

# **Grass Trimmer** *Operator's Manual*

# MODEL

GT-201R

Serial Number 02001001 - 02999999

## WARNING A 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.



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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.

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## INTRODUCTION

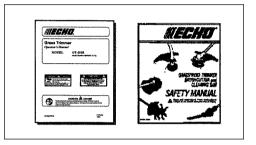
Welcome to the ECHO family. This ECHO product was designed and manufactured to provide long life and on-thejob-dependability. Read and understand this manual and the SAFETY MANUAL you found in the same package. You will find both easy to use and full of helpful operations tips and SAFETY messages.

## THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL

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

#### THE SAFETY MANUAL

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



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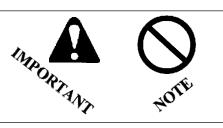
## MANUAL SAFETY SYMBOLS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

## A.SHAFTDECAL



# WARNING 🛕 DANGER

•This unit can be dangerous and cause serious injury if improperly used. • Operators, helpers and bystanders can be severely in jured by thrown objects and must wear specified ANSI Z87.1 eye protection. Blindness or loss of eye can occur. Do not rely on cutter head shield to protect eyes. Ricochet can occur. •to avoid accidental contact, keep everyone beyond operating area. •To reduce the risk of injury to operator, helpers & bystanders, read and understand your operator's and safety manuals. For a free copy of the safety Manual, write to ECHO, INCORPORATED, 400 Oakwood Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. •Keep shield and other components in place and in good condition. Do not use attachments or other parts not approved by ECHO. GT style (non-blade capable) units must not be converted to blade use except Maxi-Cuts or similar ECHO approved attachments.



#### **B.SPANISHDECAL**



## ADVERTENCIA 🛕 PELIGRO

Esta unidad puede ser peligrosa y producir lesiones personales graves si no se usa en forma adecuada. Para reducir el riesgo de lesionarse, los operadores, los ayudantes y los espectadores deben leer y comprender el Manual Del Operador y los Manuales De Seguridad que se entregan escritos en español.

#### ENGLISHTRANSLATION



## WARNING A DANGER

This unit can be dangerous and cause serious injury if improperly used. To reduce injury risk to operator, helpers and bystanders, read and understand the Operator's and Safety Manuals, which are provided in Spanish.

#### C.SHIELDDECAL





### INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLS

SYMBOL FORM/ SHAPE	SYMBOL DESCRIPTION/APPLICATION	SYMBOL FORM/ SHAPE	SYMBOL DESCRIPTION/APPLICATION	SYMBOL FORM/ SHAPE	SYMBOL DESCRIPTION/APPLICATION
<b>S</b>	Read and understand Operator's Manual.		FUEL AND OIL MIXTURE		DO NOT ALLOW FLAMES OR SPARKS NEAR FUEL.
	WEAR EYES, EARS AND HEAD PROTECTION	<b>F</b>	FINGER SEVERING		Engine choke control.
	HOT SURFACE	JL.	WEAR SLIP RESISTANT FOOT WEAR.		PRIMER BULB
	WEAR HAND AND FOOT PROTECTION	T	DO NOT SMOKE NEAR FUEL.	nst0000min(rpm	DO NOT EXCEED 10,000 RPM.
	SAFETY/ALERT				DO NOT OPERATE WITHOUT GUARDS AND SHIELDS IN PLACE.
			DERS AND HELPERS 15 M (50 FT.).		DO NOT USE BLADES. STRING LINE ONLY

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS PERSONAL CONDITION AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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Trimmer/Brush Cutter users risk injury to themselves and others if the trimmer/brush cutter is used improperly and or safety precautions are not followed. Proper clothing and safety gear must be worn when operating a trimmer.

#### Eye Protection

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

#### Hand Protection

Wear no-slip, heavy duty work gloves to improve your grip on the Trimmer/Brush Cutter 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.

SYMBOL DESCRIPTION/APPLICATION

EMERGENCY STOP

IGNITION ON/OFF

CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT - HIGH SPEED MIXTURE

CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT - LOW SPEED MIXTURE

CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT - IDLE SPEED

BEWARE - THROWN RICOCHET OBJECTS

- DONOTWEAR SHORTS,
- DONOT WEAR TIES, SCARVES, JEWELRY.

