

SHRED 'N' VAC®

Operator's Manual

MODEL

ES-231

Serial Number 02001001 - 02999999

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 A DANGER





Read rules for safe operation and all instructions carefully. ECHO provides this Operator's Manual which must be read and understood for proper and safe operation.

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the ECHO family. This ECHO product was designed and manufactured to provide long life and on-the-jobdependability. Read and understand this manual. You will find it easy to use and full of helpful operating tips and SAFETY messages.

WARNING A



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THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL --

contains specifications and information for operation, starting, stopping, maintenance, storage and assembly specific to this product.



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MANUAL SAFETY SYMBOLS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Throughout this manual and on the product itself, you will find safety alerts and helpful, information 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.

SAFETY

DECALS

Locate these safety decals on your unit. The complete unit illustration, found in the "DESCRIPTION" section, will help you locate them. 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



P/N 89016006361



P/N 89016003360



INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLS

Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application	Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application
③	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.
A	Safety/Alert	4	Wear slip resistant foot wear.
	DO NOT allow flames or sparks near fuel.	3	DO NOT smoke near fuel.

Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application	Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application
\overline{Z}	Engine choke control.	Ignition ON OFF O	Ignition ON/OFF
STOP	Emergency stop	H	Primer bulb
	Carburetor adjustment - Low speed mixture	Η	Carburetor adjustment - High speed mixture
T	Carburetor adjustment - Idle speed		

EQUIPMENT

Before operation a complete check of the unit must be performed:

- 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.



Spark Arrestor - Catalytic Muffler / Muffler

• The muffler or catalytic muffler controls the exhaust noise and emissions. The spark arrestor screen prevents hot, glowing particles of carbon from leaving the muffler. Make sure the spark arrestor screen is in good repair and properly seated in the muffler. Keep exhaust area clear of flammable debris. Avoid contact during and immediately after operation.

Parts

- Do not use blower if any part is missing or damaged.
- Have repairs done only by an authorized ECHO Service dealer.
- Do not use any attachment, accessory or replacement part unless it is recommended in this Operator's Manual.





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!
- NEVER refuel a unit with the engine running.
- DO NOT fill fuel tanks indoors. ALWAYS fill fuel tanks outdoors over bare ground.
- Securely tighten fuel cap after refueling.
- Inspect for fuel leakage. If fuel leakage is found, do not start or operate unit until leakage is repaired.



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. Contact your ECHO dealer for ordering information.

After Refueling;

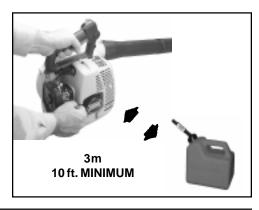
- Wipe any spilled fuel from the unit.
- Move at least 3m (10 ft.) from refueling location before starting.

After use;

• DO NOT store a unit with fuel in its tank. Leaks can occur. Return unused fuel to an approved fuel storage container.







PERSONAL CONDITION AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

WARNING A DANGER



SHRED 'N' VAC® users risk injury to themselves and others if the SHRED 'N' VAC® is used improperly and/or safety precautions are not followed. Proper clothing and safety gear must be worn when operating SHRED 'N' VAC®.



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 SHRED 'N' VAC®.



Hand Protection --

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

Breathing Protection --

Wear a face mask to protect against dust.

Hearing Protection --

ECHO recommends wearing hearing protection whenever unit is used.

Proper Clothing --

Wear snug fitting, durable clothing;

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

Wear sturdy work shoes with nonskid soles;

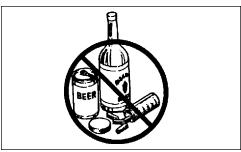
- DONOTWEAR OPENTOED SHOES,
- DONOTOPERATE UNIT BAREFOOTED.

Keep long hair away from engine and blower intake. Retain hair with cap or net.

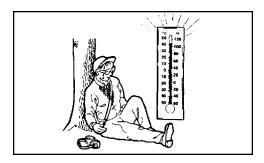


Hot Humid Weather --

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.







