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Serial Number ___________________________  Purchase Date ___________________________

Questions, problems, missing parts? Before returning to your retailer, call our customer service department at 1-888-3KOBALT (1-888-356-2258), 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., EST, Monday - Friday.
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## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

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<th>COMPONENTS</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Cordless, battery-operated</td>
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<td>Blade length</td>
<td>24 in.</td>
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<td>Cutting capacity</td>
<td>3/4 in.</td>
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<td>Reciprocating speed</td>
<td>2,800 SPM</td>
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<td>Weight (without battery)</td>
<td>5.49 lbs.</td>
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PACKAGE CONTENTS

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<td>Hedge Trimmer</td>
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<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>Scabbard</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>C</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>Charger</td>
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Some of the following symbols may be used on this product. Please study them and learn their meaning. Proper interpretation of these symbols will allow you to operate the product better and safer.

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<th>EXPLANATION</th>
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<td>V</td>
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<td>A</td>
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<td>Hertz</td>
<td>Frequency (cycles per second)</td>
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<td>W</td>
<td>Watt</td>
<td>Power</td>
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<td>SPM</td>
<td>Strokes per minute</td>
<td>The number of back-and-forth strokes the blade makes per minute</td>
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<td>Alternating Current</td>
<td>Type of current</td>
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<td>Direct Current</td>
<td>Type or a characteristic of current</td>
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<td>Wet Conditions Alert</td>
<td>Do not expose to rain or use in damp locations</td>
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<td>Read the Operator’s Manual</td>
<td>To reduce the risk of injury, user must read and understand operator’s manual before using this product.</td>
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<td>Safety Alert</td>
<td>Precautions that involve your safety.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Keep Bystanders Away</td>
<td>Keep all bystanders at least 50 ft. away.</td>
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<td>Eye Protection</td>
<td>Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields and, as necessary, a full face shield when operating this product.</td>
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<td>Ricochet</td>
<td>Thrown objects can ricochet and result in personal injury or property damage.</td>
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<td>Sharp Blade</td>
<td>Do not install or use any type of blade on a product displaying this symbol.</td>
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### SYMBOLS

**Save these Instructions**

The following signal words and meanings are intended to explain the levels of risk associated with this product.

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<td>DANGER</td>
<td>Indicates an imminently hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.</td>
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<td>⚠️</td>
<td>WARNING</td>
<td>Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.</td>
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<td>CAUTION</td>
<td>Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.</td>
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<td>(Without Safety Alert Symbol) Indicates a situation that may result in property damage.</td>
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**WARNING**

- To avoid serious personal injury, do not attempt to use this product until you have read this Owner's Manual thoroughly and understand it completely. If you do not understand the warnings and instructions in this Owner's Manual, do not use this product. Call 1-888-356-2258 for assistance.

- The operation of any power tool can result in foreign objects being thrown into your eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Before beginning power tool operation, always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields and, when needed, a full face shield. We recommend a wide vision safety mask for use over eyeglasses or standard safety glasses with side shields. Always use eye protection which is marked to comply with ANSI Z87.1.
SAFETY INFORMATION

⚠️ WARNING
Read and understand all instructions. Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious personal injury.

Work area
- Keep your work area clean and well lit.
- Do not use in wet conditions.
- Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases, or dust. Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
- Keep bystanders, children, and visitors away while operating a power tool. Distractions can cause you to lose control.

Electrical safety
- A battery-operated tool with integral batteries or a separate battery must be recharged only with the specified charger for the battery. A charger that may be suitable for one type of battery may create a risk of fire when used with another battery.
- Use a battery-operated tool only with specified battery. Use of any other batteries may create a risk of fire.
- Use only 40 V Kobalt batteries.

Personal safety
- Stay alert, watch what you are doing, and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use tool while tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication. A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
- Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Keep your hair, clothing, and gloves away from moving parts.
- Be sure the Lock-out button and trigger switch are not depressed when inserting the battery.
- Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. Proper footing and balance enable better control of the tool in unexpected situations.

Always wear eye protection. A hedge trimmer can throw foreign objects into your eyes which could cause permanent eye damage. Always wear safety goggles with side shields that are marked to comply with ANSI Z87.1. Ordinary eyeglasses have only impact-resistant lenses; they are not safety goggles.

Tool use and care
- Do not use tool if switch does not turn it on or off. A tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- Remove battery from tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing the tool. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the tool accidentally.
SAFETY INFORMATION

• Store idle tools out of reach of children and other untrained persons. Tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
• When battery is not in use, keep it away from other metal objects like paper clips, coins, keys, nails, screws, or other small metal objects that can make a connection from one terminal to another. Shorting the battery terminals together may cause sparks, burns, or a fire.
• Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, and any other condition that may affect the tool’s operation. If damaged, have the tool serviced before using. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained tools.
• Use only accessories that are recommended by the manufacturer for your tool. Accessories that may be suitable for one tool may create a risk of injury when used on another tool.

