

# Shaft Hedge Clipper

**Operator's Manual** 

MODEL

**SHC-212** 

# 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 instructions carefully. ECHO provides an Operator's Manual and a Safety Manual. Both must be read and understood for proper and safe operation. Failure to do so could result in serous injury.

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# INTRODUCTION

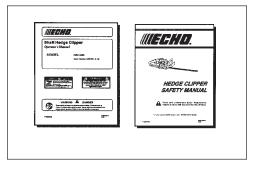
Welcome to the ECHO family. This ECHO product was designed and manufactured to provide long life and on-the-job dependability. Read and understand this manual and the SAFETY MANUAL you found in the same package. You will find both easy to use and full of helpful operating tips and SAFETY messages.

# THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL

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

# THE SAFETY MANUAL

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# SAFETY MANUAL SAFETY SYMBOLS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Throughout this manual and on the product itself, you will find safety alerts and helpful, informational messages preceded by symbols or key words. The following is an explanation of those symbols and key words and what they mean to you.



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

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



#### IMPORTANT

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

#### NOTE

This enclosed message provides tips for use, care and maintenance of the unit.

# INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLS

Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application	Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application
<b>%</b>	Read and understand Operator's Manual.	+0	Fuel and oil mixture
	Wear eyes, ears and head protection		Finger Severing
	Hot Surface		Wear hand protection. Use two handed.
$\triangle$	Safety/Alert		DO NOT smoke near fuel.
Â	Avoid all power lines. This unit is not insulated againstelectrical current.		DO NOT allow flames or sparks near fuel.
	Do not operate closer than 15 M (50 ft.) from electrical hazards.	15 M	Keep bystanders at least 15 meters (50 feet) away.

Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application	Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application
STOP	Emergency stop	*	Plan retreat path from falling objects.
	Primer bulb	X	Wearslip resistant foot wear.
Η	Carburetor adjustment - High speed mixture	Ignition ON I OFF	lgnition ON/OFF
	Carburetor adjustment - Low speed mixture	T	Carburetor adjustment - Idle speed
<b> </b>	Choke Control "Cold Start" Position (Choke Closed)		Choke Control "Run" Position (Choke Open)

# PERSONAL CONDITION AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT



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 meets ANSI Z87.1 or CE requirements must be worn whenever you operate the unit.

## 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**

Wear 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,
- DONOT WEAR TIES, SCARFS, JEWELRY.

Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.

- Wear sturdy work shoes with nonskid soles;
  - DONOT WEAR OPEN TOED SHOES,
  - DONOT OPERATE UNIT BAREFOOTED.

Wear no-slip, heavy duty work gloves.

## Hot Humid Weather

Heavy protective clothing can increase operator fatigue which may lead to heat stroke. Schedule heavy work for early morning or late afternoon hours when temperatures are cooler.

# Vibration and Cold

It is believed that a condition called Raynaud's Phenomenon, which affects the fingers of certain individuals, may be brought about by exposure to vibration and cold. Exposure to vibration and cold may cause tingling and burning sensations, followed by loss of color and numbress in the fingers. The following precautions are strongly recommended, because the minimum exposure which might trigger the ailment is unknown.

- Keep your body warm, especially the head, neck, feet, ankles, hands, and wrists.
- Maintain good blood circulation by performing vigorous arm exercises during frequent work breaks, and also by not smoking.
- Limit the hours of operation. Try to fill each day with jobs where operating the unit or other hand-held power equipment is not required.
- If you experience discomfort, redness, and swelling of the fingers followed by whitening and loss of feeling, consult your physician before further exposing yourself to cold and vibration.

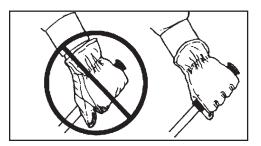


## **Repetitive Stress Injuries**

It is believed that overusing the muscles and tendons of the fingers, hands, arms, and shoulders may cause soreness, swelling, numbness, weakness, and extreme pain in those areas. Certain repetitive hand activities may put you at a high risk for developing a Repetitive Stress Injury (RSI). An extreme RSI condition is Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS), which could occur when your wrist swells and squeezes a vital nerve that runs through the area. Some believe that prolonged exposure to vibration may contribute to CTS. CTS can cause severe pain for months or even years.

