



# Hedge Clipper

## *Operator's Manual*

**MODEL:**            **HCR-1500 - Type 1E**  
                             **Serial Number 001001 & Up**

### **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 all instructions carefully. ECHO provides this 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 operations tips and SAFETY messages.

### WARNING DANGER

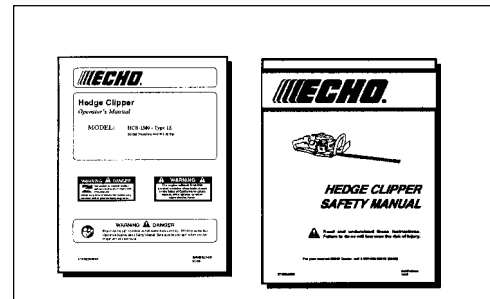
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## THE OPERATORS MANUAL

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

## THE SAFETY MANUAL

explains possible hazards involved with the use of Hedge Clippers and what measures you should take to make their use safer.



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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

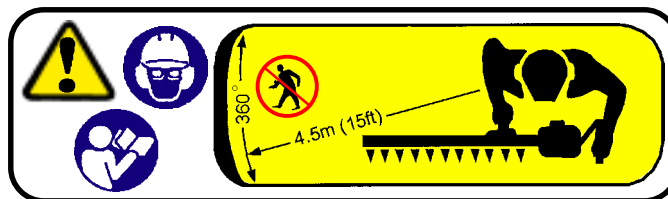
The enclosed message provides information necessary for the protection of the unit.

### 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.










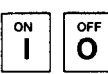














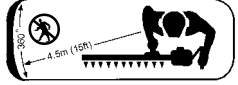
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## INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLS

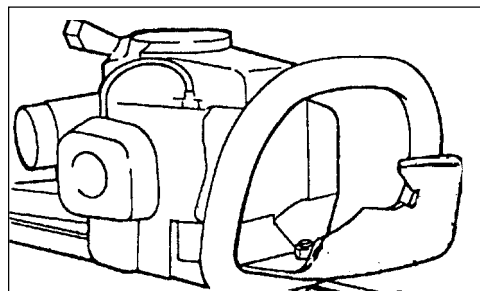
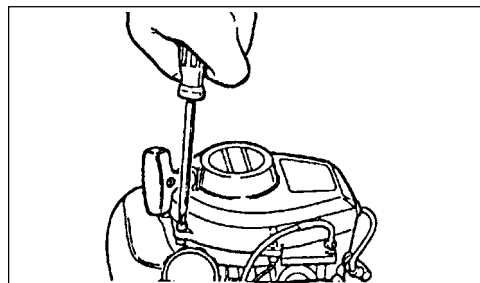
Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application	Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application
	Read and understand owners manual.		Fuel and oil mixture
	Wear eyes, ears and head protection		Finger Severing
	Emergency stop		Hot Surface
	Wear hand protection. Use two handed.		DO NOT smoke near fuel.
	Engine choke control.		Ignition ON/OFF
	Chain lubrication		Do not operate without guards in place.

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	Carburetor adjustment - Low speed mixture		Carburetor adjustment - High speed mixture
	Safety/Alert		Carburetor adjustment - Idle speed
	Avoid all power lines. This unit is not insulated against electrical current.		Do not operate closer than 15 M (50 ft.) from electrical hazards.
	Plan retreat path from falling objects.		Primer bulb
	DO NOT allow flames or sparks near fuel.		Wear slip resistant foot wear.
	Keep bystanders at least 4.5 meters (15 ft.) away.		

## 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.
- Never adjust blades when the engine is operating.
- Inspect hand guard for damage. Replace if damaged or missing.
- Check that the blade assembly is firmly attached and in safe operating condition. Dull, loose or damaged blades should not be used.
- 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.



## FUEL

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

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



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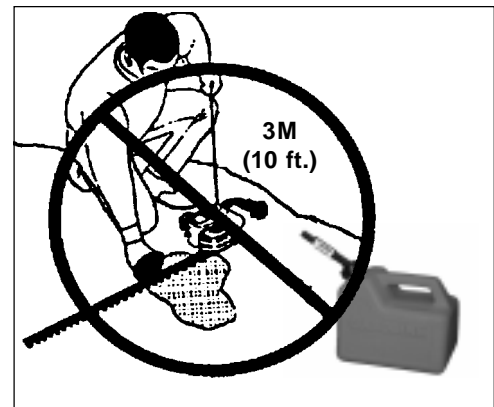


### ***After Refueling;***

- 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.



## PERSONAL CONDITION AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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

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

## ***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.



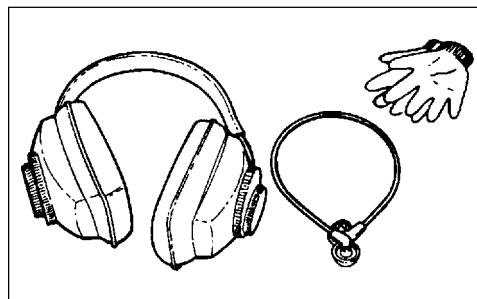
## ***Eye Protection --***

Eye protection that meet ANSI Z87.1 or CE requirements must be worn whenever you operate the Hedge Clipper.



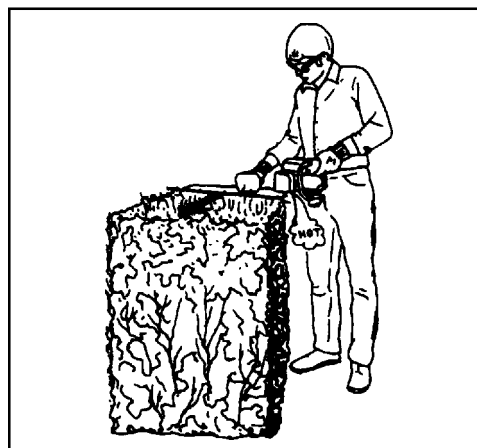
## ***Hand Protection --***

Wear no-slip, heavy duty work gloves to improve your grip on the 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 clothing;

- Pants should have long legs, shirts with long sleeves.
- DO NOT WEAR SHORTS,
- DO NOT WEAR TIES, SCARFS, JEWELRY.

Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.

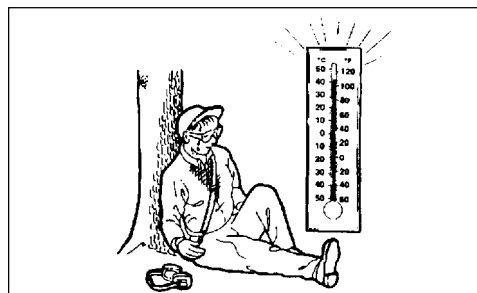
Wear sturdy work shoes with nonskid soles;

- DO NOT WEAR OPEN TOED SHOES,
- DO NOT OPERATE UNIT BAREFOOTED.

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## ***Hot Humid Weather --***

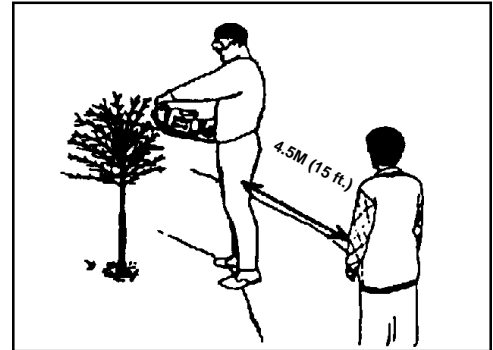
Heavy protective clothing can increase operator fatigue which may lead to heat stroke. Delay heavy work until temperature drops.



## SAFE OPERATION

### *Determine Operation Area*

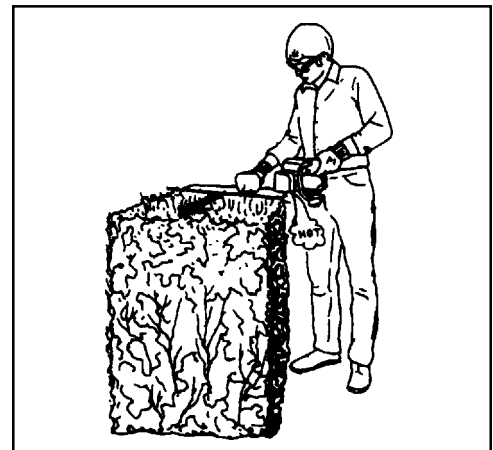
- Provide all users of this equipment with the Operator's Manual and instructions for Safe Operation.
- Do not operate this product indoors or in inadequately ventilated areas.
- Review the area to be trimmed. Look for hazards that could contribute to unsafe conditions. Do not operate if any wires (power, telephone, cable, etc.) are closer than 4.5 m (15 ft.) to any part of the operator or unit.
- Spectators and fellow workers must be warned, and children and animals prevented from coming nearer than 4.5 m (15 ft.) while the Hedge Clipper is in use.