Wear sturdy work shoes with non-skid soles;

- DONOT WEAR OPEN TOED SHOES,
- $\bullet \ DO NOT OPERATE UNIT BAREFOOTED.$

## **EXTENDED OPERATION/EXTREME CONDITIONS**

#### Vibration and Cold

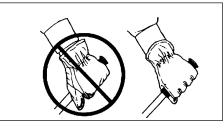
It is believed that a condition called Raynaud's Phenomenon, which affects the fingers of certain individuals may be brought about by exposure to vibration and cold. Exposure to vibration and cold may cause tingling and burning sensations followed by loss of color and numbness in the fingers. The following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



## 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.
- Inspect shield for damage and ensure that the cut-off knife is securely in place. Replace if either is damaged or missing.
- Check that the cutting attachment is firmly attached and in safe operating condition.
- Check that front (loop) handle and optional shoulder/waist harness are adjusted for safe, comfortable operation. See Assembly for proper adjustment.
- Have repairs done only by an authorized ECHO Service Dealer.
- Keep exhaust area clear of flammable debris. Avoid contact during and immediately after operation.





## SAFE OPERATION

# WARNING A DANGER

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

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

#### 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.

## **EMISSION CONTROL**

#### California Tier 2

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

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

#### AIRINDEXTAG

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

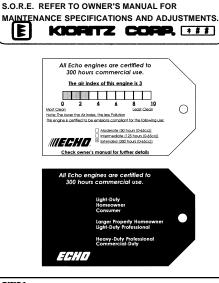


**IMPORTANT ENGINE INFORMATION** 

THIS ENGINE MEETS U.S. EPA PH1 AND 2000 AND LATER CALIFORNIA EMISSION REGULATIONS FOR

ENGINE FAMILY: YEHXS.0214CA

DISPLACEMENT: 21.2cc



#### 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 California and/or U.S. EPA emissions regulations, provided that approved maintenance procedures are followed as listed in the Maintenance Section of this manual.

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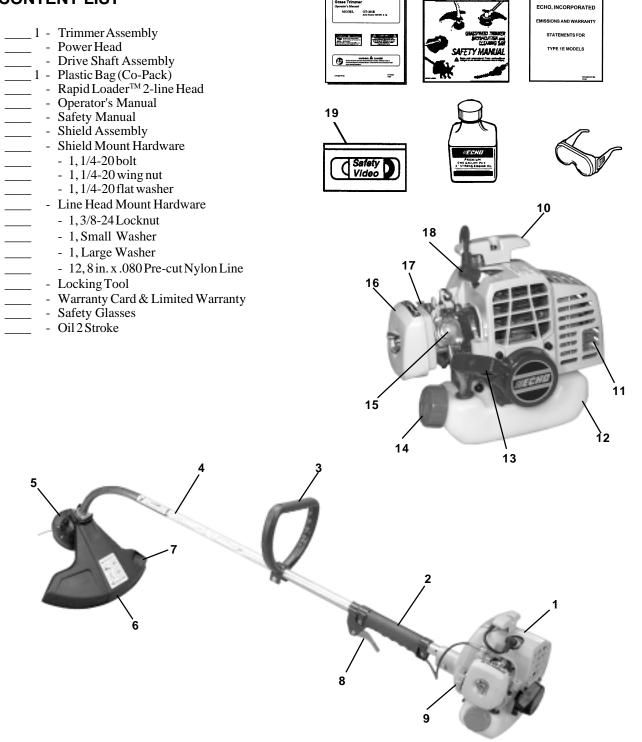
## DESCRIPTION

The ECHO product you purchased has been factory pre-assembled for your convenience. Due to packaging restrictions, shield installation and positioning of the front handle are necessary.

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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.

## **CONTENT LIST**



- 1. **POWER HEAD** Factory Assembled to the Driveshaft assembly. Includes the Engine, Clutch, Fuel System, Ignition System and Recoil Starter.
- 2. **GRIP** Rear (right hand) handle.

