
17. **PRIMER BULB** - Pumping primer bulb before starting engine draws fresh fuel from the fuel tank priming the carburetor for starting. Pump primer bulb until fuel is visible and flows freely in the clear fuel tank return line. Pump bulb an additional 4 or 5 times.
18. **RECOIL STARTER** - Pull recoil handle slowly until starter engages, then quickly and firmly. When engine starts return handle slowly. **DO NOT** let handle snap back or damage will occur.
19. **AIR CLEANER ASSEMBLY** - Contains replaceable air filter element.
20. **CHOKE** - Located above air cleaner housing. Move lever to starting position  (close choke) and back to run position  (open choke).
21. **SPARK PLUG** - Provides spark to ignite fuel mixture.
22. **GUIDE BAR COVER** - Used to cover guide bar and saw chain during transport and storage. Remove guide bar cover before using unit.

## CONTENTS

Due to packaging restriction the ECHO product you have purchased requires some assembly. After opening the carton, check for damage. Immediately notify your retailer or ECHO Dealer of damaged or missing parts. Use the contents list to check for missing parts.

- \_\_\_ Power Head
- \_\_\_ Drive Shaft Assembly
- \_\_\_ Cutting Attachment W/ Guide Bar and Saw Chain
- \_\_\_ Operator's Manual
- \_\_\_ Safety Manual
- \_\_\_ Warranty Registration Card
- \_\_\_ Warranty Statement
- \_\_\_ T-Wrench (combination screwdriver/spark plug socket)
- \_\_\_ 3 mm hex wrench
- \_\_\_ 4 mm hex wrench
- \_\_\_ Safety Glasses
- \_\_\_ Echo Power Blend™ 2-stroke oil sample
- \_\_\_ Shoulder Harness
- \_\_\_ Guide Bar Cover



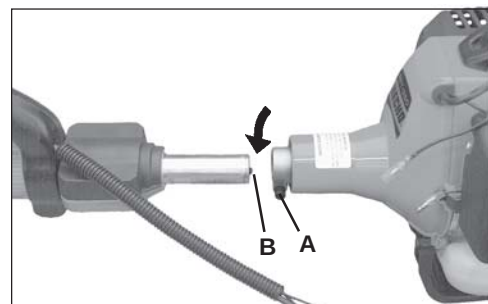
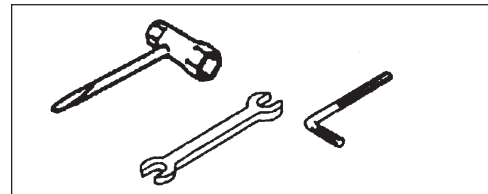
## ASSEMBLY

**Tools Required:** 10x19mm (13/32x3/4in) T-wrench, 3 and 4 mm Hex Wrenches, 8 x 10mm Wrench

**Parts Required:** Power Head, Drive Shaft Assembly, Cutting Attachment

### DRIVE SHAFT / POWER HEAD

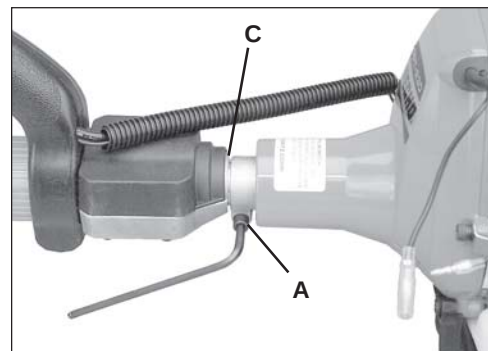
1. Loosen bolt (A), and remove protective plastic cap from Drive Shaft end.
2. Remove protective cap from drive shaft end.
3. Align flexible drive shaft coupler (B) with engine socket and slide together until engine rests against lower drive shaft adapter (C).



#### IMPORTANT

**Painted** end of flexible drive shaft coupler must always be installed in engine socket when assembling engine to drive shaft.

4. Rotate lower drive shaft to align engine and rear handle assembly in an upright position.
5. Tighten bolt (A) securely so engine will not rotate on lower shaft tube.

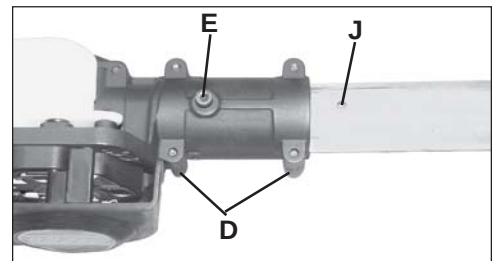
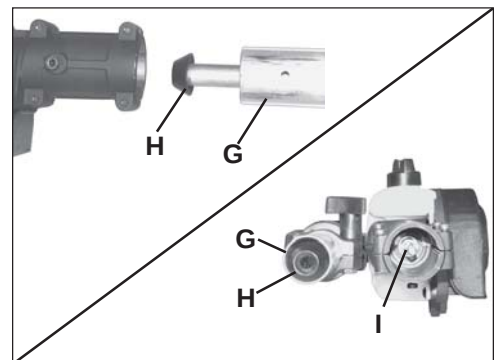
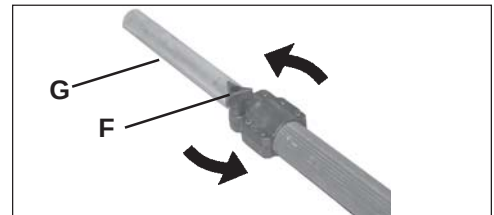
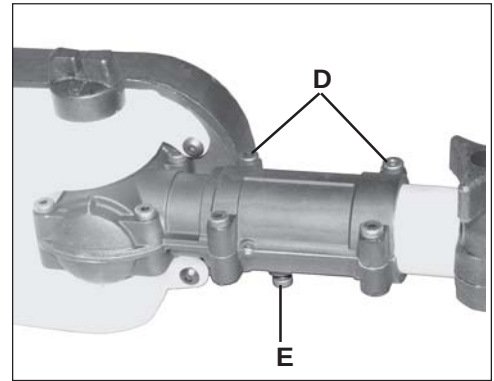