### *Operation*

#### **Use Proper Clothing & Equipment**

- Before starting the unit, equip yourself and any other person working within the 4.5 M (15 ft.) Safety Zone with the required Protective Equipment and clothing.

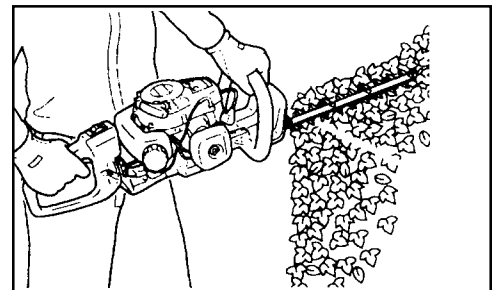


#### **Keep a Solid Stance**

- 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 over reach.

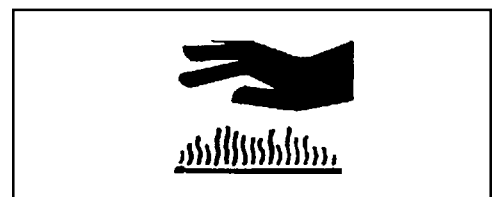
#### **Keep a Firm Grip**

- Hold the front and rear handles with both hands, with thumbs and fingers encircling the handles.



#### **Avoid Hot Surfaces**

- During operation, the complete unit, especially the power head, muffler area and cutting attachment may become very hot, too hot to touch. Avoid contact during and immediately after operation.

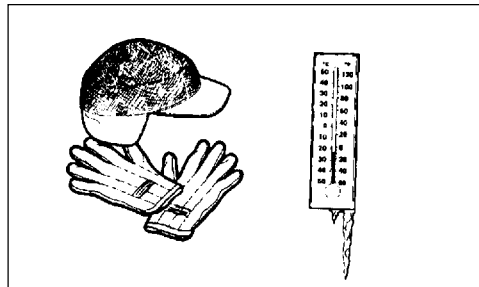


## EXTENDED OPERATION/EXTREME CONDITIONS

### *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 trimmer 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.

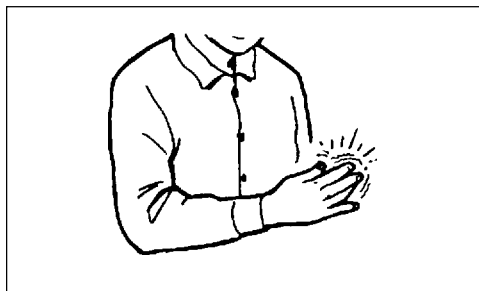
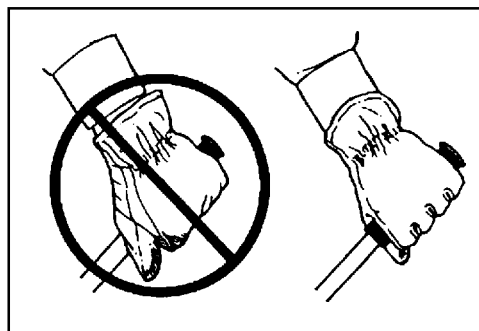


### *Repetitive Stress Injuries*

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.





## DESCRIPTION

The ECHO product you purchased has been factory pre-assembled for your convenience.

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.

## CONTENTS

- \_\_\_ 1 - Hedge Clipper Assembly
- \_\_\_ 1 - Operators Manual
- \_\_\_ 1 - Safety Manual
- \_\_\_ 1 - Warranty Statement
- \_\_\_ 1 - Warranty Registration Card
- \_\_\_ 1 - Plastic Bag
  - \_\_\_ - T-Wrench (Combination Screwdriver/Spark Plug Socket)
  - \_\_\_ - 8 mm x 10 mm Spanner
  - \_\_\_ - Blade Cover
  - \_\_\_ - Bottle 100 ml 2-Cycle Oil

## EMISSION CONTROL - Emissions Models

The emission control system for this engine is EM (Engine Modification).

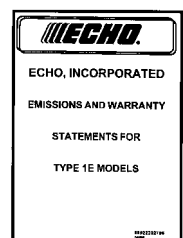
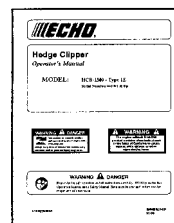
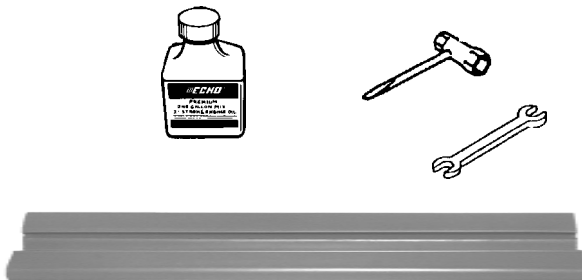
**IMPORTANT ENGINE INFORMATION**  
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 DISPLACEMENT : 21.2cc  
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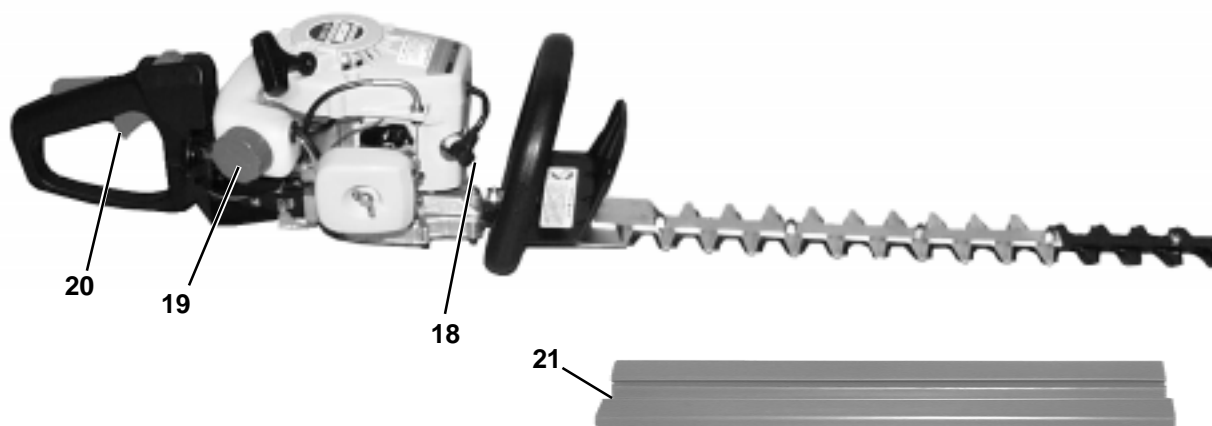
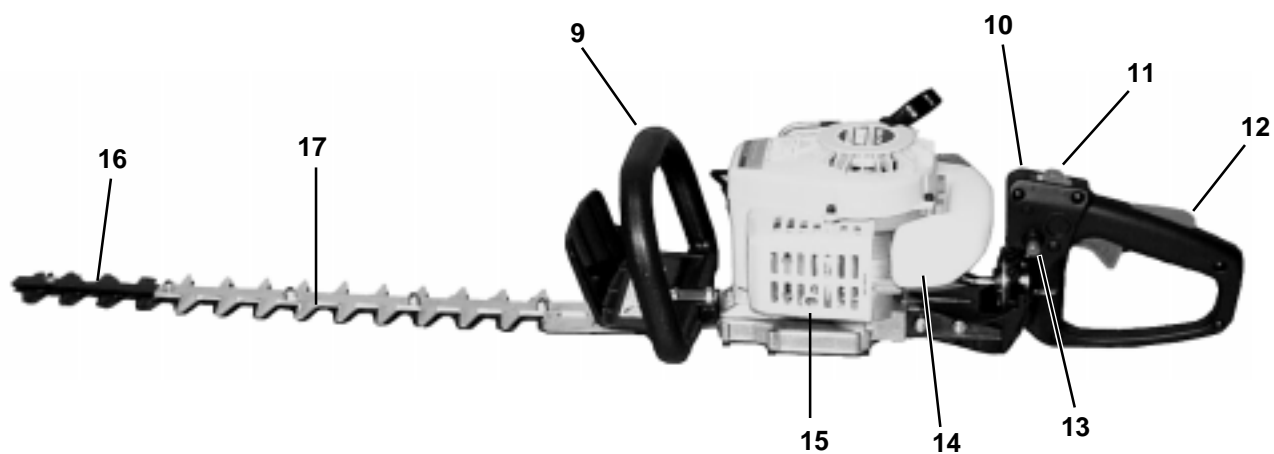
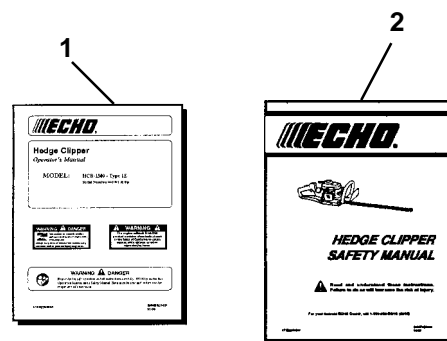
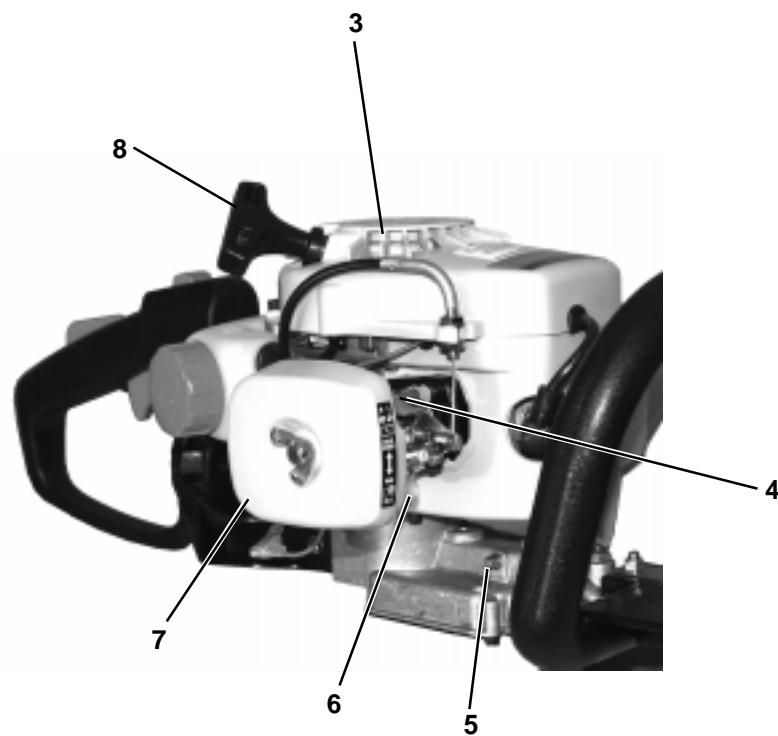