To reduce the risk of RSI/CTS, do the following:

- Avoid using your wrist in a bent, extended, or twisted position. Instead try to maintain a straight wrist position. Also, when grasping, use your whole hand, not just the thumb and index finger.
- Take periodic breaks to minimize repetition and rest your hands.
- Reduce the speed and force with which you do the repetitive movement.
- Do exercises to strengthen the hand and arm muscles.
- Immediately stop using all power equipment and consult a doctor if you feel tingling, numbness, or pain in the fingers, hands, wrists, or arms. The sooner RSI/CTS is diagnosed, the more likely permanent nerve and muscle damage can be prevented.





Do not operate this product indoors or in inadequately ventilated areas. Engine exhaust contains poisonous emissions and can cause serious injury or death.

#### **Read the Manuals**

• Provide all users of this equipment with the Operator's Manual and Safety Manual for instructions on Safe Operation.

#### **Clear the Work Area**

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

#### Keep a Firm Grip

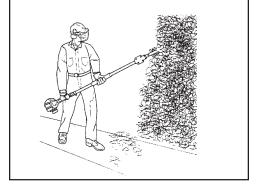
• Hold the front and rear handles with both hands, with thumbs and fingers encircling the handles.

#### **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 over reach.

#### **Avoid Hot Surfaces**

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







# EQUIPMENT



Use only ECHO approved attachments. Serious injury may result from the use of a non-approved attachment combination. ECHO, INC. will not be responsible for the failure of cutting devices, attachments, or accessories which have not been tested and approved by ECHO. Read and comply with all safety instructions listed in this manual and safety manual.

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

# **EMISSION CONTROL**

# EPA Phase 2/California

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



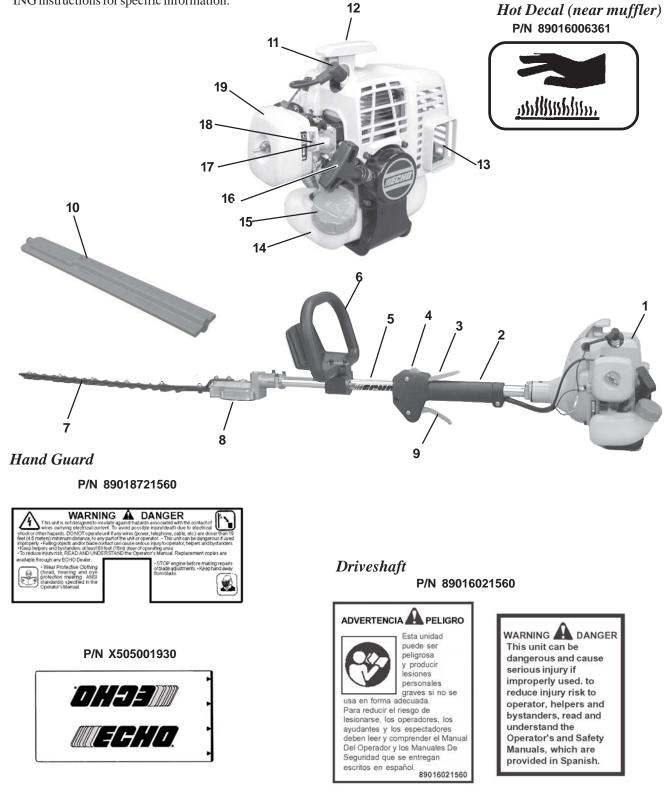
Emission Control Label (located on Engine) (EXAMPLE ONLY, information on label varies by FAMILY).