## CUTTING ATTACHMENT TO DRIVE SHAFT INSTALLATION

**WARNING**  **DANGER**

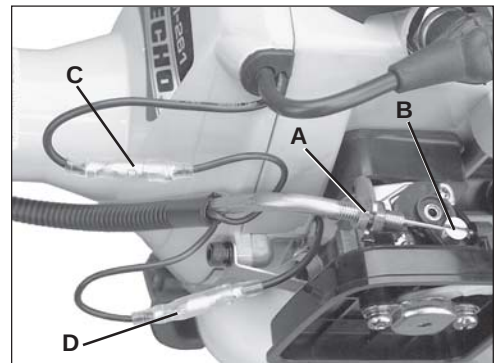
Saw Chain is sharp! Always wear gloves when handling assembly, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

1. Loosen the four (4) screws (D) and locator screw (E) on cutting attachment.
2. Loosen center clamp knob (F) turning counter clockwise.
3. Pull upper tube (G) out of fiberglass lower tube 127-152 mm (5-6 in.), then slide (G) back into fiberglass lower tube exposing inner drive shaft (H). Align and join star shaped drive end of inner drive shaft (H) with cutting attachment shaft (I).
4. Align ridges on upper tube (G) with seams in cutting attachment.
5. Slide together aligning locator screw (E) in cutting attachment with locating hole (J) in upper tube.
6. Tighten locator screw (E). Tighten four (4) cutting attachment screws (D).
7. Extend upper tube to desired length. Tighten center clamp knob (F) turning clockwise.



## THROTTLE LINKAGE AND IGNITION LEADS

1. Close choke and remove air filter and cover.
2. Place inner cable in slot of carburetor swivel (B).
3. Loosen nut (A) and place threaded end of throttle linkage in bracket slot. Finger tighten nut (A).
4. Check throttle for freedom of movement and that wide open throttle / low idle extremes are adjusted properly. If adjustment cannot be achieved with adjusting nuts, consult with your Echo Dealer for correct adjustment procedure.
5. Tighten nut (A). Connect 2 ignition leads from throttle cable tubing to 2 ignition leads (C) and (D) on engine.
6. Bundle and secure ignition leads against engine housing with clip (E).
7. Install air filter and cover.



## SAW CHAIN TENSION ADJUSTMENT

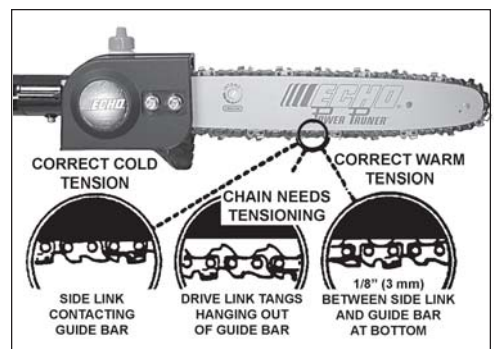
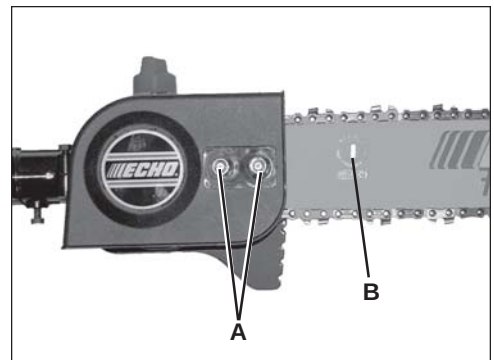
### **WARNING** **DANGER**

Always disconnect spark plug wire before servicing cutting attachment. Wear gloves when handling saw chain, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

### *To Adjust Saw Chain Tension.*

1. Loosen two (2) 6 mm (13/32 in.) guide bar nuts (A) located on cutting attachment.
2. Turn the adjuster slot (B) clockwise until saw chain touches the bottom of guide bar. Turning adjuster slot (B) counter clockwise will loosen saw chain on guide bar.
3. Tighten guide bar nuts firmly. Move saw chain backwards on guide bar by hand. Saw chain should move freely on guide bar if it is in proper mesh with sprocket. If saw chain is difficult to rotate or binds on guide bar, it is too tight.

Keep the saw chain lubricated and properly adjusted and the guide bar nuts tightened firmly at all times.



## OPERATION

### FUEL

#### Fuel Requirements

**Gasoline** - Use 89 Octane [R+M/2] (mid grade or higher) gasoline known to be good quality. Gasoline may contain up to 15% MTBE (methyl tertiary-butyl ether). Gasohol containing methyl (wood) alcohol is **NOT** approved.

**Two Stroke Oil** - A two-stroke engine oil meeting ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. FC Standards must be used. Echo brand premium Power Blend™ Universal 2-Stroke Oil meets these standards. Engine problems due to inadequate lubrication caused by failure to use an ISO-L-EGD and J.A.S.O. FC certified oil, such as Echo premium Power Blend™, will void the two-stroke engine warranty. (Emission related parts only are covered for two years, regardless of two-stroke oil used, per the statement listed in the Emission Defect Warranty Explanation.)

#### IMPORTANT

Echo premium Power Blend™ Universal 2-Stroke Oil may be mixed at 50:1 ratio for application in all Echo engines sold in the past regardless of ratio specified in those manuals.

#### Handling Fuel

### WARNING 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 3m (10 ft.) from refueling location before **starting** the engine.

#### Mixing Instructions

1. Fill an approved fuel container with half of the required amount of gasoline.
2. Add the proper amount of 2-stroke 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

| U.S.    |         | METRIC |     |
|---------|---------|--------|-----|
| GAS     | OIL     | GAS    | OIL |
| Gallons | Fl. oz. | Liter  | cc. |
| 1       | 2.6     | 4      | 80  |
| 2       | 5.2     | 8      | 160 |
| 5       | 13      | 20     | 400 |

#### IMPORTANT

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

- DO NOT store a unit with fuel in its tank. Leaks can occur. 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.