**KIORTZ CORP.**



**Emission Control Label** (located on Engine) (EXAMPLE ONLY, information on label varies by FAMILY).





1. **OPERATORS MANUAL** - Read and understand this manual before operation. Keep manual in a safe location for future reference, i.e., operation, maintenance, storage and specifications.
2. **SAFETY MANUAL** - Read and understand this manual before operation. Keep manual in a safe location of safe operating techniques.
3. **POWER HEAD** - Factory Assembled to the gear housing assembly. Includes the Engine, Clutch, Fuel System, Ignition System and Recoil Starter.
4. **CHOKE** - The choke control lever is located on the front of the air cleaner case. Move to "COLD START" to close the choke for Cold Starting. Move to "RUN" position to open choke.
5. **GREASE FITTING** - Apply 1 - 2 pumps of grease to Gear Case every 10 hours of operation.
6. **PRIMER BULB** - Before starting and after filling the fuel tank, pump primer bulb 10 times or until a steady stream of fresh fuel without air bubbles is visible through the "clear" fuel return line.
7. **AIR CLEANER** - Contains replaceable filter element.
8. **RECOIL STARTER HANDLE** - Pull handle slowly until recoil starter engages, then quickly and firmly. DO NOT pull rope all the way out or allow the handle to snap back, damage to the starter will occur.
9. **FRONT HANDLE WITH GUARD** - Comfortable, textured finish provides anti-slip grip for front hand. Guard protects hand from the blades. Warning decals are located on guard.
10. **REAR HANDLE** - Contains the Stop Switch, Throttle Lockout, Rotation Lockout and Throttle Trigger.
11. **STOP SWITCH** - "SLIDE SWITCH" mounted on top of the rear handle. Move switch FORWARD to RUN, BACK to STOP.
12. **THROTTLE TRIGGER LOCKOUT** - This lever must be depressed before Throttle Trigger can be activated.
13. **HANDLE ROTATION LOCKOUT** - Push button in to lockout Throttle Trigger operation. Rear Handle can be rotated right or left to 45 or 90 degree increments. Activate Throttle Lever to lock Rear Handle in position.
14. **FUEL TANK** - Contains fuel and fuel filter.
15. **MUFFLER/SPARK ARRESTOR** - The muffler controls the exhaust noise while the spark arrestor prevents hot, glowing particles of carbon from leaving the muffler where they could possibly start a fire.
16. **BLADES** - Double reciprocating blades mounted to a blade support bar. Double sided blades, are capable of cutting on either side of the blade. All other models are single sided.
17. **STIFFENER** - Attaches to top of blades and guides material being cut into blades.
18. **SPARK PLUG** - Provides spark to ignite fuel mixture.
19. **FUEL TANK CAP** - Covers and seals fuel tank opening.
20. **THROTTLE TRIGGER** - Spring loaded to return to idle when released. Trigger Lockout must be depressed fully and Rotation Lock must be engaged before Throttle Trigger will move. During acceleration, depress gradually for best operating technique.
21. **BLADE COVER** - Used to cover blades during transportation or storage. Remove blade cover before using unit.
22. **SAFETY VIDEO** - (Not included with unit) P/N 99922202800 English version only is available at a cost of \$5.00 from ECHO, INC. or any authorized ECHO dealer. The video overviews safety precautions and proper operating techniques and is supplemental to the Safety Manual. Read and understand the Safety Manual for complete information on safe operation.

## SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	HCR-1500 1E
Length	1022mm (40.2 in.)
Width	237mm (9.3 in.)
Height	197mm (7.7 in.)
Weight, dry	5.0 kg (11.0 lb.)
Type of Engine	Air cooled, two-stroke, single cylinder, gasoline engine
Displacement	21.2 cc (1.29 cu.in.)
Bore	32.2 mm (1.27 in.)
Stroke	26.0 mm (1.02 in.)
Exhaust System	Spark Arrestor Muffler
Carburetor	Zama C1U
Ignition System	Flywheel Magneto, Capacitor discharge ignition
Spark Plug	NGK BPM-7Y Gap 0.65 mm (0.026 in.)
Fuel	Mixed Fuel - gasoline and oil
Fuel/Oil Ratio	50:1 Ratio using ECHO Hi-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	ECHO Hi-Performance, two-stroke air cooled engine oil
Fuel Tank Capacity	0.3 lit. (10.1 fl. oz)
Starter System	Automatic Recoil Starter
Clutch	Centrifugal Type
Gear Case Ratio	1:5.88
Cutter (Double Reciprocating Blade)	Double Edge
Length	573mm (22.6 in.)
Pitch	35mm (1.38 in.)
	21mm (0.83 in.)
Idle Speed (RPM)	3000
Wide Open Throttle (RPM)	7500 - 10000

## ASSEMBLY HCR MODELS ARE PRE-ASSEMBLED IN THE BOX.

*Tools Required:* None

*Parts Required:* None

## PRE-OPERATION

### FUEL

#### *Fuel Requirements*

**Gasoline** - Use 89 Octane [  $\frac{R+M}{2}$  ] (mid grade or higher) gasoline or gasohol known to be good quality. Gasohol may contain up to 10% Ethanol (grain alcohol) or 15% MTBE (methyl tertiary-butyl ether). Gasohol containing methanol (wood alcohol) is **NOT** approved.

**Two-Stroke Oil** - A two-stroke engine oil meeting ISO-L-EGD Standard (ISO/CD 13738), must be used. Echo brand Premium 50:1 oil meets this standard. Engine problems due to inadequate lubrication caused by failure to use an ISO-L-EGD approved oil, such as Echo Premium 50:1 Two-stroke Oil, 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 EPA Phase I/California Emission Defect Warranty Explanation.)