Service
• Tool service must be performed only by qualified repair personnel. Service or maintenance performed by unqualified personnel may result in a risk of injury.
• When servicing a tool, use only identical replacement parts. Follow instructions in the Care and Maintenance section of this manual. Use of unauthorized parts or failure to follow Care and Maintenance instructions may create a risk of shock or injury.

For all garden tools
• Avoid dangerous environments. Don’t use tool in damp or wet locations.
• Don’t use in rain.
• Keep bystanders and children away while operating.
• Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Use of work gloves and substantial footwear is recommended when working outdoors.
• Don’t grasp the exposed cutting blades when picking up or holding the tool.
• Don’t force the tool. It will do the job better and with less likelihood of a risk of injury at the rate for which it was designed.
• Don’t overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
• When not in use, tool should be stored indoors in a dry, high, or locked-up place – out of reach of children.
• Maintain tool with care. Keep cutting blades clean for best performance and to reduce the risk of injury.
• Keep guards in place and in working order.
• Keep hands and feet away from cutting blades.
• Always use eye protection.

**DANGER**

If the hedge trimmer blade cuts or becomes caught in electrical cords or wires, do not touch the blade for any reason! It can be electrically live and cause serious or fatal injury! Release or drop the trimmer in the quickest, safest way. If possible, disconnect power to the electrical circuit affected, otherwise call an electrician, electrical contractor, or the power company for assistance. Failure to heed this danger warning will cause serious personal injury and possible death.

**WARNING**

Avoid serious injury: The blades coast after turning off. Always keep both hands on the hedge trimmer handles to prevent your hand from touching the blade.
• Make sure the hedge trimmer switch is off and the battery removed when clearing jammed material from blades. To avoid possible accidental start-ups, remove or disconnect the battery before servicing, cleaning, or removing material from the hedge trimmer.
SAFETY INFORMATION

• Do not operate the hedge trimmer when you are tired or your visibility is limited. Do not use the trimmer at night or in reduced light.
• Keep the handles dry, clean, and free from oil and grease.
• Do not use the hedge trimmer if the handle guard is damaged.

⚠️ DANGER
To avoid serious injury, risk of fire, explosion and danger of electric shock or electrocution:
• Do not probe the charger with conductive materials. The charging terminals hold 120 V.
• If the battery case is cracked or damaged, DO NOT insert into the charger or tool. Replace the battery.
• Do not charge these batteries with any other type of charger.
• Do not allow liquid inside the charger.
• Do not try to use the charger for any other purpose than what is presented in this manual.

⚠️ WARNING (PROPOSITION 65)
Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling, and other construction activities contains chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:
• Lead from lead-based paints
• Crystalline silica from bricks and cement and other masonry products, and
• Arsenic and chromium from chemically treated lumber.

Your risk of exposure to these chemicals varies depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemicals, work in a well-ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment, such as dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.
SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING

Read and understand all instructions. Failure to follow safety rules listed below may result in electric shock, fire, and/or personal injury:

• Do not place the charger where the power cord might be stepped on, tripped on, or subjected to damage.

• A battery-operated tool with integral batteries or a separate battery must be recharged only with the specified charger for the battery. A charger that may be suitable for one type of battery may create a risk of fire when used with another battery.

• Use a battery-operated tool only with the specifically designated battery. Use of any other batteries may create a risk of fire.

GROUNDING

In the event of a malfunction or breakdown, grounding provides the path of least resistance for electric current, and reduces the risk of electric shock.

This battery charger is double insulated and has a two-prong polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. DO NOT change the plug in any way. IN ALL cases make sure the outlet is properly grounded. If you are not sure, have a certified electrician check the power outlet.
PREPARATION

Make sure all parts are present. Compare parts with package contents list. If any part is missing or damaged, do not attempt to assemble the product.

Remove the hedge trimmer from the box, then remove scabbard and place the charged battery in the hedge trimmer before beginning operation.

Estimated Assembly Time: 2 minutes

UNPACKING

• This product requires no assembly.
• Carefully remove the product and any accessories from the box. Make sure that all items listed in the Package Contents list are included.
• Inspect the product carefully to make sure no breakage or damage occurred during shipping.
• Do not discard the packing material until you have carefully inspected and satisfactorily operated the product.
• If any parts are damaged or missing, please call 1-888-3KOBALT (1-888-356-2258) for assistance.

KNOW YOUR HEDGE TRIMMER

![Diagram of hedge trimmer with parts labeled]

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<td>Lock-out button</td>
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<td>G</td>
<td>Trigger switch</td>
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<tr>
<td>H</td>
<td>Blade</td>
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<td>I</td>
<td>Blade support rod</td>
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<td>J</td>
<td>Guard</td>
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<td>Battery release button</td>
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<td>L</td>
<td>Trigger handle</td>
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KNOW YOUR HEDGE TRIMMER

The safe use of this product requires an understanding of the information on the product and in this operator’s manual as well as a knowledge of the project you are attempting. Before use of this product, familiarize yourself with all operating features and safety rules.