#### IMPORTANT

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.

#### IMPORTANT

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

## LUBRICATING THE GUIDE BAR AND SAW CHAIN

### *Automatic Oiling System*

1. Wipe debris from around oil fill cap.
2. Remove oil fill cap and fill reservoir with a quality, low viscosity guide bar and saw chain oil.

#### **NOTE**

The discharge volume of the automatic oiler is preset to deliver 3 to 4 cc/min. at normal operating RPM. During heavy or dry cutting conditions the oil discharge volume may be adjusted to assure adequate lubrication. Refill the oil reservoir with each tank of fuel.

#### **IMPORTANT**

To prevent plastic deterioration, do not use synthetic or silicone based oil.



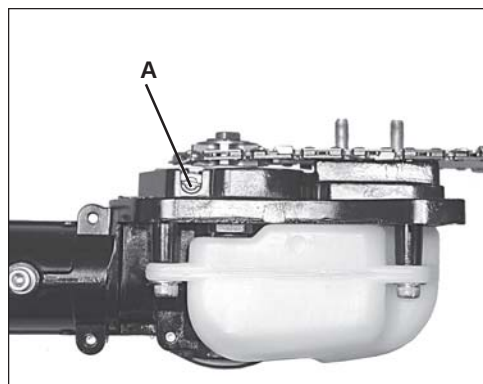
## ADJUSTING AUTOMATIC OILER

*Tools required:* 10x19mm (13/32x3/4) T-Wrench

1. Remove two (2) 6 mm guide bar retaining nuts and sprocket cover.
2. From bottom of gear case, turn adjustment screw (A) clockwise to decrease oil volume - counter clockwise to increase oil volume.

#### **NOTE**

Very little visible oil on the saw chain will provide sufficient lubrication.



3. Assemble components in reverse order.



## STARTING COLD ENGINE

### **WARNING** **DANGER**

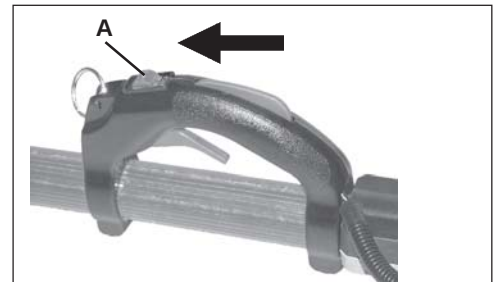
The attachment will operate immediately when the engine starts and could result in loss of control and possible serious injury. Keep movable parts of the attachment off the ground and away from objects that could become entangled or thrown.

1. *Stop Switch*  
Move stop switch button (A) forward away from the STOP position.
2. *Choke*  
Move choke (B) to “Cold Start” (  ) Position.
3. *Primer Bulb*  
Pump primer 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 right hand grip 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 five [5] pulls), move choke lever back to “Run” (  ) position. Hold throttle trigger and throttle trigger lockout fully depressed and pull recoil 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. After engine warms up, 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 depress throttle trigger to wide open position.

### **WARNING** **DANGER**

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

#### **NOTE**

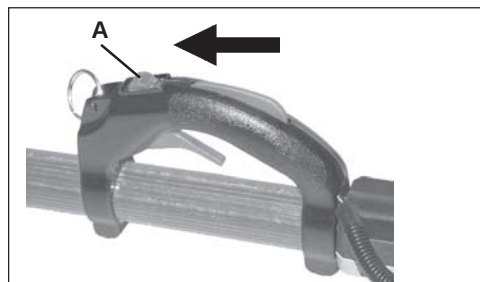
If attachment moves, readjust carburetor according to “Carburetor Adjustment” instructions in this manual or see your ECHO Dealer.

1. *Stop Switch.*  
Move Stop Switch button (A) forward away from the STOP position.
2. *Primer Bulb*  
Pump primer 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, clear area and firmly grasp right hand grip with left hand. Do not depress throttle trigger. Pull the recoil starter handle (D) until the engine fires.

#### **NOTE**

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



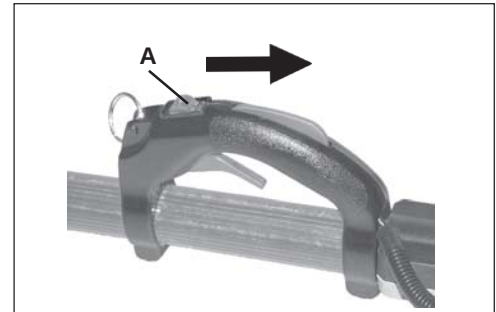


## STOPPING ENGINE

1. *Throttle.*  
Release throttle trigger, and allow engine to return to idle before stopping engine.
2. *Stop Switch.*  
Move stop switch button (A) backward to STOP position.

### WARNING DANGER

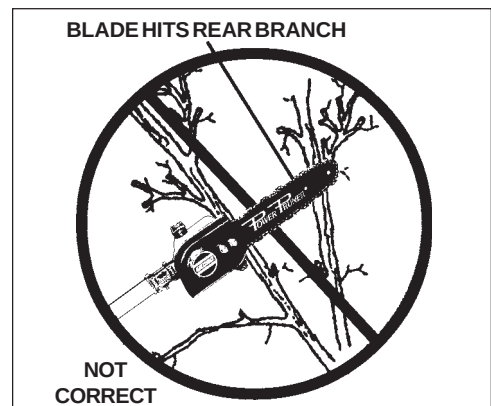
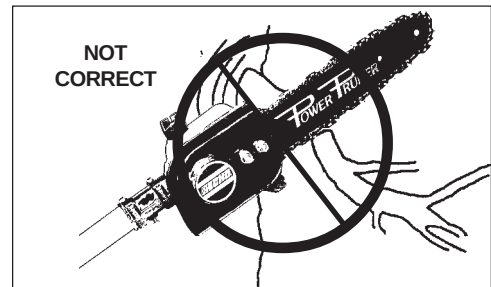
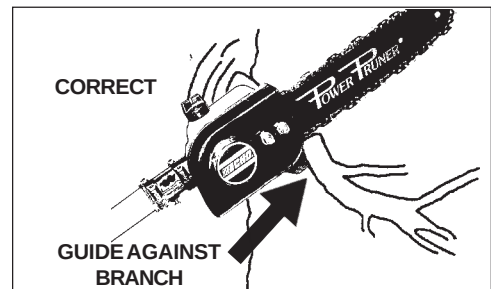
If engine does not stop when stop switch is moved to STOP position, close choke - COLD START position - to stall engine. Have your ECHO dealer repair stop switch before using pruner again.