**Mixing** - Follow directions on the oil container.

#### *Handling Fuel*

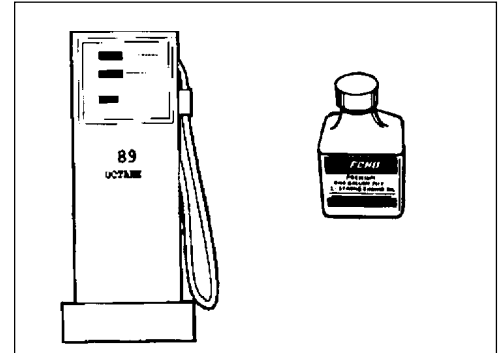
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## After Refueling;

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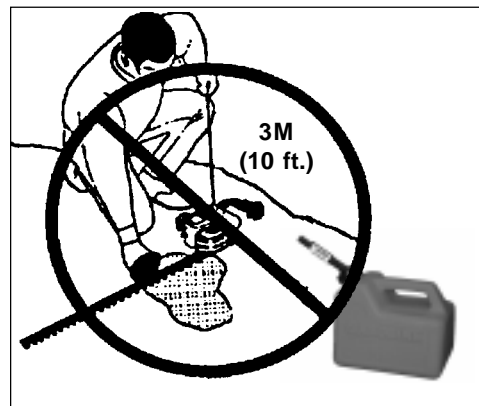
**Storage** - Fuel storage laws vary by locality. Contact your local government for the laws affecting your area. As a precaution, store fuel in an approved, air tight container. Store in a well ventilated, unoccupied building, away from sparks and flames. Do not store fuel longer than 30 days.

### 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.

### IMPORTANT

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

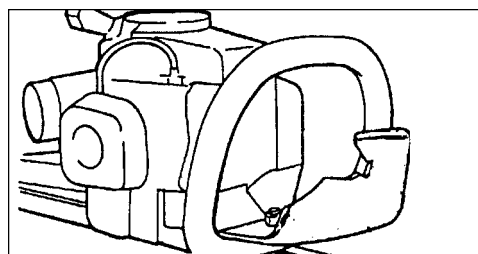
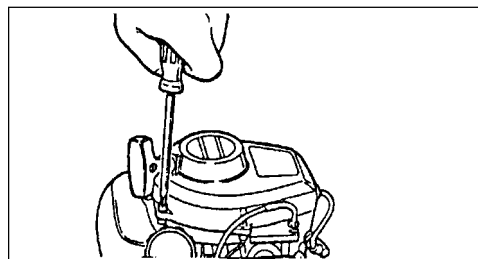


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## EQUIPMENT CHECK

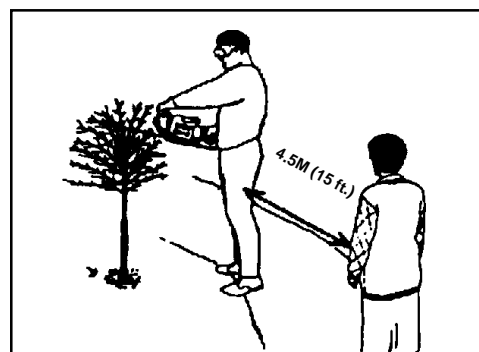
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- Inspect fuel lines, tank and area around carburetor for fuel leaks. DO NOT operate unit if leaks are found.
- Never adjust blades when the engine is operating.
- Inspect hand guard for damage. Replace if damaged or missing.
- Check that the blade assembly is firmly attached and in safe operating condition. Dull, loose or damaged blades should not be used.



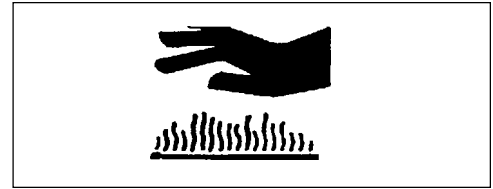
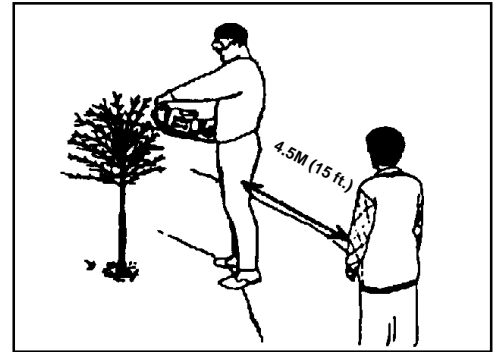
## DETERMINE OPERATION AREA

- Before starting the unit, equip yourself and fellow workers in the 4.5 m (15 ft.) safety zone with the required protective equipment and clothing.
- Review the area to be trimmed. Look for hazards that could contribute to unsafe conditions.
- Spectators, children and animals must be prevented from coming nearer than 4.5 m (15 Ft.) while the Hedge Clipper is in use.



## 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 4.5 m (15 ft.) Safety Zone with the required Protective Equipment and clothing.
- During operation, the complete unit, especially the gear box may become very hot, too hot to touch. Avoid contact during and immediately after operation.
- Do not operate this product indoors or in inadequately ventilated areas.
- When starting to trim, run the engine at full throttle.

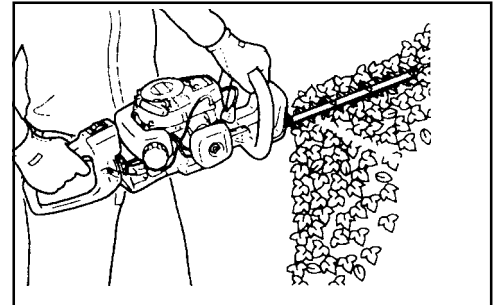


## HEDGE TRIMMING

### NOTE

This unit is designed to cut shrubs and hedges with branches no larger than 6 mm (1/4 in.) in diameter.

1. Hold trimmer firmly and squeeze throttle trigger to accelerate engine.
2. Tilt trimmer so cutting teeth are angled slightly toward the hedge or shrub and proceed to cut.



### WARNING DANGER

- Never remove hands from unit when blades are moving.

### WARNING DANGER

The engine continues running even when the blades have stopped due to an obstruction. If this occurs, stop the engine, disconnect ignition cable and remove the obstruction.

## ROTATING OPERATION

HCR-1500 Hedge Clipper rear handle is adjustable for operator comfort at all angles of operation.

### WARNING DANGER

Stop engine before rotating rear handle, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

### *Rotating Rear Handle*

1. Move stop switch to STOP position.

#### NOTE

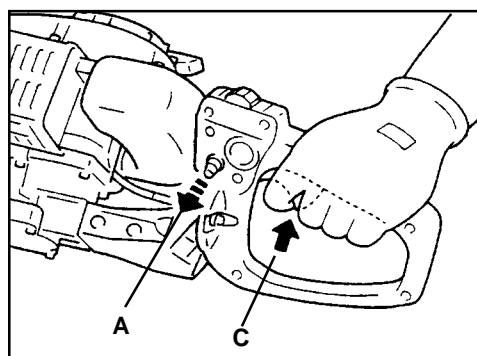
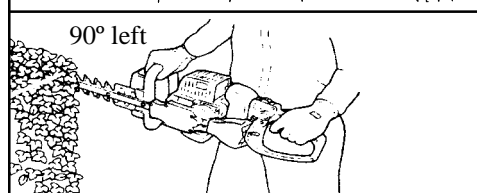
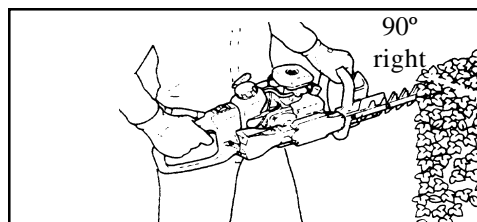
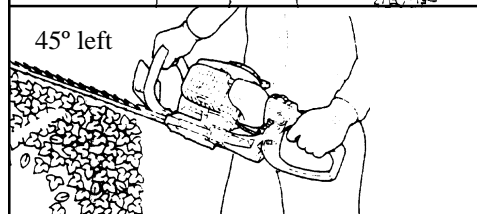
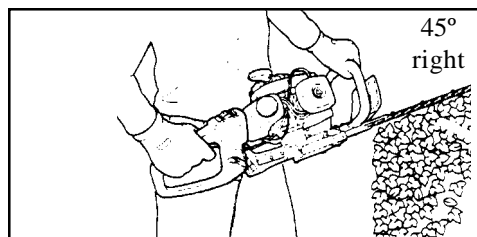
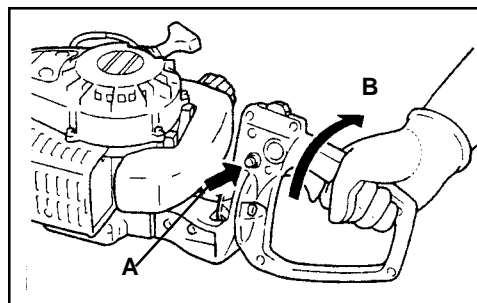
Throttle trigger must be at idle position in order to press the rotation lock button.