### PRODUCT EMISSION DURABILITY

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

# DESCRIPTION

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



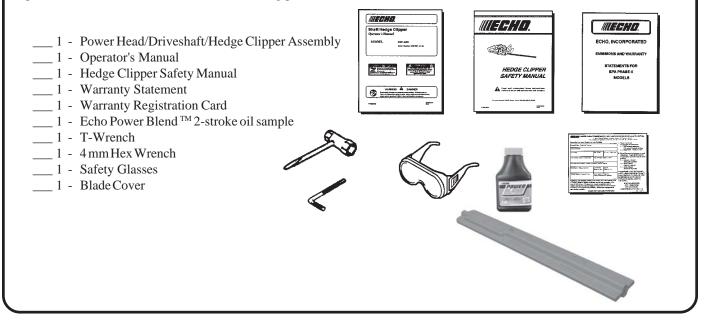
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- 1. POWER HEAD Includes the Engine, Clutch, Fuel System, Ignition System and Recoil Starter.
- 2. **GRIP, RIGHT HAND REAR -** Cushioned grip for right hand.
- 3. **THROTTLE TRIGGER LOCKOUT** This lever must be held during starting. Operation of the throttle trigger is prevented unless throttle trigger lockout lever is engaged.
- 4. **STOP SWITCH -** Mounted on top of the Throttle Trigger Housing. Move switch FORWARD to RUN, BACK to STOP.
- 5. DRIVE SHAFT ASSEMBLY Contains the Flexible Drive Cable.
- 6. FRONT LEFT HAND LOOP HANDLE Adjustable, loop handle for proper cutting attitude and operator comfort.
- 7. **BLADES** Double reciprocating blades mounted to a blade support bar. Double sided blades, are capable of cutting on either side.
- 8. GEAR HOUSING ASSEMBLY Gear housing assembly fixed straight extension.
- 9. **THROTTLE TRIGGER** Spring loaded to return to idle when released. During acceleration, depress gradually for best operating technique.
- 10. BLADE COVER Used to cover blade during transport and storage. Remove blade cover before using unit.
- 11. SPARK PLUG Provides spark to ignite fuel mixture.
- 12. TOP GUARD Protects arm from the hot engine.
- 13. **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.
- 14. FUEL TANK Contains fuel and fuel filter.
- 15. FUEL TANK CAP Covers and seals fuel tank opening.
- 16. **RECOIL STARTER HANDLE** Pull 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.
- 17. **PURGE BULB** Pumping purge bulb before starting engine draws fresh fuel from the fuel tank, purging air from the carburetor. Pump purge bulb until fuel is visible and flows freely in the clear fuel tank return line. Pump purge bulb an additional 4 or 5 times.
- CHOKE CONTROL Located on the air cleaner housing. Move the lever to Cold Start (→) to close the choke for Cold Starting. Move lever to Run (↓) position after engine fires.
- 19. AIR CLEANER Contains replaceable filter element.

# CONTENTS

The ECHO product you have 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.



# ASSEMBLY

This model is factory assembled.

# **FRONT HANDLE**

#### NOTE

Label shows minimum spacing for front handle location.

1. Position front handle in comfortable operating position and tighten screws.





# **O**PERATION

**NOTICE:** Use of unmixed, improperly mixed, or fuel older than 90 days, (stale fuel), may cause hard starting, poor performance, or severe engine damage and void the product warranty. Read and follow instructions in the Storage section of this manual.

# FUEL Fuel Requirements

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

**Two Stroke Oil -** A two-stroke engine oil meeting ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. <u>FC</u> Standards must be used. Echo brand premium Power Blend <sup>TM</sup> Universal 2-Stroke Oil meets these standards. Engine problems due to inadequate lubrication caused by failure to use an ISO-L-EGD and J.A.S.O. <u>FC</u> certified oil, such as Echo premium Power Blend <sup>TM</sup>, 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 Emission Defect Warranty Explanation.)

## IMPORTANT

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

# Handling Fuel



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.
- NÉVER refuel a unit when the engine is HOT or RUNNING!
- DO NOT fill fuel tanks indoors. ALWAYS fill fuel tanks outdoors over bare ground.
- DO NOT overfill fuel tank. Wipe up spills immediately.
- Securely tighten fuel tank cap and close fuel container after refueling.
- Inspect for fuel leakage. If fuel leakage is found, do not start or operate unit until leakage is repaired.
- Move at least 3m (10 ft.) from refueling location before starting the engine.

### Fuel to Oil Mix - 50:1 Ratio

U.S.		METR	IC
GAS	OIL	GAS	OIL
Gallons	Fl. oz.	Liter	CC.
1 2 5	2.6 5.2 13	4 8 20	80 160 400

### Mixing Instructions

- 1. Fill an approved fuel container with half of the required amount of gasoline.
- 2. Add the proper amount of 2-stroke oil to gasoline.
- 3. Close container and shake to mix oil with gasoline.
- 4. Add remaining gasoline, close fuel container, and remix.