- 3. **FRONT HANDLE** The Front (loop) handle is factory assembled to the Drive Shaft assembly but must be repositioned for proper cutting attitude and operator comfort.
- 4. **DRIVESHAFT ASSEMBLY** Factory Assembled to the Power Head. Includes the Rear (right hand) Handle Assembly, Bearing Housing Assembly, Throttle Trigger, Front (loop, left hand) Handle Assembly, Flexible Drive Cable and Safety Decals.
- 5. **RAPID LOADER<sup>TM</sup> HEAD** Contains replaceable nylon trimming lines.
- 6. **PLASTIC DEBRIS SHIELD ASSEMBLY** Included in plastic bag (co-pack). **MUST** be installed on unit before use, see Assembly Instructions. Shield assembly includes the Cut-Off Knife. Mounts on the Gear Housing Assembly just above the cutting attachment. Helps protect the operator by deflecting debris produced during the trimming operation.
- 7. CUT-OFF KNIFE Trims line to the correct length.
- 8. **THROTTLE TRIGGER** Spring loaded to return to idle when released. During acceleration, press trigger gradually for best operating technique.
- 9. STOP SWITCH "TOGGLE SWITCH" mounted on the engine. Move switch UP to RUN, DOWN to STOP.
- 10. ARM REST Provides arm rest during operation and protects arm from hot engine.
- 11. **MUFFLER SPARK ARRESTOR** The muffler controls the exhaust noise while the spark arrestor prevents hot particles of carbon from leaving leaving the muffler where they could possibly start a fire.
- 12. **FUEL TANK** Contains fuel and fuel filter.
- 13. **RECOIL STARTER HANDLE** Pull handle slowly until recoil starter engages, then quickly and firmly. When engine starts, return handle slowly. DO NOT let handle snap back or damage to unit will occur.
- 14. FUEL TANK CAP Cover and seals fuel tank opening.
- 15. **PRIMER BULB** Pumping primer bulb before starting engine draws fresh fuel from the fuel tank priming the carburetor for starting. Pump primer bulb until fuel is visible and flows freely in the clear fuel tank return line. Pump bulb an additional 4 or 5 times.
- 16. AIR CLEANER Contains replaceable filter element.
- 17. **CHOKE** Located above the air cleaner housing. Controls operation of choke. Move choke to starting position (Close Choke) and back to run position (Open Choke).
- 18. **SPARK PLUG** Provides spark to ignite fuel mixture.
- SAFETY VIDEO (Not included with unit) P/N 99922202540 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.

## **S**PECIFICATIONS

MODEL	GT-201R				
Length	1400 mm (55.1 in.)				
Width	330 mm (13.0 in.)				
Height	360 mm (14.2 in.)				
Weight (dry) w/Cutter Head	4.6 kg (10.1 lb.)				
Engine Type	Air cooled, two-stroke, single cylinder gasoline engine				
Bore	32.2 mm (1.27 in.)				
Stroke	26.0 mm (1.02 in.)				
Displacement	21.2 cc (1.29 cu. in.)				
Exhaust System	Spark Arrestor Muffler w/catalyst				
Carburetor	Zama diaphragm model C1U w/primer				
Ignition System	Flywheel magneto, capacitor discharge				
Spark Plug	NGK BPM-7A Gap 0.65 mm (0.026 in.)				
Fuel	Mixed (Gasoline and Two-stroke Oil)				
Fuel/Oil Ratio	50:1 ECHO High Performance, two-stroke air cooled engine oi				
Gasoline	89 Octane unleaded. DO NOT use fuel containing methyl alcohol, more than 10% ethyl alcohol or 15% MTBE.				
Oil	50:1 ECHO High Performance, two-stroke air cooled engine oil				
Fuel Tank Capacity	0.45 lit. (15.2 US fl. oz.)				
Starter System	Automatic Rewind Starter				
Clutch	Centrifugal Type				
Drive Shaft	1/4" Flex Shaft				
Rotating Direction	ction Clockwise viewed from top				
Cutter Head	Nylon line head (2-line) with .080 Line capacity 203 mm (8 in.)				
Handle	Left - D-Loop, Right - Grip				
Shoulder Harness	Optional P/N 99944200201				
ldle Speed (RPM)	2400 - 3200 RPM				
Wide Open Throttle Speed (W.O.T.) with Nylon Line Head (RPM)	6800 - 7500 RPM				

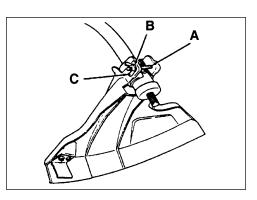


## ASSEMBLY

## PLASTIC SHIELD

Tools Required: None

- 1. Snap the shield over the bearing housing.
- 2. Install bolt (A), washer (B) and wing nut (C).