## PRUNING TECHNIQUES

The Power Pruner™ is designed for light to medium trimming of limbs and branches up to 203 mm (8 in.) in diameter. Follow these tips for successful operation.

- Plan cut carefully. Check direction branch will fall.
- Plan retreat path from falling branch. Cut branches bounce when striking ground.
- Long branches should be removed in several pieces.
- Do not stand directly beneath branch being cut.
- When ready to cut:  
Hold "cutting shoe" against branch. This will prevent whipping of the branch. DO NOT use back and forth sawing action.
- Look out for branch immediately behind the branch being cut. If saw chain hits rear branch damage to saw chain may occur.
- Accelerate to full throttle.
- Apply cutting pressure.
- Ease cutting pressure when nearing end of cut to maintain control.
- When pruning a limb 102 mm (4 in.) diameter or larger cut as follows:
  1. Under cut 1/4 limb diameter near tree trunk.
  2. Finish top cut slightly farther out on limb.
  3. Flush cut stub at trunk.
- DO NOT use for felling or bucking.



## MAINTENANCE

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

### SKILL LEVEL

- Level 1** = Easy to do. Most required tools come with unit.  
**Level 2** = Moderate difficulty. Some specialized tools may be required.  
**Level 3** = Experience required. Specialized tools are required. ECHO recommends that the unit be returned to your ECHO dealer for service.

ECHO offers **REPOWER™** Maintenance Kits and Parts to make your maintenance job easier. Just below each task heading are listed the various part numbers required for that task. See your ECHO dealer for these parts.

### MAINTENANCE INTERVALS

| COMPONENT/<br>SYSTEM                                  | MAINTENANCE<br>PROCEDURE              | REQ'D<br>SKILL<br>LEVEL | DAILY OR<br>BEFORE<br>USE | EVERY<br>REFUEL | 3<br>MONTHS<br>OR 90<br>HOURS | 6<br>MONTHS<br>OR 270<br>HOURS | YEARLY<br>600<br>HOURS |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Recommended Echo Dealer Maintenance Procedures</b> |                                       |                         |                           |                 |                               |                                |                        |
| Cylinder Exhaust Port                                 | Inspect/Clean/Decarbon                | 3                       |                           |                 | I / C                         |                                |                        |
| <b>Do-It-Yourself Maintenance Procedures</b>          |                                       |                         |                           |                 |                               |                                |                        |
| Air Filter                                            | Inspect/Clean/Replace                 | 1                       | I / C                     |                 | I *                           |                                |                        |
| Choke System                                          | Inspect/Clean                         | 2                       | I / C                     |                 |                               |                                |                        |
| Fuel Filter                                           | Inspect/Replace                       | 1                       |                           |                 | I                             |                                | I / R *                |
| Fuel System, leaks                                    | Inspect/Replace                       | 1                       | I / R *                   | I               | I                             |                                |                        |
| Cooling System                                        | Inspect/Clean                         | 2                       | I / C                     |                 |                               |                                |                        |
| Muffler Spark Arrestor                                | Inspect/Replace                       | 2                       |                           |                 | I / R *                       |                                |                        |
| Power Transmission Shaft                              | Inspect/Clean                         | 2                       | I / C                     |                 |                               |                                | I                      |
| Guide Bar                                             | Inspect/Clean/Lubricate               | 2                       | I / C *                   | I               |                               |                                |                        |
| Saw Chain                                             | Inspect/Sharpen/Replace/<br>Lubricate | 2                       | I / R *                   | I               |                               |                                |                        |
| Recoil Starter Rope                                   | Inspect/Clean                         | 1                       | I / R *                   |                 |                               |                                |                        |
| Spark Plug                                            | Inspect/Clean                         | 2                       |                           |                 | I / C                         | R *                            |                        |
| Screws/Nuts/Bolts                                     | Inspect/Tighten/Replace               | 1                       | I / R *                   |                 |                               |                                |                        |

**MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE LETTER CODES:** I = INSPECT, R = REPLACE, C = CLEAN

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

**MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE NOTES:**

\* All recommendations to replace are based on the finding of damage or wear during inspection.

## AIR FILTER

### Level 1.

*Tools required:* Cleaning brush 25 or 50 mm (1 or 2 in.)

*Parts required:* 90030 REPOWER™ Air and Fuel Filter 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 the air cleaner area.
2. Remove the air cleaner cover. Clean and inspect the element for damage. If element is fuel soaked and very dirty, replace.
3. If element can be cleaned and reused, be certain it:
  - properly fits the cavity in the air cleaner cover.
  - is installed with the original side out.

#### NOTE

Carburetor adjustment may be needed after air filter cleaning/replacement. See Carburetor Adjustment Section.



## FUEL FILTER

### Level 1.

*Tools required:* 200-250 mm (8 - 10 in.) length of wire with one end bent into a hook, Clean rag, funnel, and an approved fuel container

*Parts Required:* 90030 REPOWER™ Air and Fuel Filter Kit

### WARNING DANGER

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

1. Use a clean rag to remove loose dirt from around fuel cap and empty fuel tank.
2. Use the “fuel line hook” to pull the fuel line and filter from the tank.
3. Remove the filter from the line and install the new filter.