SAFE OPERATION

Determine Operation Area --

- Do not operate this product indoors or in inadequately ventilated areas.
- Review area to be cleared. Look for potential hazards such as stones or metal objects.
- Spectators and fellow workers must be warned, and children and animals prevented from coming nearer than 15m (50 ft.) while the blower is in use.
- · Take wind conditions into account: avoid open doors and windows.
- Provide all operators of this equipment with the Operator's Manual and instructions for safe operation.
- Do not point blower at people or animals.



- Before starting the unit, equip yourself and any other person working within the 15m (50 ft.) Safety Zone with the required Protective Equipment and clothing.
- Keep long hair away from engine and blower intake. Retain hair with cap or net.
- Start unit on ground with throttle at idle. Check that blower pipe is not blocked by the ground or by any objects.



• Hold handles with fingers together encircling handles.

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 perform Maintenance or Assembly procedures with engine running.

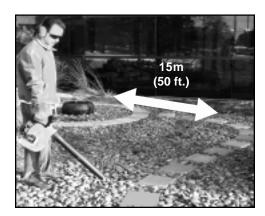
Noise Control

- Follow local noise regulations on sound levels and hours of operations. Use only during appropriate hours.
- Never use a higher speed setting then necessary to perform a task. The higher the engine speed the louder the blower noise.
- Be a good neighbor.

Avoid Hot Surfaces

 During operation, the muffler or catalytic muffler and surrounding cover may become extremely hot. Avoid contact during and immediately after operation. Always keep exhaust area clear of flammable debris. Allow the engine and muffler to completely cool before performing any maintenance activity.











EXTENDED OPERATION/EXTREME CONDITIONS

Vibration and Cold --

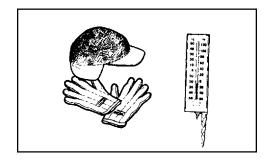
It is believed that a condition called Raynaud's Phenomenon, which affects the fingers of certain individuals may be brought about by exposure to vibration and cold. Exposure to vibration and cold may cause tingling and burning sensations followed by loss of color and numbness in the fingers. The following 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 blower 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.

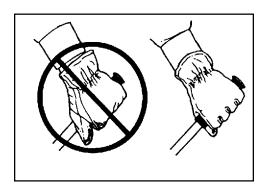
Repetitive Stress Injuries --

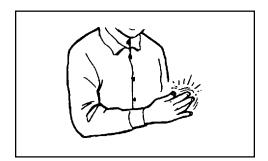
It is believed that overusing the muscles and tendons of the fingers, hands, arms and shoulders may cause soreness, swelling, numbness, weakness and extreme pain in those areas. Certain repetitive hand activities may put you at a high risk for developing a Repetitive Stress Injury (RSI). An extreme RSI 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 & force in 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.









DESCRIPTION EMISSION CONTROL

California Tier 2

The emission control system for these engines are EM (Engine Modification).

IMPORTANT ENGINE INFORMATION

ENGINE FAMILY: YEHXS.0254CB DISPLACEMENT: 22.8 cc

THIS ENGINE MEETS U.S. EPA PH1 AND 2000 AND LATER CALIFORNIA EMISSION REGULATIONS FOR S.O.R.E. REFER TO OWNER'S MANUAL FOR MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS.



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

AIR INDEX TAG

The Air Index Tag indicates, for purposes of consumer awareness, how this product's emissions compare to other products under the standards enacted by the California Air Resources Board.





PRODUCT EMISSION DURABILITY

The 300 hour emission durability period is the time span selected by the manufacturer certifying the engine emissions output meets applicable California emissions regulations, provided that approved maintenance procedures are followed as listed in the Maintenance Section of this manual.