## NYLON LINE HEAD

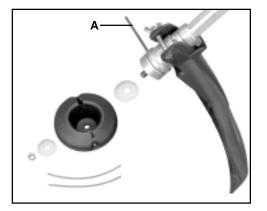
Tools Required: Head Locking Tool, 9/16 in. Socket

Parts Required: Rapid Loader<sup>TM</sup> Head.

- 1. Remove plastic threaded shaft sleeve and adapter plate from PTO shaft.
- 2. Align locating hole in upper plate with hole in bearing housing and insert 1/8 in. diameter locking tool (A).
- 3. Place large washer then line head on threaded shaft followed by small metal washer and locknut.
- 4. Tighten locknut securely.

## **IMPORTANT**

Remember to remove the locking tool.



## NYLON LINE INSTALLATION

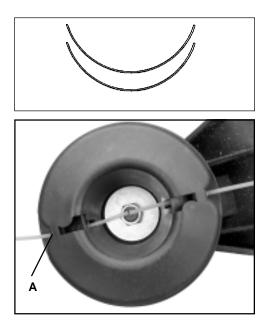
Tools Required: None

Parts Required: Two (2) Pre-cut Nylon Line 8 in. X .080 in.

- 1. Shut engine off. Lay unit on the ground with head assembly up.
- 2. Remove old nylon line through center recess of head.
- 3. Thread new lines through outside holes (A) in housing until ends meet in center of recess.

NOTE

Insert cutting line ends to center of head recess to insure easy removal of used lines.

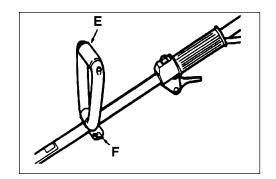


## FRONT (LOOP) HANDLE

#### NOTE

Front handle is pre-installed. Re-positioning and tightening is all that is required.

1. Position front handle (E) in comfortable operating position and tighten wing nut (F). The cutting attachment should be 5-7.5 cm (2-3 in.) above the ground and as level as possible.





# PRE - OPERATION

#### Fuel Requirements

**Gasoline** - Use 89 Octane  $\begin{bmatrix} R+M \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  (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 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 theCalifornia Emission Defect Warranty Explanation.)

#### IMPORTANT

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

#### **Mixing Instructions**

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

#### Handling Fuel

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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 der pressure. Always loosen fuel caps slowly allowing pressu p equalize.
- NEVER refuel a unit w the engine is HOT!
- NEVER refuel a unit w he engine running.
  DO NOT fill fuel tanks oors. ALWAYS fill fuel tanks
- DO NOT fill fuel tanks outdoors over bare group
- Securely tighten fuel caInspect for fuel leakage
- operate unit until leakage

#### IMPORTANT

Spilled fuel is a leading cause of hydrocarbon emissions. Some states may require the use of automatic fuel shut-off containers to reduce fuel spillage. Contact your ECHO dealer for ordering information.

#### After refueling;

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

#### After use;

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

#### Storage -

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

#### IMPORTANT

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

#### IMPORTANT

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

fter refueling. fuel leakage is found, do not start or repaired.

## **O**PERATION

## STARTING COLD ENGINE



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

#### NOTE

Refer to the Grass Trimmer / Brush Cutter Safety Manual for proper and safe trimming techniques.

- 1. *Stop Switch* Move stop switch button (A) away from the STOP position.
- 2. Choke

Move choke (B) to "Cold Start" Position.

3. Primer

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

# WARNING A DANGER

Inspect starting area for hazards such as rocks, glass, debris etc. which could be thrown by the cutting attachment when starting. Keep helpers and bystanders at least 15m (50 feet) from starting area, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

4. Recoil Starter

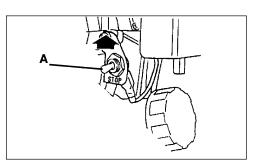
Lay the trimmer on a flat clear area. Firmly grasp throttle grip with left hand and fully depress throttle trigger to wide open position. Rapidly pull recoil starter handle/rope (D) until engine fires (maximum five [5] pulls).

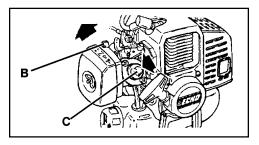
5. After engine fires or five (5) pulls, move choke lever back to "Run" position. Hold throttle trigger fully depressed and pull starter handle/rope until engine starts and runs. Release throttle trigger and allow unit to warm up at idle for several minutes.