## SPARK PLUG

### Level 2.

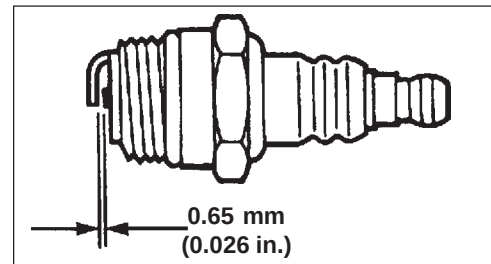
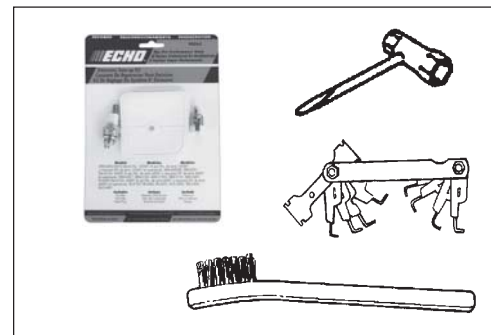
**Tools required:** 10x19mm (13/32x3/4in) T-wrench, Feeler gauge, Soft metal brush

**Parts Required:** REPOWER™ Tune-Up Kit P/N90075

#### IMPORTANT

Use only NGK BPM-8Y spark plug (BPMR-8Y in Canada) 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 0.65mm (0.026 in.) by bending outer electrode.
4. Tighten spark plug to 150-170 kg/cm (130-150 in. lb.).



## COOLING SYSTEM CLEANING

### Level 2.

**Tools required:** 4mm Hex wrench, Cleaning brush 25 - 50 mm (1 - 2 in.)

**Parts Required:** None.

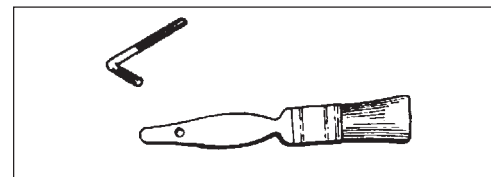
#### IMPORTANT

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 warranted.

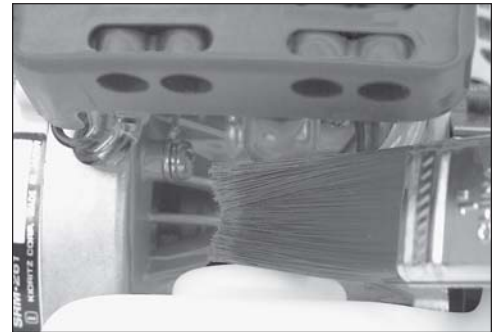
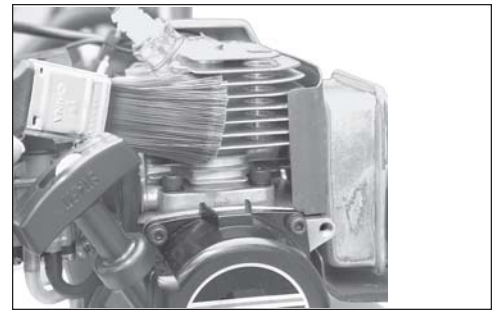
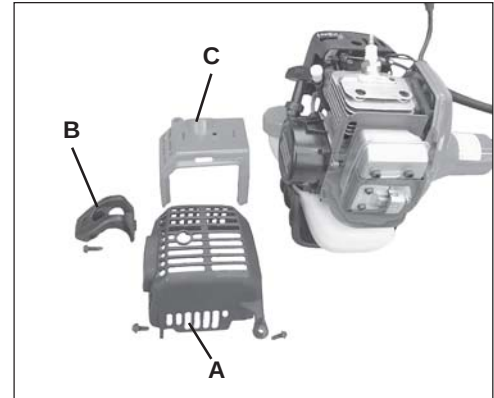


1. Remove spark plug lead.
2. Remove two (2) muffler cover screws and muffler cover (A).
3. Remove screw and arm rest (B).
4. Remove engine cover (C).

**IMPORTANT**

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

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



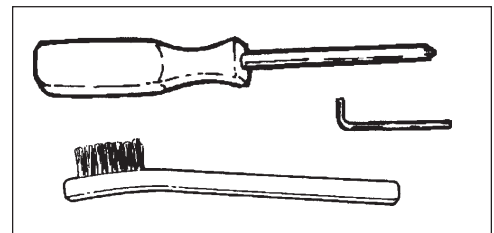
## EXHAUST SYSTEM

### Spark Arrestor Screen

#### Level 2.

**Tools Required:** Cross Head Screwdriver, Soft Metal Brush, 4mm Hex Wrench

**Parts Required:** Spark Arrestor Screen, Gasket

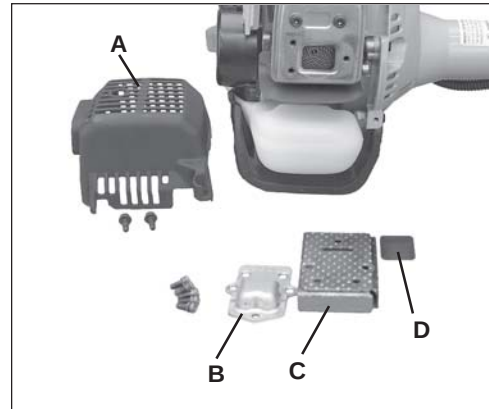


1. Remove spark plug lead.
2. Remove muffler cover (A).
3. Place piston at Top Dead Center (TDC) to prevent carbon/dirt from entering cylinder.
4. Remove spark arrestor screen cover (B), gasket (C), and screen (D) from muffler body.
5. Clean carbon deposits from muffler components.

**NOTE**

When cleaning carbon deposit, be careful not to damage the catalytic body.