CONTENTS

- 1 Power Head
- 1 Blower Pipe Assembly
- 1 SHRED 'N' VAC® Suction Tube
- 1 Elbow Pipe
- 1 Debris Bag
- 1 Operator's Manual
- 1 Warranty Registration Card
- 1 ECHO Emissions and Warranty Statement
- 1 T-Wrench
- 1 Bottle ECHO 2-Stroke Oil Mix





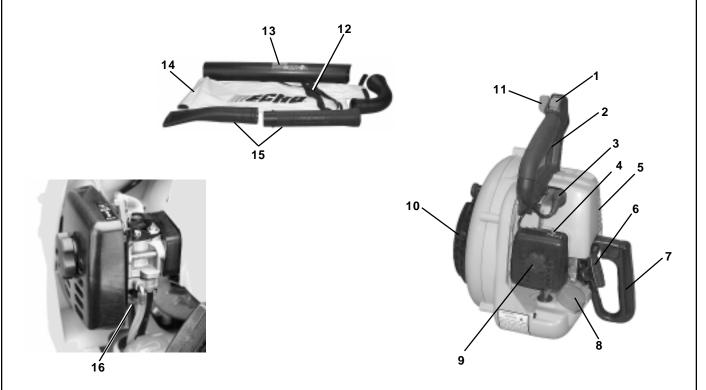


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- 1. **STOP SWITCH -** "SLIDE SWITCH" mounted on top of handle. Push forward to start and run. Slide back to stop.
- 2. **THROTTLE TRIGGER** Spring loaded to return to idle when released. During acceleration, press trigger gradually for best operating technique.
- 3. **SPARK PLUG -** Provides spark to ignite fuel mixture.
- 4. **CHOKE** Choke is located on top of the air cleaner. Move choke lever to "COLD START" to close choke for cold starting. Move choke lever to "RUN" position to open choke.
- 5. **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.
- 6. **RECOIL STARTER HANDLE** 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 to unit will occur.
- 7. **SIDE HANDLE -** Provides grip for right hand when vacuuming.
- 8. **FUEL TANK CAP -** Covers and seals fuel tank.
- 9. **AIR CLEANER -** Contains replaceable air filter element.
- 10. **HOUSING COVER -** Covers blade area and activates safety interlock switch when closed. Engine will not run if safety switch is not activated.
- 11. **THROTTLE POSITION LEVER -** Pull back to increase engine speed. Friction washers maintain throttle lever setting.
- 12. **SHOULDER STRAP -**Secures debris bag to shoulder.
- 13. **VACUUM PIPE -** Sucks in materials to be shredded.
- 14. **DEBRIS BAG** Collects shredded material.
- 15. **BLOWER PIPES** Twist lock design.
- 16. **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.

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	ES-231 Hand Held	
Length	335 mm (13.2 in.) (w/o blower pipes)	
Width (w/rear handle)	305 mm (12.0 in.)	
Height	375 mm (14.8 in.) (in blower configuration w/side handle)	
Weight (dry)	4.9 kg (10.8 lb.)(w/o blower pipes)	
Engine Type	Air cooled, two-stroke, single cylinder gasoline engine	
Displacement	22.8 cc (1.39 cu. in.)	
Bore	32.2 mm (1.27 in.)	
Stroke	28.0 mm (1.10 in.)	
Carburetor	Zama Diaphragm, model RB w/primer bulb	
Ignition System	Flywheel Magneto, capacitor discharge ignition type	
Spark Plug	NGK BPM-7Y Gap 0.65 mm (0.026 in.)	
Exhaust System	Spark Arrestor Muffler w / Catalyst	
Fuel	Mixed (Gasoline and Two-stroke Oil)	
Fuel/Oil Ratio	50:1 ECHO High Performance, 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	50:1 ECHO High Performance, two-stroke air cooled engine oil	
Fuel Tank Capacity	0.6 lit. (20.3 US fl. oz.)	
Recoil Starter System	Automatic Recoil Starter Centrifugal Type	
Wide Open Throttle Speed (RPM)	7000 - 8000	
ldle Speed (RPM)	2750 - 3250	
Maximum Air Volume	9.8 m³/min. (345 cu. ft./min.)	
Maximum Air Speed w/pipes (MPH)	69.3 m/sec (155 mph)	
Sound Level at 50 ft. dB(A) scale per ANSI B175.2	Blower 67 dB(A) Vacuum 71 dB(A)	

ASSEMBLY

WARNING A

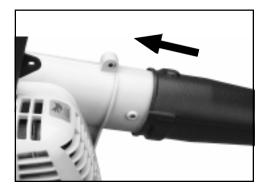


Never perform maintenance or assembly procedures with engine running or serious personal injury may result.