2. Press lock button (A) to unlock rear handle rotation.
3. Rotate rear handle (B) right or left to the 45° or 90° detent setting. A slight "CLICK" will be heard as the detent is engaged.

4. Grip the rear handle. Press the throttle lockout lever down with palm of hand and squeeze throttle trigger (C) to engage rotation lock button (A), and lock handle in position.

#### NOTE

If after rotating rear handle the throttle trigger does not operate, move rear handle slightly left and right until detent engages and throttle trigger operates normally.

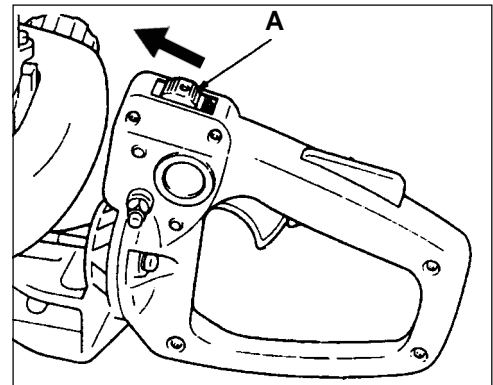




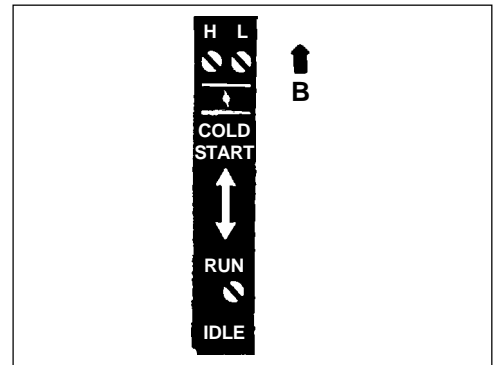
## STARTING COLD ENGINE

### 1. STOP SWITCH - START/RUN.

Move stop switch (A) away from the STOP position.

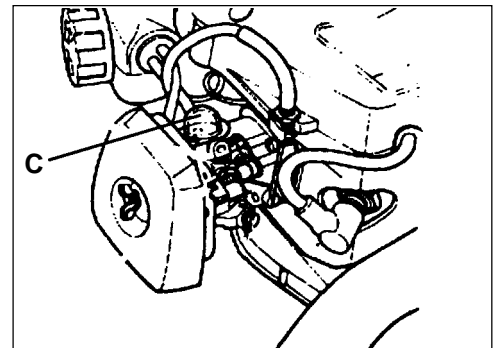


### 2. Move choke (B) to the Cold Start (CLOSED) position.



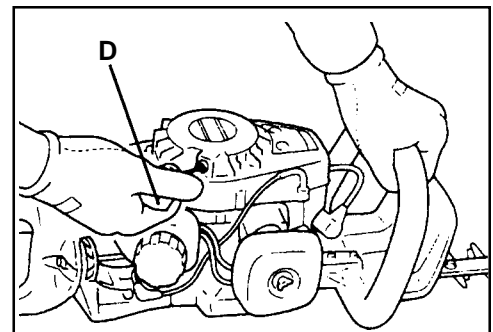
### 3. PRIMER - PUMP BULB.

Pump primer bulb (C) until fuel is visible in the clear fuel return line.



### 4. START - PULL ROPE

Lay the hedge clipper on a flat clear area and pull the recoil starter handle (D) until engine fires.



### 5. OPEN CHOKE - RUN.

Move choke (B) to the RUN (OPEN) position. Restart engine if necessary and allow unit to warm up at idle for several minutes.

## WARNING DANGER

The blades should not move at idle. If blades move, readjust carburetor according to "Carburetor Adjustment" instructions in this manual or see your ECHO Dealer, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

### 6. After engine warm 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.

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

The blades should not move at idle. If blades move, readjust carburetor according to "Carburetor Adjustment" instructions in this manual or see your ECHO Dealer, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

#### 1. STOP SWITCH - START/RUN

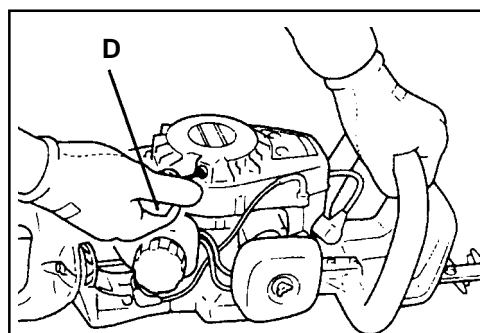
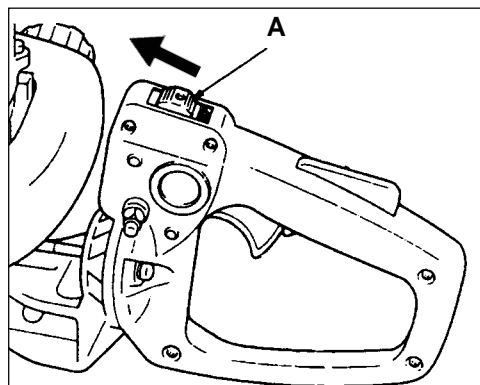
Move stop switch (A) away from the STOP position.

#### 2. START - Pull Rope

Lay the hedge clipper on a flat clear area and pull the recoil starter handle (D) until the engine fires.

#### **NOTE**

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



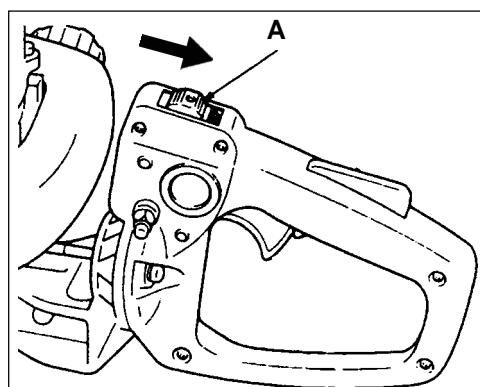
## STOPPING ENGINE

1. RELEASE THROTTLE. Allow engine to idle for a minute.

2. STOP SWITCH - STOP. Move stop switch (A) 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 hedge clipper again.



## MAINTENANCE

Your ECHO Hedge Clipper is designed to provide many hours of trouble free service. Regular scheduled maintenance will help your Hedge Clipper 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 Service 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 the unit be returned to your ECHO dealer for servicing.

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	Before Use	Every Refuel	Daily or Every 4 Hours	3 Months or 100 Hours	6 Months or 300 Hours	Yearly or 600 Hours
Air Filter	Inspect/Replace	I / C		I / C	R *		
Fuel Strainer	Inspect/Replace				I		R
Fuel Line	Inspect/Replace	I			I *		R
Carburetor	Inspect/Replace					C	R(1)
Choke System	Inspect/Replace		I				
Cooling System	Inspect/Clean	I / C		I / C			
Muffler Spark Arrestor	Inspect/Clean/Replace				I / C		R
Gear Housing	Grease	I (2)					
Recoil Starter Rope	Inspect/Clean	I					I *
Fuel Leaks	Inspect/Repair	I	I				I *
Spark Plug	Clean				I / C	R *	
Ignition System	Clean/Replace	No Maintenance required for coil and flywheel					
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 the finding of damage or wear during inspection.

(1) Replacement will be required for Commercial use after 600 hours. For Consumer use, cleaning every 6 months is required.

(2) Apply 1~2 pumps of grease every 10 hours.

## AIR FILTER

### Level 1

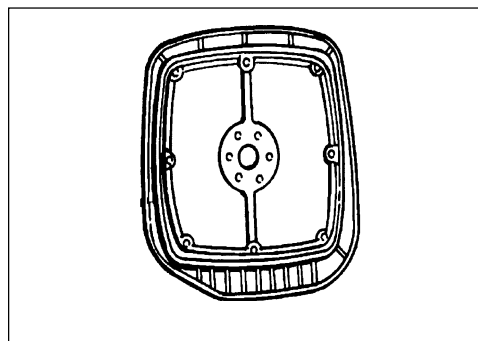
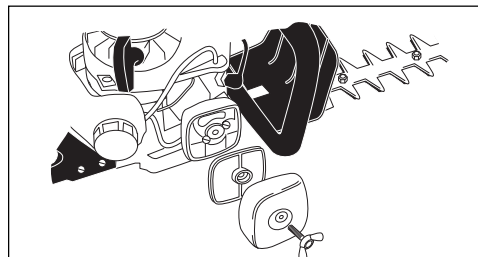
*Tools required:* 25 or 50 mm (1 or 2 in.) medium bristle paint brush,

*Parts required:* 90008 REPOWER™ AIR & 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:
  - still 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.