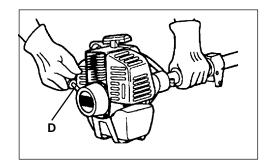
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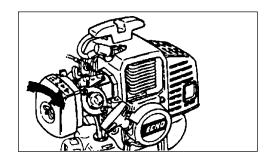
If engine does not start with choke in "Run" position after 5 pulls, repeat instructions.

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











## STARTING WARM ENGINE

# WARNING A DANGER

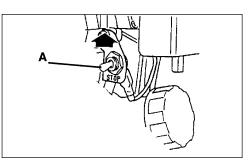
The cutting attachment should not rotate at idle. If attachment rotates, readjust carburetor according to "Carburetor Adjustment" instructions in this manual or see your ECHO Dealer, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

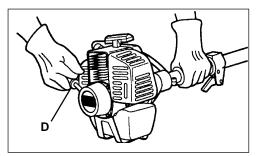
- 1. *Stop Switch* Move stop switch button (A) away from the STOP position.
- 2. Recoil Starter

Lay the trimmer 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.



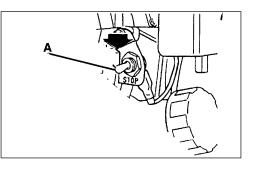


## **STOPPING ENGINE**

- 1. *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 trimmer again.



## MAINTENANCE

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

## SKILL LEVEL

- **Level 1** = Easy to do. Most required tools come with unit.
- Level 2 = Moderate difficulty. Some specialized tools may be required.

Level 3 = Experience required. Specialized tools are required. ECHO recommends that the unit be returned to your ECHO dealer for servicing.

ECHO offers **REPOWER<sup>™</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.

Component/System	Maintenance Procedure	Daily or Before Use	Every Refuel	3 Months or 90 Hours	6 Months or 270 Hours	Yearly
Air Filter	Inspect / Replace	I/C		R *		
Fuel Strainer	Inspect / Replace			I		R
Fuel Line	Inspect / Replace	I	I			
Carburetor	Inspect / Clean / Replace				I/C	R (1)
Choke System	Inspect / Clean / Replace	I/C				
Cooling System	Inspect / Clean	I/C				
Muffler Spark Arrestor	Inspect / Clean			I/C		
Drive Shaft (Flex Cable Models)	Grease			I (2)		
Starter Rope	Inspect / Clean	I				
Fuel Leaks	Inspect / Repair	I	I			
Spark Plug	Clean / Replace			I/C	R *	
Screws/Nuts/Bolts	Inspect / Tighten / Replace	I				

## **MAINTENANCE INTERVALS**

I = Inspect / R = Replace / C = Clean

IMPORTANT

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

(1) Replacement will be required for commercial use yearly. For Consumer use, cleaning every 6 months is required. Cleaning includes Rebuild Kits.

(2) Apply ECHO<sub> $\odot$ </sub> LUBE<sup>TM</sup> every 25 hours of use.

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



## **AIR FILTER**

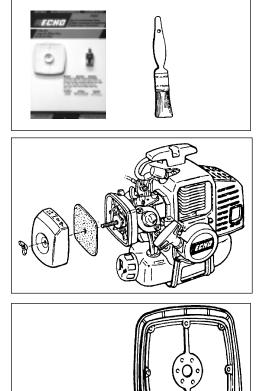
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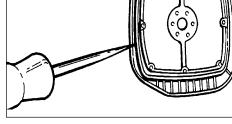
*Parts required:* 90008 REPOWER<sup>™</sup>AIR & FUEL FILTER KIT.

- 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 cleaner area.
- 2. Remove the air cleaner cover. Clean and inspect the element for damage. If element is fuel soaked and very dirty, replace.
- 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. See Carburetor Adjustment Section.





## FUEL FILTER

Level 1.

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

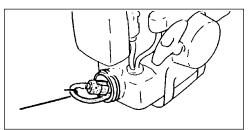
Parts required: 90008 REPOWER<sup>™</sup> AIR & FUEL FILTER KIT



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.





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

## SPARK PLUG

#### Level 2.

*Tools Required:* Spark Plug socket wrench and screw driver, Feeler gauge, preferably a wire gauge.