BLOWER APPLICATION

Install Blower Pipes

- 1. Align grooves in straight pipe with pegs on blower housing and slide pipe onto housing.
- 2. Turn straight pipe clockwise to lock into place.
- 3. Align grooves in fan head nozzle with pegs on straight pipe and slide fan head nozzle onto straight pipe.
- 4. Turn fan head nozzle clockwise to lock into place.



VACUUM/SHREDDING APPLICATION

Install Vacuum Tube and Bag Assembly

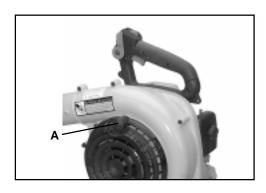
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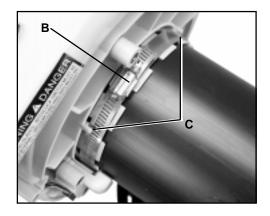
Never operate unit without either housing cover or vacuum tube installed securely on unit.

- 1. Turn knob (A) counter clockwise until hinged housing cover is free to open for vacuum tube installation.
- 2. While holding housing cover open, install vacuum tube into blower housing with bevel end facing downward.
- 3. Secure vacuum tube with clamp (B).

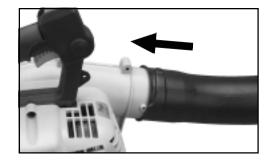
NOTE

Clamp fits under slotted guides (C).

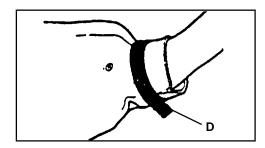




- 4. Remove blower pipe assembly from unit.
- 5. Align grooves in vacuum elbow with pegs on blower housing and install vacuum elbow.
- 6. Turn vacuum elbow counter-clockwise to lock it into place.



7. Place debris bag opening over end of vacuum elbow and secure with velcro strap (D).



8. Place shoulder harness over right shoulder.

NOTE

Adjust shoulder strap to remove any sharp bends in the debris bag intake neck. Further adjustment may be necessary as the debris bag fills and becomes heavier.

9. Firmly grip top handle with left hand and side handle with right hand.



- 10. Keep unit to your right side.
- 11. Make sure bevel at end of tube faces downward.

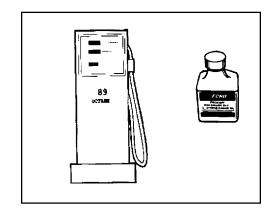
Pre-Operation

FUEL

Fuel Requirements

Gasoline - Use 89 Octane $\left[\frac{R+M}{2}\right]$ (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. <u>FC</u> Standards, must be used. Echo brand Premium 50:1 oil meets these standards. Engine problems due to inadequate lubrication caused by failure to use an ISO-L-EGD and J.A.S.O. <u>FC</u> certified oil, such as Echo Premium 50:1 Two-stroke Oil, will void the two-stroke engine warranty. (Emission related parts <u>only</u> are covered for two years, regardless of two-stroke oil used, per the statement listed in the California Emission Defect Warranty Explanation.)



IMPORTANT

Echo Premium 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.

Mixing Instructions

- 1. Fill an approved fuel container with half of the required amount of gasoline.
- 2. Add 2-stroke oil to gasoline.
- 3. Close container and shake to mix oil with gasoline.
- 4. Add remaining gasoline and remix.
- 5. Install fuel container cap and wipe any spilled fuel from container and surrounding area.

Handling Fuel

WARNING A 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!
- NEVER refuel a unit with the engine running.
- DO NOT fill fuel tanks indoors. ALWAYS fill fuel tanks outdoors over bare ground.
- · Securely tighten fuel cap after refueling.
- Inspect for fuel leakage. If fuel leakage is found, do not start or operate unit until leakage is repaired.



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. Contact your ECHO dealer for ordering information.

After Refueling -

- Wipe any spilled fuel from the unit.
- Move at least 3 m (10 ft.) from refueling location before starting.