Guard
The guard (J) helps prevent the operator’s hands from slipping into the blades.

Trigger switch
The lock-out button (F) must be pressed either to the left or the right before the trigger switch (G) can be depressed. The lock-out button (F) can be released after the tool has started.

WARNING
To avoid personal injury:
• Handle the blade with care.
• Do not place your fingers or hand between the notches in the blade or in any position where they could get pinched or cut.
• Never service the blade or hedge trimmer unless the battery is removed.
• Always keep both hands on the hedge trimmer handles to prevent your hand from touching the blade.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

BATTERY

IMPORTANT: The battery may not be fully charged when purchased. Before using the hedge trimmer for the first time, place the battery in the battery charger and charge. Make sure to read all safety precautions, and follow the instructions in the battery and charger manuals.

To install the battery:
1. Align the battery (C) with the cavity in the housing.
2. Insert battery in the housing until battery release button (K) locks into place. You should hear a “click” once it is installed.

To remove the battery:
1. Press the battery release button (K) on the hedge trimmer.
   This will cause the battery to raise out of the tool slightly.
2. Grasp the hedge trimmer firmly and pull the battery out of the tool.
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

⚠️ WARNING
Follow these instructions in order to avoid injury and to reduce the risk of electric shock or fire:
• Replace the battery or the charger immediately if the battery case or charger cord is damaged.
• Verify that the trigger switch is in the OFF position before inserting or removing the battery.
• Verify that the battery is removed and the trigger switch is in the OFF position before inspecting, adjusting, or performing maintenance on any part of the hedge trimmer.
• Read, understand, and follow the instructions contained in the charger manual.

On/Off Switches
The hedge trimmer has one switch control and a lock-out button used together to prevent accidental start-ups or injury.

1. Place one hand on the trigger handle (L). Place the other hand on the auxiliary handle (E).
2. Press the lock-out button (F) toward the handle and hold.
3. Squeeze the trigger switch (G). The hedge trimmer will turn ON.
4. Release the lock-out button (F). The hedge trimmer will stay on as long as the trigger switch (G) on the trigger handle (L) is squeezed ON.
5. The hedge trimmer will stop if you release the trigger switch (G).

⚠️ IMPORTANT: If the hedge trimmer is accidentally dropped, the unit will turn off and the blades will coast to a stop. The hedge trimmer will then be locked off.
Hedge Trimmer Blade Maintenance

**Note:** Before performing maintenance, remove the battery from the hedge trimmer.

1. Remove dirt and debris from blades using a small dry paint brush or equivalent (not included).

2. Clean blades by spraying an appropriate degreaser (not included) on the blades and cutting bar.

3. After heavy use, it is recommended to thoroughly check your blades for deformation or imperfections and, if required, file edges to provide a sharper cut. If necessary, it is recommended to take it to a qualified technician to help sharpen blades. Always use a metal file (not included).
CARE AND MAINTENANCE

4. After each blade is sharpened, it is required to apply a light machine oil or lithium based spray-on grease (not included) to the blades.

TROUBLESHOOTING

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<th>POSSIBLE CAUSE</th>
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<td>Motor fails to start when trigger switch is depressed.</td>
<td>1. Battery is not secure.</td>
<td>1. To secure the battery, make sure the latch on the top of the battery compartment snap into place.</td>
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<td>2. Battery is not charged.</td>
<td>2. Charge the battery according to the instructions included with your model.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motor runs, but cutting blades do not move.</td>
<td>1. Hedge trimmer damaged.</td>
<td>1. Call for technical service.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hedge trimmer smokes during operation.</td>
<td>1. Hedge trimmer damaged.</td>
<td>2. Do not use hedge trimmer.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motor hums, blades do not move.</td>
<td>1. Debris or other may be jamming the blades</td>
<td>1. Remove battery, clear debris blockage from blades.</td>
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WARRANTY

5-YEAR HASSLE-FREE WARRANTY
This Kobalt 40 V Hedge Trimmer is warranted to the original purchaser from the original purchase date for five (5) years subject to the warranty coverage described herein. This Kobalt 40 V Hedge Trimmer is warranted for the original user to be free from defects in material and workmanship.
If you believe that the Kobalt 40 V Hedge Trimmer is defective at any time during the specified warranty period, simply return the 40 V Hedge Trimmer along with proof of purchase to the place of purchase for a free replacement or refund, or call 1-888-3KOBALT (1-888-356-2258) for warranty service.
This warranty is void if: defects in materials or workmanship or damages result from repairs or alterations which have been made or attempted by others or the unauthorized use of nonconforming parts; the damage is due to normal wear, damage is due to abuse (including overloading of the tool beyond capacity), improper maintenance, neglect or accident; or the damage is due to the use of the tool after partial failure or use with improper accessories or unauthorized repair or alteration.
This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights that vary from state to state.
REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST

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