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



## Cylinder Exhaust Port

### Level 3.

**IMPORTANT**

The cylinder exhaust port must be inspected and cleaned of excess carbon every 3 months or 90 hours of operation in order to maintain this engine within the emissions durability period. ECHO strongly recommends that you return your unit to your ECHO dealer for this important maintenance service.

## CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT

### 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.

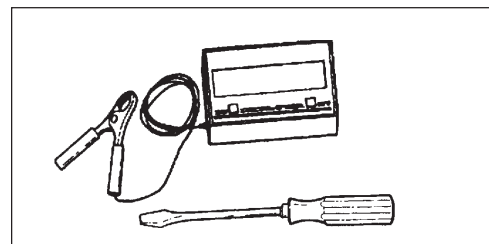
### High Altitude Adjustment

High altitude adjustment is not required for proper operation of this engine.

### Level 2.

**Tools required:** Screwdriver, Tachometer (ECHO P/N99051130017).

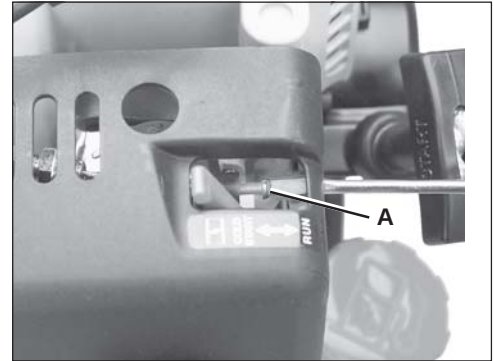
**Parts required:** None.



### NOTE

Every unit is run at the factory and the carburetor is set in compliance with emission regulations. This carburetor does not have acceleration and high speed adjustment needles.

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 page 28 "Specifications" of this manual. Turn idle screw (A) clockwise to increase idle speed; counter clockwise to decrease idle speed.



### WARNING DANGER

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

## GUIDE BAR AND SAW CHAIN REPLACEMENT

### WARNING DANGER

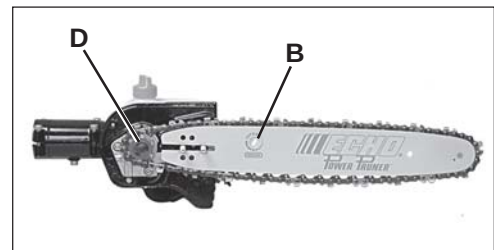
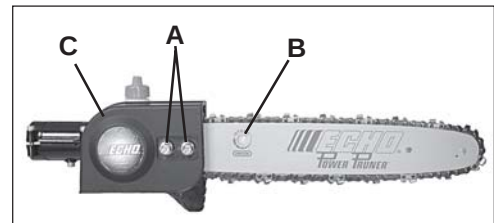
Never try to replace or adjust guide bar and saw chain with engine running. Always disconnect spark plug wire before servicing guide bar and saw chain. This saw chain is VERY sharp, wear heavy gloves to protect your hands when handling it. Wear eye protection meeting CE or ANSI specification Z87.1.

### Guide Bar Replacement / Installation

#### Level 2

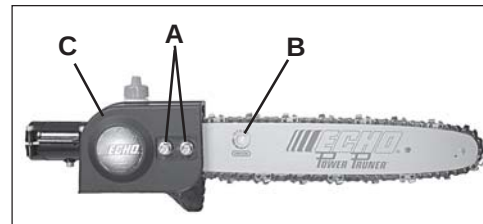
**Tools Required:** 10 x 19 mm (13/32 x 3/4 in.) T-wrench

1. Remove two (2) 6 mm guide bar nuts (A), and turn saw chain tension adjustment slot (B) counterclockwise to release tension.
2. Remove sprocket cover (C).
3. Remove guide bar and saw chain from gear case and sprocket.
4. Remove chain from guide bar and check guide bar for damage and excessive or uneven wear. Replace guide bar if necessary.
5. Turn saw chain tension adjuster slot (B) counterclockwise until it stops.
6. Install chain on guide bar with cutters on top of bar facing toward bar tip.
7. Install guide bar and chain on gear case, engaging chain with drive sprocket (D).



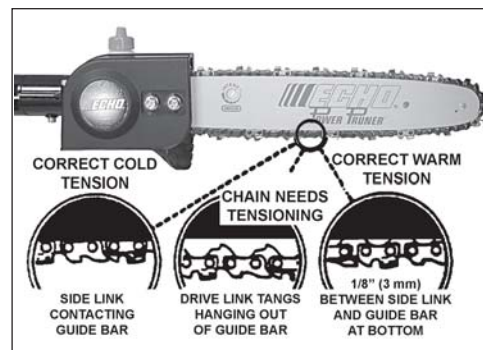


8. Turn tension adjustment slot clockwise to take up slack in saw chain.
9. Install sprocket guard (C), and tighten guide bar nuts finger tight.
10. Adjust chain tension.



## ***To Adjust Saw Chain Tension.***

1. Loosen two guide bar nuts (A), if necessary.
2. Turn saw chain adjuster slot (B) clockwise to tighten saw chain on guide bar. Turning slot counter clockwise will loosen saw chain on guide bar.
3. Tighten guide bar nuts (A) firmly. Pull the saw chain around the guide bar by hand. Saw chain should move freely on guide bar. If saw chain is difficult to rotate or binds on guide bar, it is too tight.
4. Keep the saw chain lubricated and properly adjusted and the guide bar nuts tightened firmly at all times.



### FILING SAW CHAIN

Level 3.