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 -

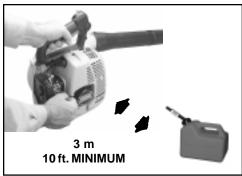
Fuel storage laws vary by locality. Contact your local government for the laws affecting your area. As a precaution, store fuel in an approved, air tight container. Store in a well ventilated, unoccupied building, away from sparks and flames. Do not store fuel longer than 30 days.

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.

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





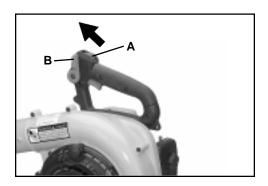
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OPERATION

- Provide all operators of this equipment with the Operator's Manual and instructions for safe operation.
- Before starting the unit, equip yourself and any other person working within the 15m (50 ft.) Safety Zone with the required Protective Equipment and clothing.
- Do not operate this product indoors or in inadequately ventilated areas.

STARTING COLD ENGINE

- Stop Switch Start/Run.
 Move stop switch button (A) away from the STOP position.
- 2. Move throttle position lever (B) midway between idle and full throttle positions.



- Close Choke Cold Start.
 Move choke (C) to "Cold Start" Position.
- 4. Primer Bulb Pump.
 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.

IMPORTANT

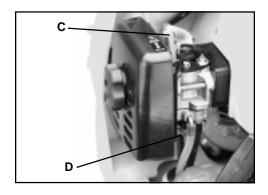
Recoil starter: Use short pulls - only 1/2-2/3 of rope for starting. Do not allow the rope to snap back in. Always hold the unit firmly.

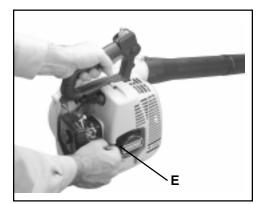
- 5. Place the blower on a flat clear area. Firmly grasp throttle grip with left hand and rapidly pull starter handle/rope (E) until engine fires.
- 6. After engine fires, move choke lever to "Run" position and pull starter handle/rope until engine starts and runs. Allow unit to warm up at idle for several minutes.

NOTE

If engine does not start with choke in "Run" position after 4 pulls, repeat instructions.

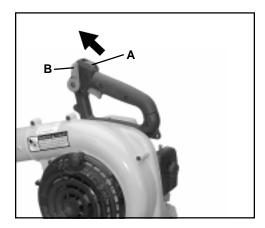
7. After engine warm up, gradually depress throttle trigger to increase engine RPM to operating speed.





STARTING WARM ENGINE

- 1. Stop Switch Start/Run. Move stop switch button (A) away from the STOP position.
- Move throttle position lever (B) forward to idle position.



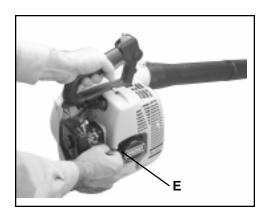
Place the blower on a flat clear area. Firmly grasp throttle grip with left hand and rapidly pull recoil starter handle/rope (E) until engine

IMPORTANT

Recoil starter: Use short pulls - only 1/2-2/3 of rope for starting. Do not allow the rope to snap back in. Always hold the unit firmly.



If engine does not start after 4 pulls, use Cold Start Procedure.



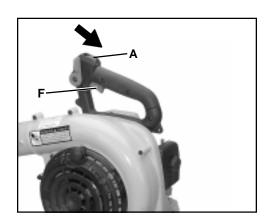
STOPPING ENGINE

- Release throttle trigger (F) and allow engine to idle for a minute.
- Move stop switch (A) to "STOP" position.

WARNING A 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 blower again.



OPERATING BLOWER / SHRED 'N' VAC®

WARNING A DANGER



Always wear safety glasses, hearing protection and a face filter mask or serious personal injury may result. .

Do not point the blower pipe in the direction of people or pets.

Never operate unit without either housing cover grill or vacuum tube installed on unit securely, otherwise bodily harm may result.

Read the Safety Section carefully.



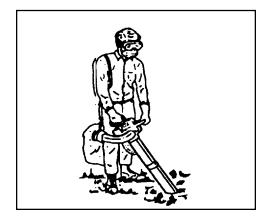
To avoid engine damage due to over revving, do not block blower pipe.