Parts Required: 90064 REPOWER™ TUNE-UPKIT

- 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 SYSTEMS CLEANING**

#### Level 2.

*Tools required:* Cross Head Screwdriver, 3 mm Hexagon wrench, Pointed Wood Stick, Cleaning Brush, 25-50 mm (1-2 in.) medium bristle paint 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:

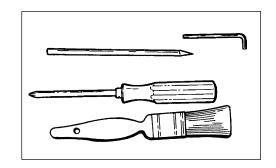
- Air intakes are blocked, preventing cooling air from reaching the cylinder.
- Dust and grass build up on the outside of the cylinder. This build up insulates the engine and prevents the heat from leaving.

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

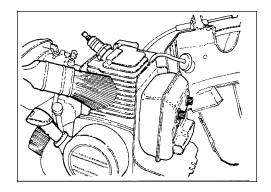
- 1. Remove spark plug lead and throttle linkage end from the carburetor swivel.
- 2. Remove the four screws that retain the cover. Two at the top of the Recoil Starter, two on either side of the front. Lift the cover from the engine and lay to the front of the trimmer.

#### NOTE

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



0.65 mm (0.026 in.)

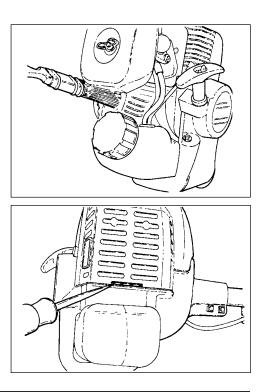




#### IMPORTANT

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 grid between the starter and fuel tank.
- 5. When installing the cover, be certain the tab of the metal deflector shield is in the slot of the cover.



## **EXHAUST SYSTEM**

#### Spark Arrestor Screen

#### Level 2.

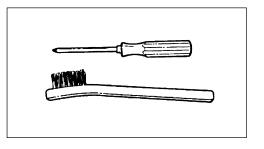
Tools Required: Cross Head Screwdriver. Soft metal brush.

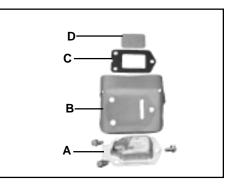
Parts Required: Screen P/N14586240630, Gasket Lid P/N14586642031



During operation the muffler or catalytic muffler and surrounding cover become hot. Always keep exhaust area clear of flammable debris during transportation or when storing, otherwise serious property damage or personal injury may result.

- 1. Remove spark arrestor screen cover (A), gaskets (B) and (C), and screen (D) from muffler body.
- 2. Clean carbon deposits from screen (D) and muffler components.
- 3. Replace screen if it is cracked, plugged or has holes burned through.
- 4. Assemble components in reverse order.





## CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT

#### Level 2.

Tools required: Screwdriver, Tachometer (ECHOP/N99051130017).

Parts required: None.

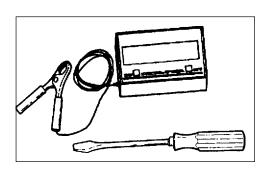
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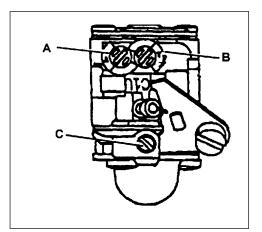
Every unit is run at the factory and the carburetor is set in compliance and California Emission Regulations. In addition, the carburetor is equipped with a HI needle adjustment limiter that prevents settings outside acceptable limits.

- 1. Before adjusting the carburetor, clean or replace the air filter and spark arrester screen.
- 2. The trimmer line should be new.
- 3. Start engine and run for several minutes to reach operating temperature.
- 4. Stop engine. Turn HI speed needle (A) CCW (counter clockwise) to stop. Turn LO speed needle (B) midway between full CCW and CW (clockwise) stops.
- 5. Idle Speed Adjustment.
  - Start engine and turn "idle" speed adjustment screw (C) CW until the blades begin to turn, then turn the screw CCW until blades stop turning. Turn screw CCW an additional 1/4 turn.
- 6. 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 needle (B) CCW an additional 1/8 turn and repeat acceleration. Continue adjusting until smooth acceleration results.
- Check HI speed RPM at W.O.T. (Wide Open Throttle). HI speed RPM should be set to specifications found on page 9 "Specifications" of this manual.
- Check idle speed and reset if necessary. If a tachometer is available, idle speed should be set to the specification found on page 9 "Specifications" of this manual.