Tools required: 4 mm (5/32 in.) Round File, Flat File, Depth Gauge

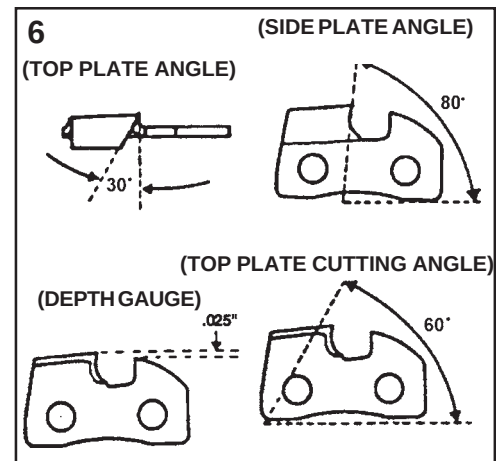
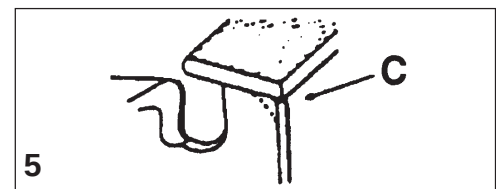
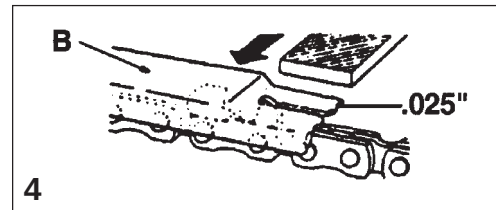
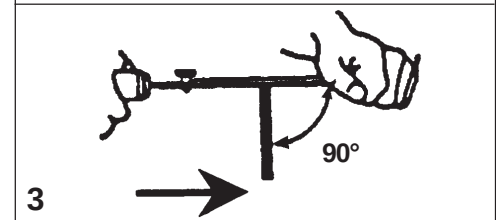
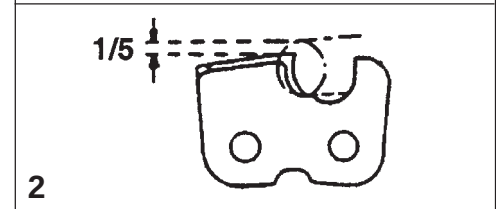
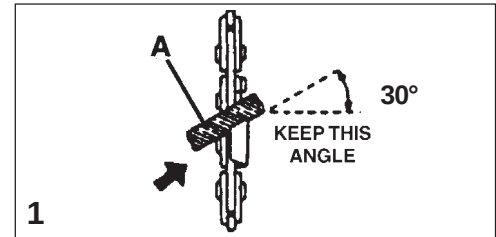
#### IMPORTANT

Dull or damaged cutters will result in poor cutting performance, increased vibration, and premature saw chain failure.

#### WARNING DANGER

Always stop engine and disconnect spark plug wire before servicing guide bar and saw chain. Always wear gloves when filing saw chain, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

1. Set round file (A) in cutter at 30° angle. One fifth (1/5) of the file should be exposed above top cutter edge.
2. Keep file horizontal in cutter and file in one direction.
3. File until cutter top and side bevel edges are sharp without nicks.
4. Place depth gauge tool (B) firmly on top of cutter with .025 in. slot and end against front cutter raker. File cutter raker with flat file until flush with top of depth gauge.
5. Finish cutter sharpening by rounding front raker edge (C) with flat file.
6. Properly filed cutter is as shown.
7. Apply clean oil and rotate saw chain slowly to wash away filings.
8. If saw chain is coated or clogged with resin, clean in kerosene, then soak in oil.



## TROUBLESHOOTING

**ENGINE PROBLEM TROUBLESHOOTING CHART**

| Problem                                               | Check                     | Status                        | Cause                                                                            | Remedy                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Engine cranks - starts hard/ doesn't start            | Fuel at carburetor        | No fuel at carburetor         | Fuel strainer clogged<br>Fuel line clogged<br>Carburetor                         | Clean or replace<br>Clean or replace<br>See your Echo dealer                        |
|                                                       | Fuel at cylinder          | No fuel at cylinder           | Carburetor                                                                       | See your Echo dealer                                                                |
|                                                       |                           | Muffler wet with fuel         | Fuel Mixture too rich                                                            | Open choke<br>Clean/replace air filter<br>Adjust carburetor<br>See your Echo dealer |
|                                                       | Spark at end of plug wire | No spark                      | Stop switch off<br>Electrical problem<br>Interlock switch                        | Turn switch to ON<br>See your Echo dealer<br>See your Echo dealer                   |
|                                                       | Spark at plug             | No spark                      | Spark gap incorrect<br>Covered with carbon<br>Fouled with fuel<br>Plug defective | Adjust to .65mm (0.026 in.)<br>Clean or replace<br>Clean or replace<br>Replace plug |
| Engine runs, but dies or does not accelerate properly | Air filter                | Air filter dirty              | Normal wear                                                                      | Clean or replace                                                                    |
|                                                       | Fuel filter               | Fuel filter dirty             | Contaminants/residues in fuel                                                    | Replace                                                                             |
|                                                       | Fuel vent                 | Fuel vent plugged             | Contaminants/residues in fuel                                                    | Clean or replace                                                                    |
|                                                       | Spark Plug                | Plug dirty/worn               | Normal wear                                                                      | Clean and adjust or replace                                                         |
|                                                       | Carburetor                | Improper adjustment           | Vibration                                                                        | Adjust                                                                              |
|                                                       | Cooling System            | Cooling system dirty/plugged  | Extended operation in dirty/dusty locations                                      | Clean                                                                               |
|                                                       | Spark Arrestor Screen     | Spark arrestor screen plugged | Normal wear                                                                      | Replace                                                                             |
| Engine does not crank                                 | N/A                       | N/A                           | Internal engine problem                                                          | See your Echo dealer                                                                |

### WARNING 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 DANGER

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.

### WARNING DANGER

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

2. Place the stop switch in the "OFF" position.
3. Remove accumulation of grease, oil, dirt and debris from exterior of unit.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Some tree sap and resins are corrosive. Thoroughly wash the guide bar and sprocket areas after each use, then coat metal parts with light oil.

4. Perform all periodic lubrication and services that are required.
5. Tighten all the screws and nuts.
6. **Drain** the fuel tank **completely** and pull the recoil starter handle several times to remove fuel from the carburetor.