## FUEL FILTER

### Level 1

*Tools required:* 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:* 90008 REPOWER™ AIR & FUEL FILTER KIT

### WARNING

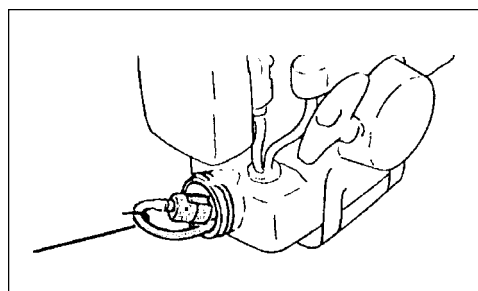


### DANGER

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.



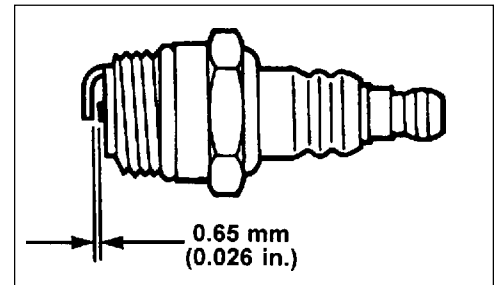
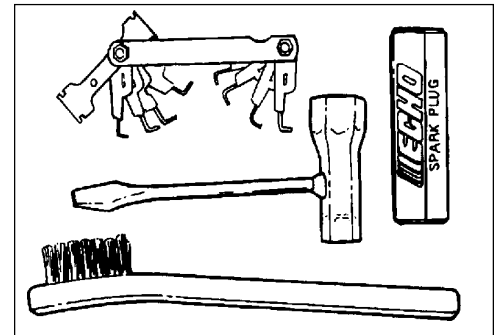
## SPARK PLUG

### Level 2

*Tools required:* T-wrench, Feeler gauge, (preferably a wire gauge), soft metal brush.

*Parts Required:* Spark Plug, NGK BPM-7Y P/N 99944500071

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



## COOLING SYSTEM CLEANING

### Level 2

*Tools required:* Cross Head Screwdriver, 3 mm and 4 mm Hex wrench, Pointed Wood Stick.

*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:

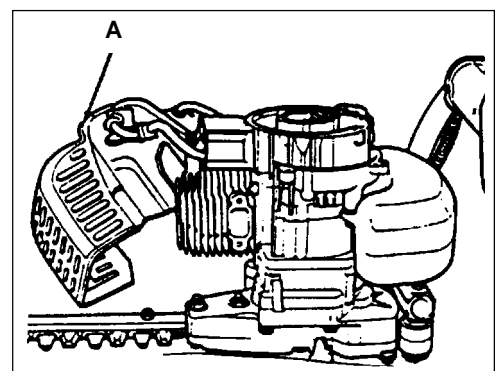
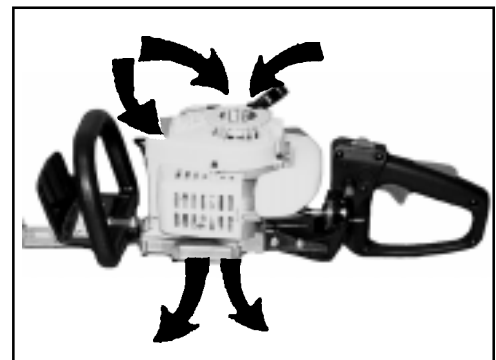
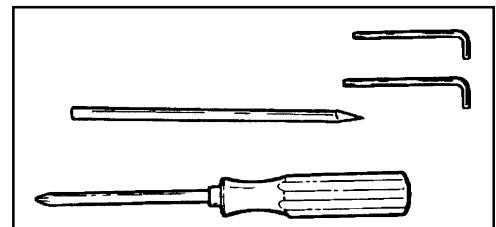
- Air intakes in the crankcase are blocked, preventing cooling air from reaching the cylinder.
- Dust and grass build up on the outside of the cylinder. This build up insulates the engine and prevents the heat from leaving.

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

1. Remove recoil starter and disconnect the throttle linkage end from the carburetor.
2. Remove the two screws that retain the engine cover. Lift the engine cover (A) from the engine and lay aside.

#### NOTE

The throttle linkage remains assembled to the engine cover (A) and the spark plug lead and grommet remain installed.



## IMPORTANT

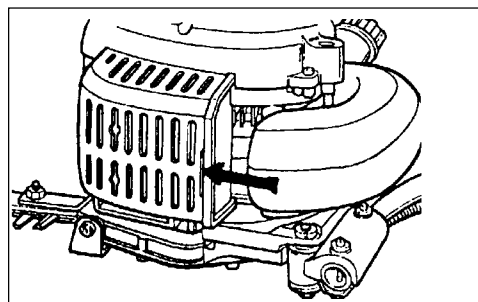
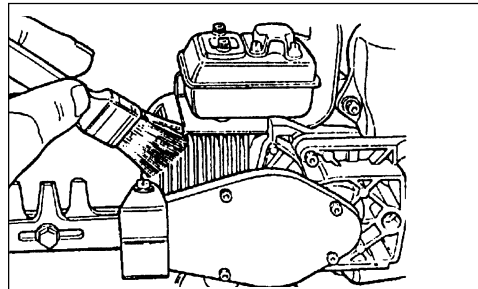
DO NOT use a metal scraper to remove dirt from the cylinder fins.

3. Use the wooden stick or brush to remove dirt from the cylinder fins.

4. Remove grass and leaves from the recoil starter air intake grid.

## NOTE

When installing the engine cover (A), be certain the tab of the metal deflector shield is in the slot of the engine cover.



## EXHAUST SYSTEM

### Spark Arrestor Screen

#### Level 2.

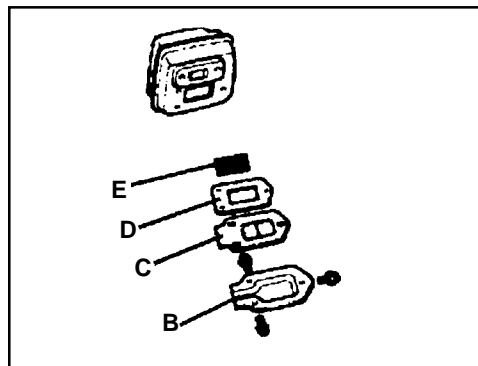
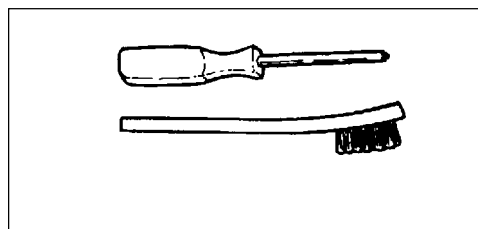
*Tools required:* Soft metal brush, Cross Head Screwdriver.

*Parts Required:* Screen P/N 14586240630, Gasket Lid P/N 14586642031

1. Remove engine cover (A). See “Cleaning Cooling System” pages 21 & 22 for step by step instructions.
2. Place piston at Top Dead Center (TDC) to prevent carbon/dirt from entering cylinder.
3. Remove spark arrestor screen cover (B), screen holder (C), gasket (D) and screen (E) from muffler body.
4. Clean carbon deposits from screen and muffler components.
5. Replace screen if it is cracked, plugged or has holes burned through.
6. Assemble components in reverse order.

## NOTE

When installing the engine cover (A), be certain the tab of the metal deflector shield is in the slot of the engine cover.



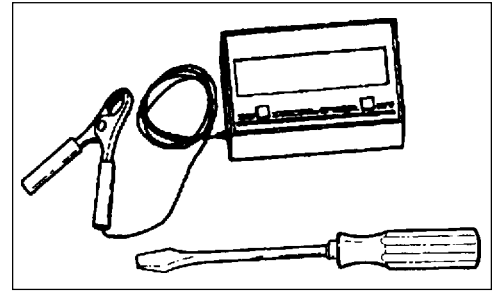
## CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT

### *Emission Models*

#### Level 2

*Tools required:* Screwdriver with 2 mm blade width, Tachometer (ECHO P/N 99051130017).