### IMPORTANT

Spilled fuel is a leading cause of hydrocarbon emissions. Some states may require the use of automatic fuel shut-off containers to reduce fuel spillage.

#### After use

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

**Storage -** Fuel storage laws vary by locality. Contact your local government for the laws affecting your area. As a precaution, store fuel in an approved, airtight container. Store in a well-ventilated, unoccupied building, away from sparks and flames.

### IMPORTANT

Stored fuel ages. Do not mix more fuel than you expect to use in thirty (30) days, ninety (90) days when a fuel stabilizer is added.

### IMPORTANT

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

# STARTING COLD ENGINE

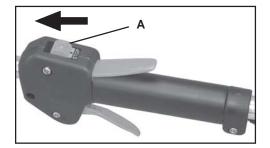
## NOTE

The blade cover is used for transportation and storage. Remove blade cover before using the unit.



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

 Stop Switch Move Stop Switch button away from the STOP position.



- 2. *Choke* Move choke (B) to Cold Start () position.
- 3. Purge Bulb

Pump purge bulb (C) until fuel is visible and flows freely in the clear fuel tank return line. Pump bulb an additional 4 or 5 times.

4. Recoil Starter

Lay the unit on a flat area and keep movable attachment parts clear of all obstacles. Firmly grasp right hand grip and throttle trigger lockout with left hand and fully depress throttle trigger to wide open position. Rapidly pull recoil starter handle/rope (D) until engine fires (or maximum five [5] pulls).

5. Choke

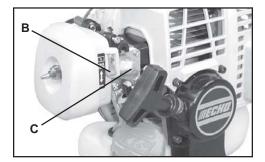
After engine fires or five (5) pulls, move choke lever back to Run

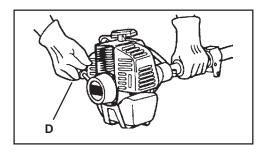
 $(| \downarrow |)$  position. Hold throttle trigger and throttle trigger lockout fully depressed, and pull starter handle/rope until engine starts and runs. Release throttle trigger and allow unit to warm up at idle for several minutes.

### NOTE

If engine does not start with choke in Run position after 5 pulls, repeat instructions 2 -5.

6. *Throttle Trigger* 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, and do not depress throttle trigger to wide open position.



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

#### NOTE

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

- Stop Switch Move Stop Switch button (A) away from the STOP position.
- 2. Purge Bulb

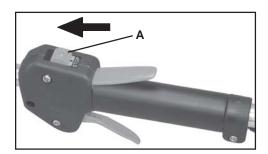
Pump purge bulb (C) until fuel is visible and flows freely in the clear fuel tank return line. Pump bulb an additional 4 or 5 times.

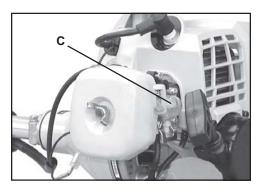
3. Recoil Starter

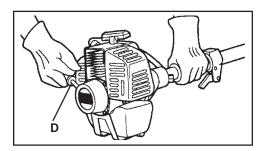
Lay the unit on a flat area and keep movable attachment parts clear of all obstacles. Rapidly pull recoil starter handle/rope (D) until engine fires.

#### NOTE

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







# **STOPPING ENGINE**

1. Throttle

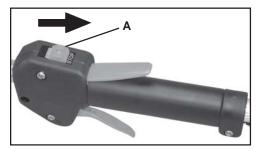
Release throttle and allow engine to return to idle before shutting off engine.

2. Stop Switch

Move stop switch button (A) backward to STOP position.



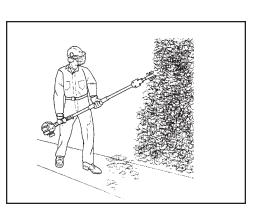
If engine does not stop when stop switch is moved to STOP position, close choke - COLD START position - to stall engine. Have your ECHO dealer repair stop switch before using hedge clipper again or serious personal injury may result.



# **HEDGE TRIMMING**

- 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.







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.