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









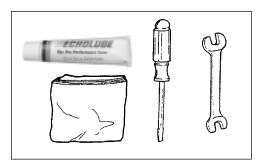
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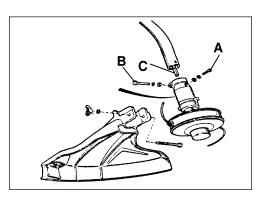
#### Level 1.

Tools Required: 8mm Open End Wrench, Screwdriver, Clean Rag.

*Parts Required:* ECHO<sub> $\otimes$ </sub>LUBE<sup>TM</sup>8 oz. (P/N 91014) or Lithium Base Grease.

- 1. Remove plastic shield.
- 2. Loosen bearing housing locating screw (A), at the top of the housing, remove mounting screw (B).
- 3. Pull the flexible drive shaft (C) from the housing, wipe clean and recoat with a thin coating [1/2 oz. (15 ml)] of grease.
- 4. Slide the flexible drive shaft back in the drive housing being careful not to get dirt on the flexible drive shaft.
- 5. Install the bearing housing and shield.





## TROUBLESHOOTING

	EN		UBLESHOOTING 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	
		No fuel at cylinder	Carburetor	See your Echo dealer	
	Fuel at cylinder	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	
	Air filter	Air filter dirty	Normal wear	Clean or replace	
Engine runs, but dies or does not	Fuel filter	Fuel filter dirty	Contaminants/residues in fuel	Replace	
	Fuel vent	Fuel vent plugged	Contaminants/residues in fuel	Clean or replace	
	Spark Plug	Plug dirty/worn	Normal wear	Clean and adjust or replace	
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 near an open spark plug opening, otherwise serious personal injury may result.



## **S**TORAGE

Long Term Storage (over 30 days)



During operation the muffler or catalytic muffler and surrounding cover become hot. Always keep exhaust area clear of flammable debris during transportation or when storing, otherwise serious property damage or personal injury may result.

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

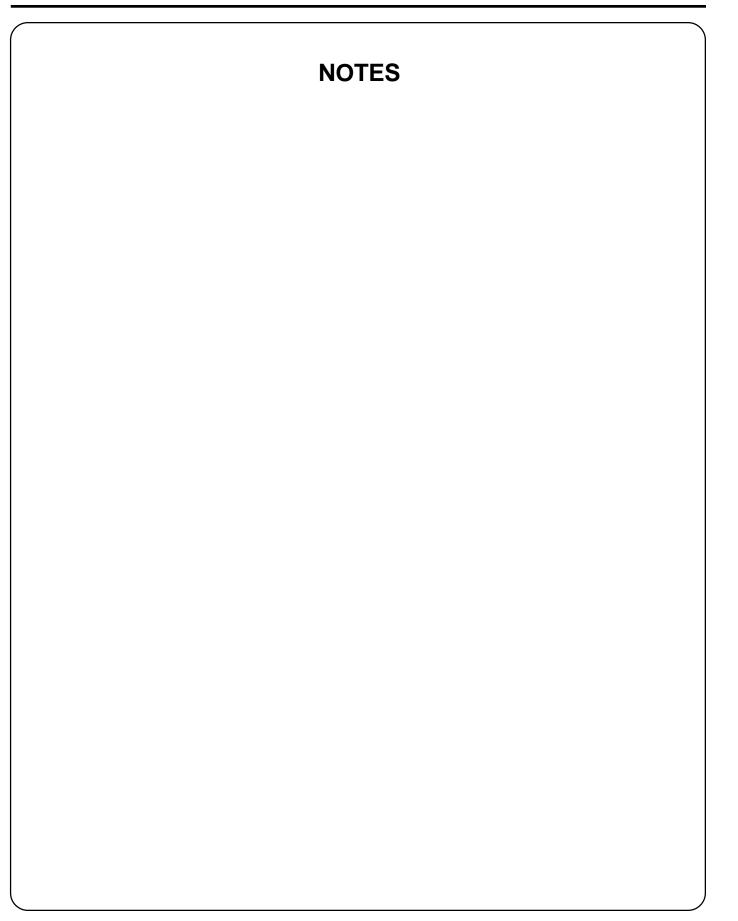
1. Store unit in a dry, dust free place, out of the reach of children.