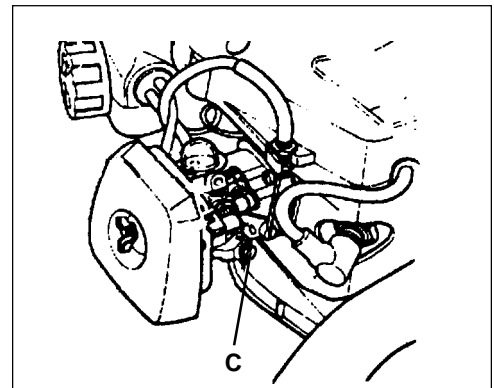
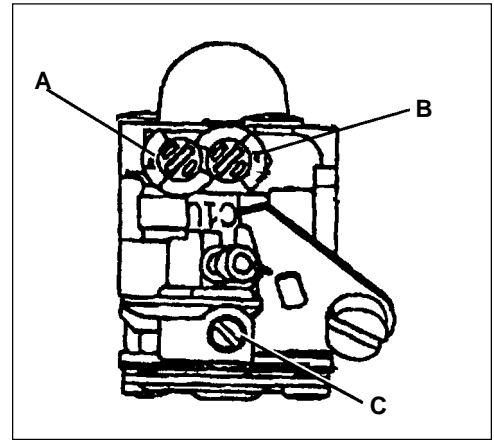
*Parts required:* None.



#### **NOTE**

Every unit is run at the factory and the carburetor is set in compliance with EPA Phase 1 and California Emission Regulations. In addition, the carburetor is equipped with HI (A) and LO (B) needle adjustment limiters that prevent settings outside acceptable limits.

1. Before adjusting the carburetor, clean or replace the air filter and spark arrester screen.
2. Start engine and run for several minutes to reach operating temperature.
3. Stop engine. Turn HI (A) speed needle CCW (counter clockwise) to stop. Turn LO (B) speed needle midway between full CCW and CW (clockwise) stops.
4. Idle Speed Adjustment.  
-Start engine and turn idle (C) speed adjustment screw CW until the blades begin to move, then turn the screw CCW until blades stop moving. Turn screw CCW an additional 1/4 turn.
5. Accelerate to full throttle for 2-3 seconds to clear excess fuel from engine then return to idle. Accelerate to full throttle to check for smooth transition from idle to full throttle. If engine hesitates, turn LO (B) needle CCW an additional 1/8 turn and repeat acceleration. Continue adjusting until smooth acceleration results.
6. Check HI speed RPM at W.O.T. (Wide Open Throttle). HI speed RPM should be set to specifications found on page 12 "Specifications" of this manual.
7. Check idle speed and reset if necessary. If a tachometer is available, idle speed should be set to the specifications found on page 12 "Specifications" of this manual.



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

When carburetor adjustment is completed, blades should not move at idle, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

## CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT

### *Non Emissions Models*

#### Level 2

*Tools required:* Screwdriver with 2 mm blade width, Tachometer (ECHO P/N 99051130017).

*Parts Required:* None

#### NOTE

If carburetor has limiter caps follow "Carburetor Adjustment" procedures for Emission models on previous page.

### *Idle Speed Adjustment*

Turn "idle" speed adjustment screw (C) CW (clockwise) until blades begin to move, then turn screw out CCW (counter clockwise) until blades stop moving. Turn screw out, CCW an additional 1/4 turn.

## WARNING DANGER

Blades must not move when unit is idling, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

### *Basic Setting*

1. Stop engine and turn both LO (B) and HI (A) needles in, CW until they stop and are lightly seated.

#### IMPORTANT

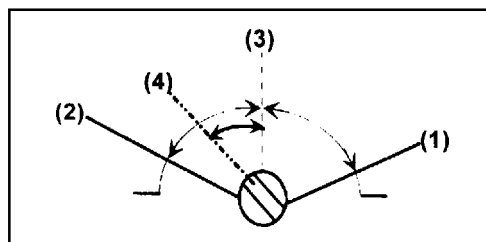
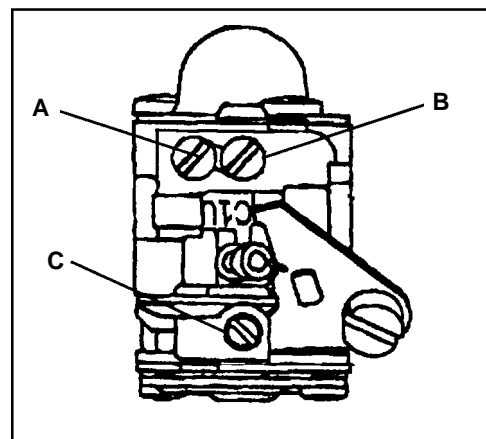
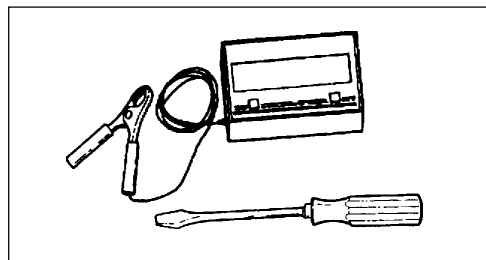
**DO NOT** over tighten needles. Forcing them to tighten will damage the carburetor.

2. Turn needles out CCW: LO (B) 1-1/4 turns; HI (A) 1-1/2 turns.

### *Fine Tuning*

*(Requires Accurate Tachometer)*

1. Start engine and allow to warm to operating temperature (minimum 2 - 3 minutes) while varying engine speed from idle to full throttle.
2. Always begin fine tuning with LO (B) needle.
  - a. Lean drop-off - With engine idling, turn LO (B) needle slowly CW (in) to lean drop-off point. RPM will increase, then abruptly drop-off. Note this position. (1)
  - b. Rich drop-off - With engine idling, slowly turn LO (B) needle CCW (out) to rich drop-off point. RPM will increase then gradually slow and drop-off. Note this position. (2)
  - c. Final setting - Set needle at mid point between lean rich drop-off points. (3)
  - d. Turn needle 1/8 turn CCW (out) making mixture slightly richer. (4)





3. HI speed adjustment.  
Adjust HI (A) needle with tachometer. Refer to Wide Open Throttle RPM settings listed in "Specifications" on page 12.
4. Check idle speed and reset if necessary. If tachometer is available, idle speed should be set to the specifications found on page 12 "Specifications" of this manual.

## WARNING DANGER

When carburetor adjustment is completed, blades should not move at idle, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

## LUBRICATION

### *Blades*

#### Level 1.

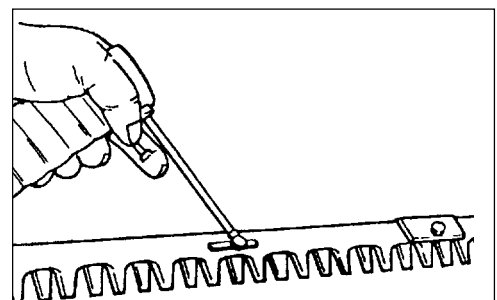
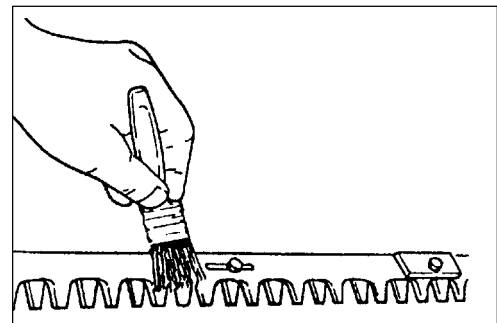
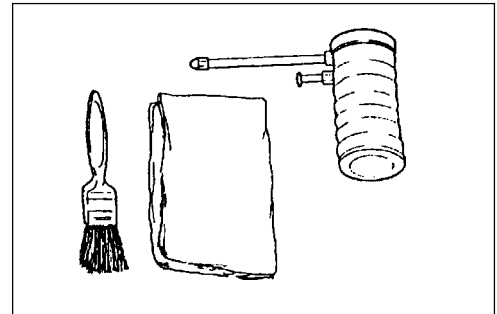
*Tools required:* Clean rag, 25 or 50 mm (1 or 2 in.) medium bristle paint brush.

*Parts Required:* 20W Engine Oil (lubrication), 50-50 mixture of kerosene and 20W oil (cleaning).

## WARNING DANGER

Hedge Clipper Blades are very sharp. Wear gloves to protect hands.

1. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug.
2. Brush loose debris from blade and coat both sides of blade with the 50-50 cleaning mixture.
3. Allow cleaning mixture to soften the remaining gummy residue then wipe it from the blade.
4. Apply clean oil to the entire length of the blade. Be certain the blade bolts are lubricated.
5. Wipe excess oil from the blade before putting the unit back in service.



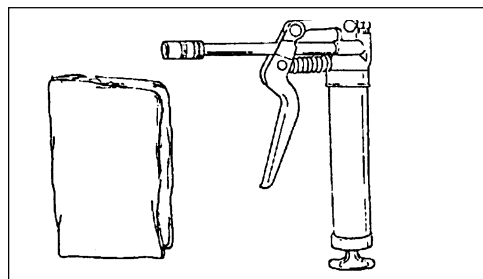
## Gear Box Assembly

### Level 2

*Tools required:* Clean rag, Grease Gun.

*Parts required:* Lithium Based Grease.

1. Clean dirt from the grease fitting.
2. Apply 1~2 pumps of grease into fitting. **DO NOT** force grease. Too much pressure will force grease past seals and cause damage. Leave room for grease to expand during operation.



## BLADE STIFFENER REMOVE/INSTALL

### Level 2

*Tools required:* (2) 13 mm Open End Wrench.

*Parts Required:* None

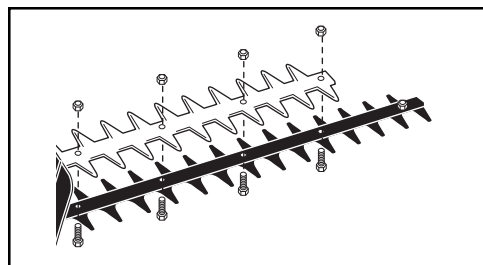
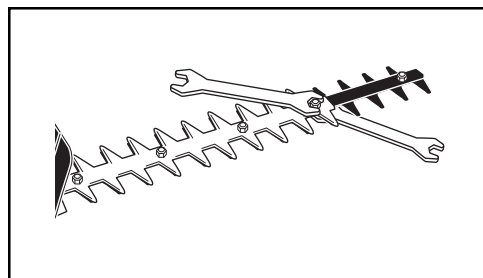
### WARNING DANGER

Hedge Clipper Blades are very sharp. Wear gloves to protect hands.

1. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug.
2. Hold blade bolt head under blade assembly. Remove blade locknut from top side turning counter clockwise.
3. Repeat step 2 for remaining blade nuts.

### NOTE

Locking ability of Hedge Clipper blade nuts will diminish each time they are removed. Replace blade nuts if threading resistance is not felt when installing locknuts.



## SHARPENING BLADES

### Level 3

*Tools required:* Flat file, Screwdriver

*Parts required:* None.

### WARNING DANGER

Hedge Clipper Blades are very sharp. Wear gloves to protect hands.

1. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug.
2. Remove blade stiffener. (See "Blade Stiffener Removal/Install on page 26.)
3. Use screwdriver to separate upper and lower cutters equal distance apart. (See figure at right.)
4. File each edge carefully. Follow the original shape of the blade.

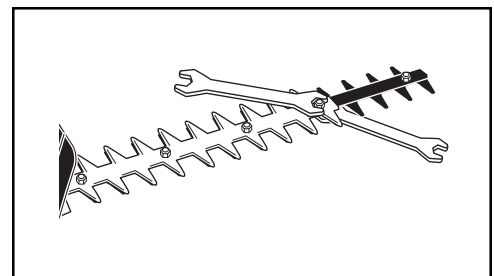
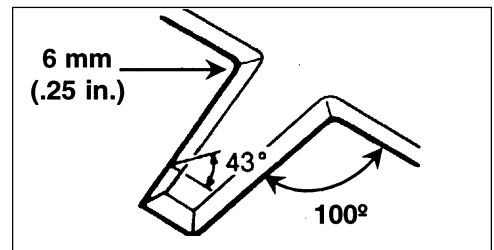
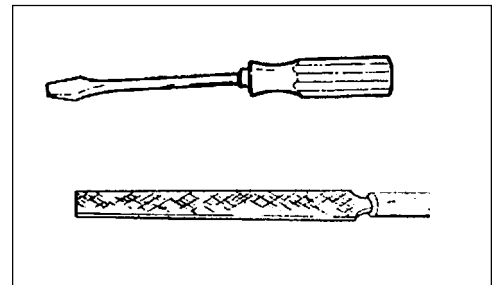
### IMPORTANT

If a power grinder is used **DO NOT** allow blade to over heat.

5. Assemble blade stiffener using new blade nuts if required. Tighten bolts and nuts then loosen bolt 1/2 turn to allow free blade movement.
6. Lubricate blades. See "Blade Lubrication Instructions," on page 25.

### IMPORTANT

Blades are timed inside gear housing. Blades should only be removed and reinstalled by an Authorized ECHO Servicing Dealer, otherwise premature wear or internal damage may occur.



## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem			Cause	Remedy
Engine -- starts hard				
Engine -- does not start				
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			Internal engine problem	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

### WARNING DANGER

Fuel vapors are **extremely** flammable and may cause fire and/or explosion. **Never** test for ignition spark near an open spark plug opening, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

## STORAGE

### *Long Term Storage (over 30 days)*

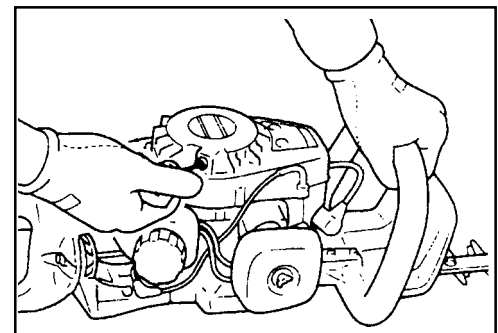
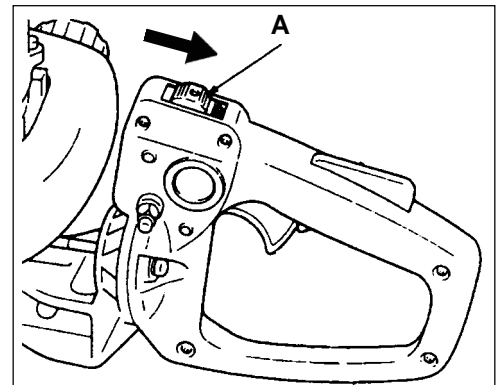
Do not store your unit for a prolonged period of time (30 days or longer) without performing protective storage maintenance which includes the following:

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.

2. Place the stop switch (A) in the "OFF" position.
3. Remove accumulation of grease, oil, dirt and debris from exterior of unit.
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. 1/2 tablespoon) 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 ignition cable).
9. Install the blade cover on cutting blades.



**NOTES**

## NOTES

# SERVICING INFORMATION

## PARTS

Genuine ECHO Parts and ECHO Re Power 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, Type number and Serial Number of the unit with you. You can find all three numbers on the engine housing. For future reference, write them in the space provided below.

Model No. \_\_\_\_\_ Type 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. 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 CARD

This card is our means of registering all original owners of ECHO equipment. The card plus proof of purchase provides you the assurance that authorized warranty work will be done. It also provides a direct link between you and ECHO if we find it necessary to contact you.

## ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT MANUALS

**Safety Manuals** are available, free of charge, from your ECHO dealer or by contacting Echo Incorporated, 400 Oakwood Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

**Operator's and Parts Manuals** are available for purchase from your ECHO dealer or directly from ECHO. [See ordering instructions below.]

**Safety Video** is available from your dealer. A \$5.00 shipping charge will be required.

## ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

To obtain a Parts Catalog or Operator's Manual send 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 above.

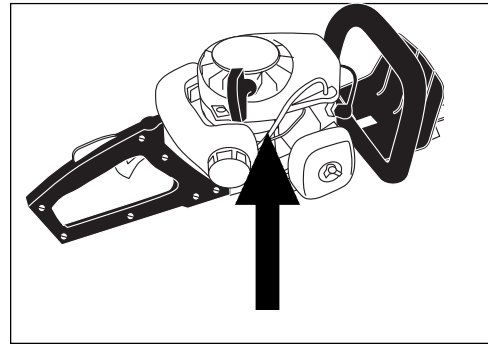
### *Available Parts Catalog*

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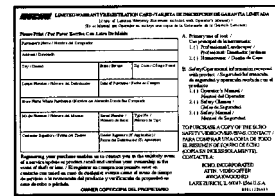
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