# MAINTENANCE

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

# SKILL LEVELS

- **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<sup>TM</sup>** 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	REQ'D SKILL LEVEL	DAILY OR BEFORE USE	EVERY REFUEL	3 MONTHS OR 90 HOURS	6 MONTHS OR 270 HOURS	YEARLY 600 HOURS
	Recommended Ech	o Dealer	Maintenanc	e Procedur	es		
Cylinder Exhaust Port	Inspect/Clean/Decarbon	3			I/C		
Sharpen Blades	Inspect/Clean	3	I (3)				
	Do-lt-Yourse	lf Mainter	nance Proce	dures		1	1
Air Filter	Inspect/Clean/Replace	1	I / C		R*		
Choke	Inspect/Clean	2	I/C				
Fuel Filter	Inspect/Replace	1			I		R *
Fuel System, leaks	Inspect/Replace	1	I *	I			
Cooling System	Inspect/Clean	2	I/C				
Muffler Spark Arrestor	Inspect/Replace	2			I / R *		
Drive Shaft	Grease	2	I (1)				
Gear Housing	Grease	2	I (2)				
Blades	Inspect/Clean	1	I / C (3)				
Recoil Starter Rope	Inspect/Clean	1	I / C *				
Spark Plug	Inspect/Clean	2			I/C	R *	
Screws/Nuts/Bolts	Inspect/Tighten/Replace	1	I / R *				

MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE LETTER CODES: I = INSPECT, R = REPLACE, C = CLEAN IMPORTANT NOTE - Time intervals shown are maximum. Actual use and your experience will determine the frequency of required

maintenance.

MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE NOTES:

(1) Apply ECHO<sub>☉</sub> LUBE<sup>™</sup> every 25 hours.
(2) Apply ECHO<sub>☉</sub> LUBE<sup>™</sup> every 15 - 25 hours
(3) Inspect blade and clean and sharpen as needed. Lubricate blades periodically during use.
\* All recommendations to replace are based on the finding of damage or wear during inspection..

# AIR FILTER

# Level 1.

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

Parts required: 90008 REPOWER<sup>™</sup> 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 filter area.
- 2. Remove the air filter cover. Lightly brush debris from filter. If filter is fuel soaked, deformed, or very dirty, replace it.
- 3. If filter can be reused, be certain it:
  - fits tightly in the air filter cavity.
  - is installed with the original side out.

### NOTE

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



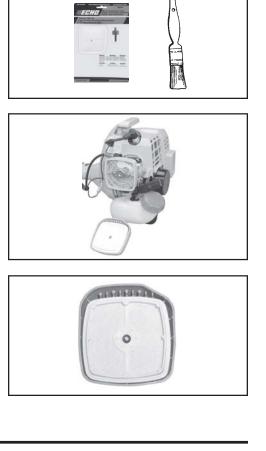
## Level 1.

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

Parts required: 90008 REPOWER<sup>™</sup> Air & Fuel Filter Kit



- 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, soft metal brush

Parts Required: REPOWER<sup>™</sup> Tune-Up Kit P/N90074

### IMPORTANT

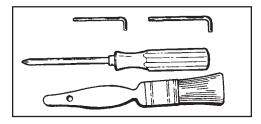
Use only NGK BPM-8Y spark plug (BPMR-8Y in Canada) otherwise severe engine damage may occur.

- 1. Remove spark plug and check for fouling, worn and rounded center electrode.
- 2. Clean the plug or replace with a new one. DO NOT sand blast to clean. Remaining sand will damage engine.
- 3. Adjust spark plug gap by bending outer electrode.
- 4. Tighten spark plug to 150-170 kg/cm (130-150 in. lb.).

# **COOLING SYSTEM**

### Level 2.

*Tools required:* Cross head screwdriver, 3 mm, 4 mm hex wrench, 25 or 50 mm (1 or 2 in.) cleaning brush



Parts Required: None.

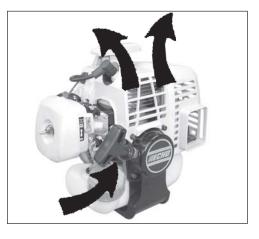
#### IMPORTANT

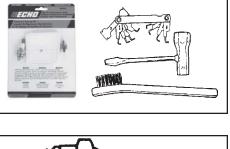
To maintain proper engine operating temperatures, cooling air must pass freely through the cylinder fin area. This flow of air carries combustion heat away from the engine.