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

- 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. 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 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 it's travel and leave it there.
- 8. Install the spark plug (do not connect spark plug cable).



## **S**ERVICING INFORMATION

## PARTS

Genuine ECHO Parts and ECHO REPOWER<sup>™</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, Type 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. \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_SN. \_\_\_\_

## SERVICE

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

## ECHO CONSUMER PRODUCT SUPPORT

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

## WARRANTY REGISTRATION

You may register your Echo equipment using the warranty registration card or register on-line at www.echo-usa.com. 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.
- Sending a check or money order for \$2.00 per Parts Catalog or \$1.50 per Operator's Manual made payable to ECHO, INCORPORATED. State on a sheet of paper the model number and serial number of the ECHO unit you have, part number of the manual (if known), your name and address and mail to address below.

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

Available Parts Catalog

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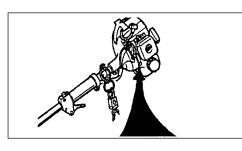
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## SUPPLEMENT TO OPERATOR'S MANUAL

\* Some Echo units may be factory pre-assembled. The nylon line head, plastic debris shield, and mounting hardware shown in the contents list are pre-assembled to the unit. No assembly tools are needed. The front handle may need to be re-positioned for comfortable operation.

## **GT CONTENT LIST**

- \* - Rapid Loader<sup>TM</sup> 2-line Head
- \* - Shield Assembly
- \* - Line Head Mount Hardware
- \* - 1,3/8-24 Locknut \*

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- 1, Small Washer
- 1, Large Washer
- 12,8 in.x.080 Pre-cut Nylon Line
- 1, Locking Tools, P/N 89751801131

## SRM CONTENT LIST

- 1, Nylon Trimmer Head - 1, wrench 17x19, P/N 89541008030 - 1, locking tool, P/N 89751801131 --1, Plastic shield --1, shield plate --3, 5mm x 15mm screws (shield mtg.)

# SUPLEMENTO DEL MANUAL DEL OPERADOR

\* Algunas unidades pueden venir ya montadas de fábrica. La cabeza del hilo de nilón, proyector de plástico contra residuos y la tornilleria de montaje, mostrados en la lista del contenido, vienen ya montados en la unidad. No se necesita ninguna herramienta de montaje. Tal vez sea necesario volver a ubicar solamente la empuñadura delantera para facilitar la operación.

## LISTA DE CONTENIDO DE GT

- \* - Cabeza Rapid Loader<sup>TM</sup> de 1 hilo \*
  - Conjunto de protector
- \* - Tornilleria de montaje de la cabeza de línea
  - 1, tuerca de traba de 3/8-24
- \* - 1, arandela pequeña
- \* - 1, arandela grande
- \* - 12, hilo de nilón precortado de 8 pulg. x 0,080
  - 1, herramientas de traba, P/N 89751801131

## LISTA DE CONTENIDO DE SRM

- 1, cabeza recortadora de nilón
- 1.llave17x19.N/P89541008030
  - 1, herramienta de traba, N/P 89751801131
  - —1, protector de plástico
    - -3, tornillos de 5 mm x 15 mm (de montaje del protector)

# SUPPLÉMENT AU MANUEL DE L'OPÉRATEUR

\* Certains modèles sont assembles en usine. La tête de coupe à ligne nylon, le pare-débris en plastique et la boulonnerie de montage illustrée dans la liste des pièces sont installés sur l'outil. Aucun outil d'assemblage n'est requis. Il peut toutefois être nécessaire d'ajuster la poignée avant pour assurer le confort d'utilisation.

## LISTE DU CONTENU - GT

- \* - Tête 2 lignes Rapid Loader<sup>TM</sup>
- \* - Pare-débris
- \* - Boulonnerie de montage de la tête à ligne
- \* - Écrou de blocage de 3/8-24
- \* - 1 petite rondelle
- 1 grosse rondelle
- \* - 12 lignes nylon précoupées de 8 x 0,080 po
- \* - 1, outils de blocage réf. 89751801131

## LISTE DU CONTENU - SRM

- 1 tête de coupe à ligne nylon
  - (1) joints, réf. 89541008030
- 1 outil de blocage, réf. 89751801131
- -1 pare-débris en plastique
- -1 plaque de pare-débris
- -3 vis 5 mm x 15 mm (pare-débris)

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- - -1, placa protectora

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