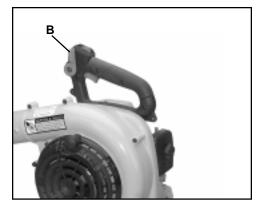
- Use only during appropriate hours.
- Make sure bevel at end of suction tube faces downward.
- Allow the engine to warm up at a fast idle for a few minutes.
- Set engine speed with throttle position lever (B). Rotate lever forward for lower speed; back for higher speed.
- Place shoulder harness over right shoulder. Hold and guide Shred 'N' Vac® with both hands clasped firmly on side and top handles. Keep unit to your right side.
- Use lower speed to blow dry leaves from a lawn or flower bed. Additional speed may be necessary to clean grass and leaves from walks, patios and drives or to move gravel, dirt, snow, bottles or cans from a driveway, street, parking lot or stadium.

NOTE

Never use a higher speed setting than necessary to perform a task. Remember, the higher the engine speed, the louder the blower noise. Minimize dust by using blower at lower speeds. Keep debris on your property.

Be Smart - be a good neighbor.









MAINTENANCE

WARNING



DANGER

Do not perform maintenance on engine or muffler until engine and muffler are completely cool, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

Your ECHO blower is designed to provide many hours of trouble free service. Regular scheduled maintenance will help your blower 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 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/System	Maintenance Procedure	Daily or Before Use	3 Months or 90 Hours	6 Months or 270 Hours	Yearly
Air Filter	Inspect/Replace	I/C	I/R		
Fuel Strainer	Inspect/Replace		I		R
Fuel Line	Inspect/Replace	I			
Carburetor	Clean/Replace			I / C (1)	R (1)
Choke System	Inspect/Replace	I			
Cooling System	Inspect/Clean	I/C			
Muffler / Spark Arrestor	Inspect/Clean		I/C		
Cylinder Exhaust Port	Inspect/Clean/Decarbon		I/C		
Recoil Rope	Inspect/Clean	I			
Fuel Leaks	Inspect/Repair	I			
Spark Plug	Clean/Replace		I/C		R (1)
Ignition System	Clean/Replace	No Maintenance required for coil and flywheel			oil
Screws/Nuts/Bolts	Inspect/Tighten/Replace	I *			

I = INSPECT, R = REPLACE C = CLEAN

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

^{*} All recommendations to replace are based on finding damaged or wear during inspection.

⁽¹⁾ Replacement will be required for Commercial use yearly. For Consumer use, cleaning every 6 months is required. Cleaning includes rebuild kits.



AIR FILTER

Level 1.

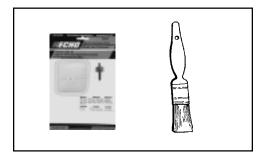
Tools required: 25-50 mm (1-2 in.) medium bristle brush.

Parts required: 90030 REPOWERTM Air and Filter Kit

NOTE

Clean daily.

- 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:
 - •still fits the cavity in the air cleaner cover.
 - •is installed with the original side out.



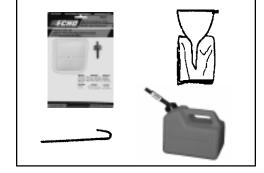


FUEL FILTER

Level 1.

Tools required: Fuel line hook. 203-254 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 Filter Kit







DANGER

Fuel is **VERY** flammable. Use extreme care when mixing, storing or handling.

- 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.



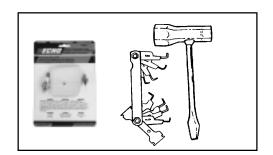
SPARK PLUG

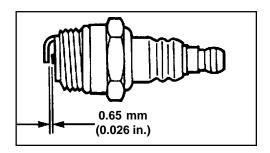
Level 2.

Tools required: 3/4 in. Spark Plug deep socket, Feeler gauge (preferably a wire gauge),

Parts Required: 90065 REPOWER™ Tune-Up Kit

- 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 by bending outer electrode.
- 4. Tighten spark plug to 145-155 kg/cm (125-135 in. lb.).





COOLING SYSTEMS CLEANING

Level 2.

Tools required: 25-50 mm (1-2 in.) medium bristle brush, 3 mm Hex Wrench, Cross Head Screwdriver

Parts Required: None, if you are careful.