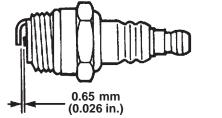
Overheating and engine seizure can occur when:

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

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







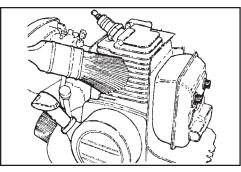
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- 1. Disconnect spark plug lead from spark plug.
- 2. Remove (1) screw from top guard, and remove guard.
- 3. Remove (4) screws from engine/muffler cover, and remove cover.
- 4. Use the brush to remove dirt form cylinder fins.
- 5. Remove grass and leaves from the grid between the recoil starter and fuel tank.
- 6. Assemble components in reverse order.

### NOTE

When installing the engine/muffler cover, be certain the tabs of the metal deflector shield are in the slots of the cover.







# **EXHAUST SYSTEM**

## Spark Arrestor Screen

Level 2.

Tools Required: Cross Head Screwdriver. Soft metal brush.

Parts Required: Spark arrestor screen, Gasket

- 1. Remove engine/muffler cover (A). See "Cleaning Cooling System" pages 16 and 17 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), gasket (C), and screen (D) from muffler body.
- 4. Clean carbon deposits from muffler components.

#### NOTE

When cleaning carbon deposit, be careful not to damage the catalylic element inside muffler.









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

#### NOTE

When installing the engine/muffler cover, be certain the tabs of the metal deflector shield are in the slots of the cover.

## Cylinder Exhaust Port

Level 3.

### IMPORTANT

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

# CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT

## **Engine Break-In**

New engines must be operated for a minimum of two tanks of fuel 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.

## Idle Speed Adjustment

Idle speed adjustment may be required periodically to comply with specifications for this unit. See page 24, "Specifications," for correct idle speed.

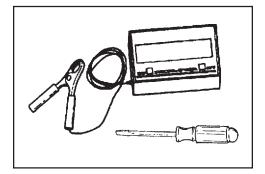
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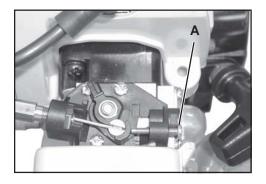
*Tools required:* Screwdriver, tachometer (ECHOP/N99051130017)

#### NOTE

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

1. Check idle speed using a tachometer, and reset if necessary. Turn idle screw (A) clockwise to increase idle speed; counter clockwise to decrease idle speed.







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

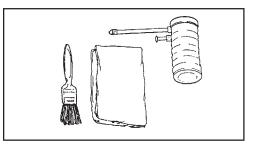
# LUBRICATION

## **Blades**

### Level 1.

Tools Required: Clean rag, cleaning brush, oil can

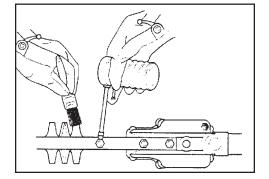
*Parts Required:* 20W Engine Oil (lubrication), 50-50 mixture of kerosene and 20W oil (cleaning)





Blades are very sharp. Wear gloves to protect hands, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

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



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# Gear Case

Level 2.

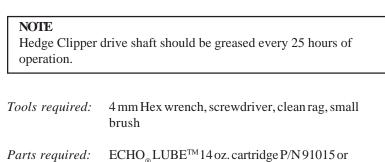
Tools required: Grease gun with Lithium Grease, clean rag

Parts required: ECHO<sub>®</sub>LUBE<sup>™</sup>14 oz. cartridge P/N91015 or Lithium Based Grease

- 1. Clean dirt from grease fitting.
- Carefully pump grease in fitting (A). <u>DO NOT</u> force grease. Too much pressure will force grease past seals and cause damage. Apply 1-2 pumps of grease every 15-25 hours of operation.