7. Remove the spark plug and pour 7 cc (1/4 oz.) of fresh, clean, two-stroke engine oil into the cylinder through the spark plug hole.

- A. Place a clean cloth over the spark plug hole.
- B. Pull the recoil starter handle 2-3 times to distribute the oil inside the engine.
- C. Observe the piston location through the spark plug hole. Pull the recoil starter handle slowly until the piston reaches the top of its travel and leave it there.

8. Install the spark plug (do not connect spark plug cable).
9. Install the guide bar cover on the guide bar and saw chain during storage.

## SPECIFICATIONS

|                                   |                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MODEL</b>                      | <b>PPT-261</b>                                                                                          |
| Length (Standard)                 | 2.76 m (9 ft. 1 in.)                                                                                    |
| Length (Extended)                 | 3.90 m (12 ft. 10 in.)                                                                                  |
| Length w/extension                | 5.44 m (17 ft. 10 in.)                                                                                  |
| Width                             | .23 m (9.06 in.)                                                                                        |
| Height                            | .22 m (8.7 in.)                                                                                         |
| Weight (dry)                      | 7.7 kg (16.9 lb.)                                                                                       |
| Engine Type                       | Air cooled, two-stroke, single cylinder gasoline engine                                                 |
| Bore                              | 34.0 mm (1.34 in.)                                                                                      |
| Stroke                            | 28.0 mm (1.10 in.)                                                                                      |
| Displacement                      | 25.4 cc (1.55 cu. in.)                                                                                  |
| Exhaust System                    | Spark Arrestor Muffler w/catalyst                                                                       |
| Carburetor                        | Walbro with Purge                                                                                       |
| Ignition System                   | CDI (capacitor discharge ignition)                                                                      |
| Spark Plug                        | NGK BPM-8Y Gap 0.65 mm (0.026 in.)                                                                      |
| Fuel                              | Mixed (Gasoline and Two-stroke Oil)                                                                     |
| Fuel/Oil Ratio                    | 50:1 two-stroke air cooled engine oil                                                                   |
| Gasoline                          | 89 Octane unleaded. DO NOT use fuel containing methyl alcohol, more than 10% ethyl alcohol or 15% MTBE. |
| Oil                               | Power Blend™ Premium Universal 2-Stroke Oil                                                             |
| Fuel Tank Capacity                | 0.55 lit. (18.6 US fl. oz.)                                                                             |
| Starter System                    | Automatic Recoil Starter                                                                                |
| Clutch                            | Centrifugal Type                                                                                        |
| Sprocket Type                     | 6 tooth spur, 9.53 mm (3/8 in.) pitch                                                                   |
| Power Transmission Shaft Assembly | Aluminum Extrusion                                                                                      |
| Gear Case Ratio                   | 1.5:1                                                                                                   |
| Oiling System                     | Automatic                                                                                               |
| Saw Chain Oil Capacity            | 225 ml (7.6 oz.)                                                                                        |
| Handle                            | Right hand grip w/throttle trigger and lockout                                                          |
| Shoulder Harness                  | Standard                                                                                                |
| Idle Speed (RPM)                  | 2,400-3,200                                                                                             |
| Wide Open Throttle Speed (RPM)    | 9,500-11,500                                                                                            |
| Guide Bar and Saw Chain (91 VS)   | 305 mm (12 in.); 9.53 mm (3/8 in.) pitch                                                                |

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## SERVICING INFORMATION

### PARTS

Genuine ECHO Parts and ECHO REPOWER™ Parts and Assemblies for your ECHO products are available only from an Authorized ECHO 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. \_\_\_\_\_ SN. \_\_\_\_\_

### SERVICE

Service of this product during the warranty period must be performed by an Authorized ECHO Service Dealer. For the name and address of the Authorized ECHO Service Dealer nearest you, ask your retailer or call: 1-800-432-ECHO (3246). Dealer information is also available on our Web Site. When presenting your unit for Warranty service/repairs, proof of purchase is required.

### ECHO CONSUMER PRODUCT SUPPORT

If you require assistance or have questions concerning the application, operation or maintenance of this product you may call the ECHO Consumer Product Support Department at 1-800-673-1558 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Central Standard Time) Monday through Friday. Before calling, please know the model and serial number of your unit to help your Consumer Product Support Representative.

### WARRANTY REGISTRATION

You may register your Echo equipment using the warranty registration card or register on-line at [www.echo-usa.com](http://www.echo-usa.com). Registering provides a direct link between you and ECHO if we find it necessary to contact you.

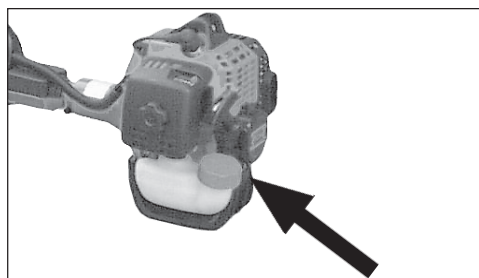
### ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT MANUALS

**Safety Manuals** in English/Spanish or English/French are available, free of charge, from your ECHO dealer or at [www.echo-usa.com](http://www.echo-usa.com).

**Operator's and Parts Manuals** are available by:

- Downloading free from [www.echo-usa.com](http://www.echo-usa.com)
- Purchasing from your Echo Dealer.
- Manuals are available by sending a written request stating the model number and serial number of your Echo unit, part number of the manual, your name and address, and mail to the address below.

**Safety Videos** are available from your Echo dealer. A \$5.00 shipping charge will be required for each video.

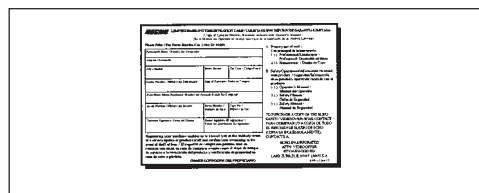


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