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.

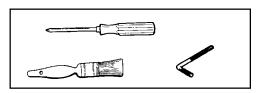
Overheating and engine seizure can occur when:

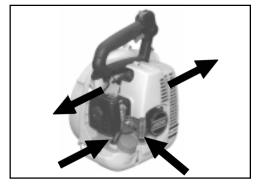
- Air intakes are blocked, preventing cooling air from reaching the cylinder.
- Dust and grass build up on the outside of the cylinder. This build up insulates the engine and prevents the heat from leaving.

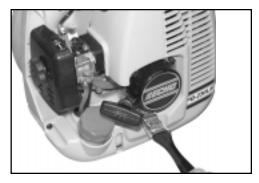
Removal of cooling passage blockages or cleaning of cooling fins is considered "Normal Maintenance". Any failure attributed to lack of maintenance is not warranted.

Cleaning Grill

1. Remove accumulated debris from crankcase intake grill above the fuel tank.









Cleaning Cylinder Fins

- 1. Remove four 3 mm hex screws, side handle and recoil starter.
- 2. Remove engine cover (four screws), pull cover away from engine. Clean cylinder fins to allow cooling air to pass freely.
- Loosely reassemble engine cover then recoil starter and side handle.
- 4. Tighten all screws securely.





EXHAUST SYSTEM

Spark Arrestor Screen

Level 2.

Tools required: Cross Head Screwdriver, 3 mm Hex Wrench, 25-50 mm (1-2 in.) medium bristle brush

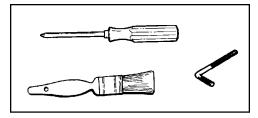
Parts Required: Spark arrestor screen P/N 14586240630,

(1ea.) Gaskets P/N V104000030, V104000050

IMPORTANT

Carbon deposits in muffler will cause a drop in engine output and overheating. Spark arrestor screen must be checked periodically.

- 1. Remove four 3 mm hex screws, side handle and recoil starter.
- 2. Remove engine cover (four screws), pull cover away from engine. Clean cylinder fins to allow cooling air to pass freely.



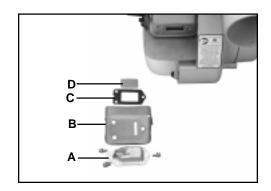


Remove spark arrestor cover (A), gaskets (B) and (C) and spark arrestor screen (D) from muffler. Replace screen if plugged with carbon deposits.

NOTE

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

- 4. Install spark arrestor screen, gaskets, and cover.
- Loosely reassemble engine cover then recoil starter and side handle.
- Tighten all screws securely.



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.

SHREDDER BLADE

Level 1.



Never remove vacuum tube or open fan guard when SHRED 'N' VAC® is running or serious personal injury may result.

- 1. With engine stopped, remove spark plug wire, loosen clamp and pull vacuum tube from unit.
- 2. Remove accumulated debris from blade and inspect for damage.

IMPORTANT

Do not operate SHRED 'N' VAC® if shredder blade is damaged or broken. Keep retaining nut on blade securely tightened.

Refer to "Installing Vacuum Tube" (page 12) in assembly section for correct assembly procedures.

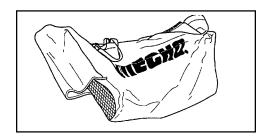


DEBRIS BAG

Level 1.

Parts Required: none

Shake dust from bag and inspect for hole or tears. Inspect zipper and clean debris from teeth to assure complete closing of zipper.



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/N 99051130017) *Parts required:* none.

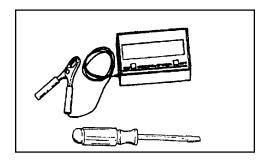
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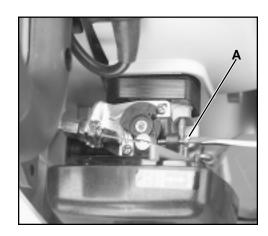
Every unit is run at the factory and the carburetor is set in compliance with California Emission Regulations. This carburetor does not have acceleration and high speed adjustment needles.