# Drive Shaft Assembly

## Level 1.

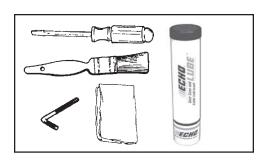


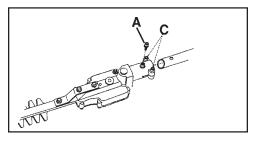
Lithium Based Grease

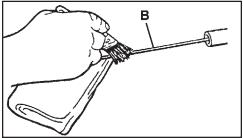


Blades are very sharp. Wear gloves to protect hands, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

- 1. Loosen gear housing assembly locating screw (A) and mounting screws (C). Remove the gear box from the drive shaft housing.
- 2. Pull the drive shaft (B) from the housing, wipe clean and re-coat with a thin coating [1/2 oz. (15 ml)] of grease.
- 3. Slide the drive shaft back in the drive housing being careful not to get dirt on the flex shaft.
- 4. Install the gear housing assembly.









# SHARPENING BLADES

# Level 3.

Tools required: Flat file, screwdriver

Parts required: None



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

- 1. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug.
- 2. Slide blades to allow file clearance using slots (A) on bottom of blades. Do not pry against cutting edges.
- 3. Follow the original shape, and file each cutting edge carefully to avoid damage to adjacent teeth. Maintain 6 mm (.25 in.) radius at base of each tooth.

### IMPORTANT

If a power grinder is used, **<u>DO NOT</u>** allow blade to over heat.

- 4. Lubricate blades. See "Lubrication".
- 5. Connect spark plug wire.

# **BLADE ADJUSTMENT**

Level 2.

Tools required: (2) 10 mm wrenches

Parts required: None

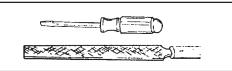
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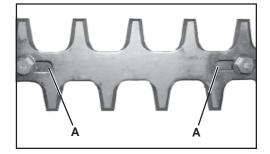
Blades should only be removed and reinstalled by an Authorized ECHO Servicing Dealer, otherwise premature wear or internal damage may occur.

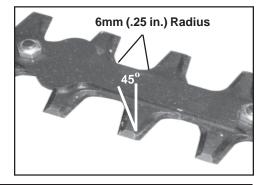
- 1. Tighten blade bolts until snug, then loosen blade bolts 1/2 turn.
- 2. Hold blade bolts from turning using 10 mm wrench, and tighten blade lock nuts with other 10 mm wrench.

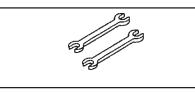
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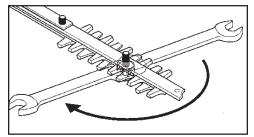
Locking ability of Hedge Clipper blade lock nuts will diminish each time they are removed. Replace if turning resistance is not felt when installing locknuts.

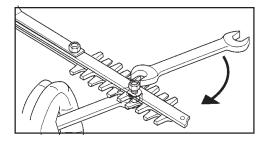












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# TROUBLESHOOTING

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



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

# STORAGE



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 personal injury may result.

# Long Term Storage (over 30 days)

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

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





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

- 2. Place the stop switch in the "OFF" position.
- 3. Remove accumulation of grease, oil, dirt and debris from exterior of unit.
- 4. Perform all periodic lubrication and services that are required.
- 5. Apply clean oil to the entire length of the blade. Be certain the blade bolts are lubricated.
- 6. Install blade cover on blades.
- 7. Tighten all the screws and nuts.
- 8. **Drain** the fuel tank **completely** and pull the recoil starter handle several times to remove fuel from the carburetor.

- 9. Remove the spark plug and pour 7cc (1/4 oz.) of fresh, clean, two-stroke engine oil into the cylinder through the spark plug hole.
  - A. Place a clean cloth over the spark plug hole.
  - B. Pull the recoil starter handle 2-3 times to distribute the oil inside the engine.
  - C. Observe the piston location through the spark plug hole. Pull the recoil handle slowly until the piston reaches the top of its travel and leave it there.
- 10. Install the spark plug (do not connect ignition cable).

#### IMPORTANT

Always store and transport Shaft Hedge Clipper in a stable, horizontal position. Support gear case and cutting blades to prevent excessive flexing, which may cause damage to the cutting attachment.