Idle Adjustment

Before adjustment make sure that:

- Air filter is clean and properly installed.
- Spark arrestor screen is free of carbon.
- Blower pipes are installed.
 - 1. Start engine, run at idle for one minute.
- 2. Complete warm up by running at full throttle for 5 minutes, operating choke twice to clear air from carburetor chambers.
- 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 11 "Specifications" of this manual. Turn idle screw (A) clockwise to increase idle speed; counter clockwise to decrease idle speed.





TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem				
Engine - starts hard				
Engine - do	oes not start		Cause	Remedy
Engine Cranks	Fuel at carburetor	No fuel at carburetor	Fuel strainer clogged Fuel line clogged Carburetor	Clean Clean See your ECHO dealer
	Fuel at cylinder	No fuel at cylinder	Carburetor	See your ECHO dealer
		Muffler wet with fuel	Fuel Mixture is too rich	Open choke Clean/replace air filter Adjust carburetor See your ECHO dealer
	Spark at end of plug wire	No spark at end of plug wire	Stop switch off Electrical problem Interlock switch	Turn switch on See your ECHO dealer See your ECHO dealer
	Spark at plug	No spark at plug	Spark gap incorrect Covered with carbon Fouled with fuel Spark plug defective	Adjust 0.65mm (0.026in.) Clean or replace Clean or replace Replace plug
Engine does not crank			Vaccum tube switch on Blower housing not depressed Internal engine problem	Correctly install vacuum tube Tighten fan case housing cover See your ECHO dealer
Engine runs	Dies or accelerates poorly		Air filter dirty Fuel filter dirty Fuel vent plugged Spark plug Carburetor Cooling system plugged Spark arrestor screen plugged	Clean or replace Replace Replace Clean and adjust/replace Adjust Clean Clean
Engine runs properly	Blower does not wor is weak or uneven. Unit does not vacuun	•	Blower pipe clogged, loose, or damaged. Vacuum tube clogged. Debris bag full.	Unclog Tighten Replace Empty





Fuel vapors are **extremely** flammable and may cause fire and/or explosion. **Never** test for ignition spark by grounding spark plug against cylinder, otherwise serious personal injury may result.



STORAGE

WARNING A 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:

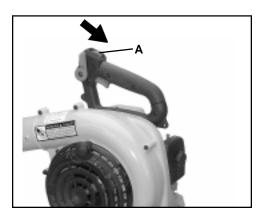
Store unit in a dry, dust free place, out of the reach of children.

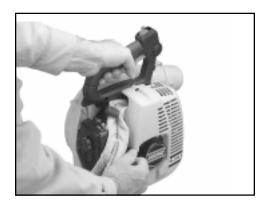
WARNING A



Do not store where fuel fumes may accumulate or reach an open flame or sparks.

- Place the stop switch (A) in the "STOP" position.
- 3. Remove accumulation of grease, oil, dirt and debris from exterior of
- Perform all periodic lubrication and services that are required.
- Tighten all screws and nuts.
- 6. **Drain** the fuel tank **completely** and pull the recoil starter handle several times to remove fuel from the carburetor.
- Remove the spark plug and pour 7cc (1/4 oz., 1/2 tablespoon) of fresh, clean ECHO 2-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 handle slowly until the piston reaches the top of its travel and leave it there.
- Install the spark plug (do not connect ignition cable).
- Remove blower/vacuum pipes from unit.





NOTES

SERVICING INFORMATION

PARTS

Genuine ECHO Parts and ECHO REPOWERTM 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 8:00 am to 5:00 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. Registering provides a direct link between you and ECHO if we find it necessary to contact you.



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ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT MANUALS

<u>Safety Manuals</u> in English/Spanish or English/French are available, free of charge, from your ECHO dealer or at www.echo-usa.com.

Operator's and Parts Manuals are available by:

- Downloading free from www.echo-usa.com
- Purchasing from your Echo Dealer.
- Sending a check or money order for \$2.00 per Parts Catalog or \$1.50 per Operator's Manual made payable to ECHO, INCORPORATED. State on a sheet of paper the model number and serial number of the ECHO unit you have, part number of the manual (if known), your name and address and mail to address below.

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

Available Parts Catalog

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