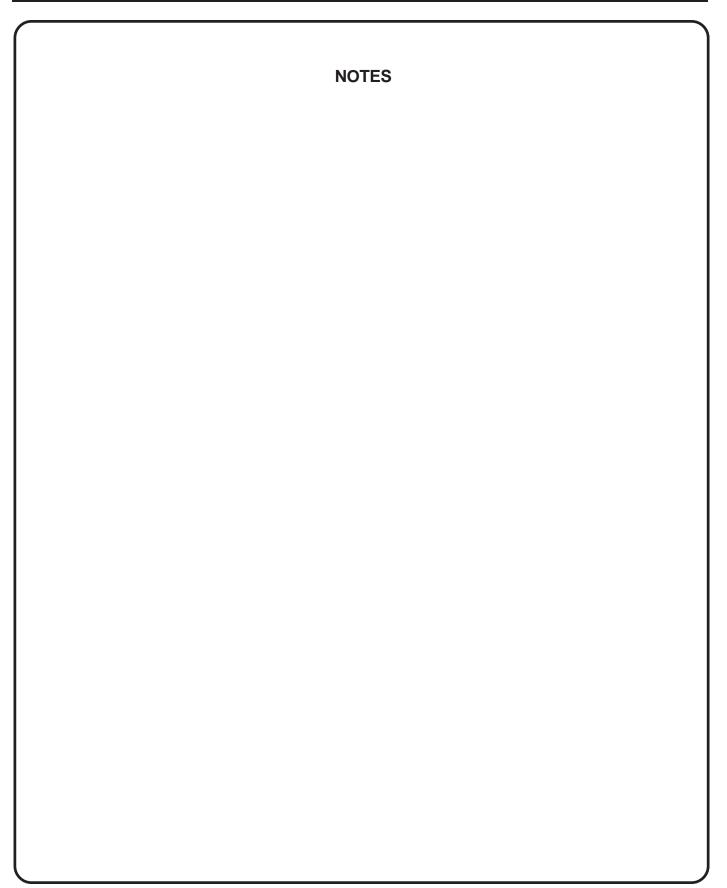
# **S**PECIFICATIONS

MODEL	- SHC-212
Length	- 1530 mm (60.25 in.)
Width	- 254mm(10.0in.)
Height	- 289 mm(11.375 in.)
Weight (dry)	- 5.7kg(12.56lb.)
Engine Type	- Air cooled, two-stroke, single cylinder gasoline engine
Bore	- 32.2 mm(1.27 in.)
Stroke	- 26.0mm(1.02in.)
Displacement	- 21.2 cc (1.29 cu. in.)
Exhaust	- Spark Arrestor Muffler w/catalyst
Carburetor	- Zama Diaphragm w/Purge Pump
Ignition System	- Flywheel Magneto, CDI (capacitor discharge ignition) with ESG
Spark Plug	- NGK BPM-8Y (Gap 0.65 mm (0.026 in.)
Fuel	- Mixed (Gasoline and Two-stroke Oil)
Fuel/Oil Ratio	- 50:1 two-stroke air cooled engine oil
Gasoline	- 89 Octane unleaded. DO NOT use fuel containing methyl alcohol,
	more than 10% ethyl alcohol or 15% MTBE.
Oil	- Power Blend <sup>TM</sup> Premium Universal 2-Stroke Oil
Fuel Tank Capacity	- 0.45 lit. (15.2 US fl. oz.)
Recoil Starter System	- Automatic Recoil Starter
Clutch	- Centrifugal Type
GearCaseRatio	- 5.88:1
Cutter	- Double Reciprocating Blade - Double Edge
Length	- 490 mm(19.3 in.)
Pitch	- 35 mm(1.4 in.)
Maximum Diameter Cut	
Soft Material	- 25.4 mm(1 in.)
Woody Material	- 13 mm(1/2 in.)
Idle Speed	- 2,750-3,250RPM
Wide Open Throttle Speed	- 9,500-11,500RPM

NOTES



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# **S**ERVICING INFORMATION

# PARTS/SERIAL NUMBER

Genuine ECHO Parts and ECHO REPOWER<sup>TM</sup> 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
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# SERVICE

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

# ECHO CONSUMER PRODUCT SUPPORT

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

# WARRANTY REGISTRATION

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

# ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT MANUALS

Safety Manuals in English/Spanish or English/French are available free of charge from your ECHO dealer, or at www.echo-usa.com. **Operator's and Parts Manuals** are available by:

• Downloading free from www.echo-usa.com

- Purchasing from your Echo Dealer.
- Manuals are available by sending a written request stating the model number and serial number of your Echo unit, part number of the manual, your name and address, and mail to the address below.

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



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