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**INSTRUCTION MANUAL
GUIDE D'UTILISATION
MANUAL DE INSTRUCCIONES**

INSTRUCTIVO DE OPERACIÓN, CENTROS DE SERVICIO Y PÓLIZA DE GARANTÍA. **ADVERTENCIA:** LÉASE ESTE INSTRUCTIVO ANTES DE USAR EL PRODUCTO.

DEWALT®

**DCHT860 40V Max* Lithium Hedge Trimmer
Taille-haie au lithium-ion de 40 V max.* DCHT860
Cortasetos con batería de iones de litio de 40 V Máx* DCHT860**

Definitions: Safety Guidelines

The definitions below describe the level of severity for each signal word. Please read the manual and pay attention to these symbols.

⚠DANGER: Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **will** result in **death or serious injury**.

⚠WARNING: Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **could** result in **death or serious injury**.

⚠CAUTION: Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **may** result in **minor or moderate injury**.

NOTICE: Indicates a practice **not** related to **personal injury** which, if not avoided, **may** result in **property damage**.

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WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury, read the instruction manual.

General Power Tool Safety Warnings



WARNING! Read all safety warnings and all instructions. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

SAVE ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

The term "power tool" in the warnings refers to your mains-operated (corded) power tool or battery-operated (cordless) power tool.

1) WORK AREA SAFETY

- a) **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.

- b) **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.
- c) **Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

2) ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- a) **Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adapter plugs with earthed (grounded) power tools.** Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.
- b) **Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators.** There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is earthed or grounded.
- c) **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- d) **Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the power tool. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts.** Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.
- e) **When operating a power tool outdoors, use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use.** Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.
- f) **If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected supply.** Use of a GFCI reduces the risk of electric shock.

3) PERSONAL SAFETY

- a) **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication.** A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.

- b) **Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Protective equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
- c) **Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the off position before connecting to power source and/or battery pack, picking up or carrying the tool.** Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or energizing power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.
- d) **Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on.** A wrench or a key left attached to a rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury.
- e) **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
- f) **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- g) **If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used.** Use of dust collection can reduce dust-related hazards.

4) POWER TOOL USE AND CARE

- a) **Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application.** The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- b) **Do not use the power tool if the switch does not turn it on and off.** Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- c) **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or the battery pack from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power**

tools. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.

- d) **Store idle power tools out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool.** Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- e) **Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tool's operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.
- f) **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- g) **Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits, etc. in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed.** Use of the power tool for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.

5) BATTERY TOOL USE AND CARE

- a) **Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer.** A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another battery pack.
- b) **Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs.** Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
- c) **When battery pack 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 burns or a fire.
- d) **Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery, avoid contact. If contact accidentally occurs,**

flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, additionally seek medical help. Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.

6) SERVICE

- a) *Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts. This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.*

Hedge Trimmer Safety Warnings

- **Keep all parts of the body away from the cutter blade. Do not remove cut material or hold material to be cut when blades are moving. Make sure the switch is off when clearing jammed material. Blades coast after turn off.** A moment of inattention while operating the hedge trimmer may result in serious personal injury.
- **Carry the hedge trimmer by the handle with the cutter blade stopped.** Proper handling of the hedge trimmer will reduce possible personal injury from the cutter blades.

⚠ DANGER: **Keep hands away from blade.** Contact with blade will result in serious personal injury.

- **Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surfaces only, because the cutter blade may contact hidden wiring.** Cutter blades contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
- **Use both hands when operating the hedge trimmer. Using one hand could cause loss of control and result in serious personal injury.**
- **Keep extension cord away from cutting area.** During operation the extension cord may be hidden in shrubs and can be accidentally cut by the blade.
- **Check the hedge for foreign objects, e.g. wire fences.**

⚠ CAUTION: **Do not expose to rain.**

⚠ WARNING: Remove plug from the outlet immediately if the extension cord becomes damaged or cut.

⚠ WARNING: Some dust created by this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:

- compounds in fertilizers
- compounds in insecticides, herbicides and pesticides
- arsenic and chromium from chemically treated lumber

To reduce your exposure to these chemicals, wear approved safety equipment such as dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

- The label on your tool may include the following symbols. The symbols and their definitions are as follows:

V.....	volts	(double insulated)
A.....	amperes	.../min per minute
Hz.....	hertz	RPM revolutions per minute
W.....	watts	⊕ earthing terminal
min	minutes	⚠ safety alert symbol
~ or AC.....	alternating current	CSPM..... cut strokes per minute
— or DC...	direct current	
Ⓛ.....	Class I Construction (grounded)	
n ₀	no load speed	
Ⓜ.....	Class II Construction	

Important Safety Instructions for All Battery Packs

When ordering replacement battery packs, be sure to include the catalog number and voltage. Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of chargers and battery packs.

The battery pack is not fully charged out of the carton. Before using the battery pack and charger, read the safety instructions below and then follow charging procedures outlined.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Do not charge or use the battery pack in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust.** Inserting or removing the battery pack from the charger may ignite the dust or fumes.
- **NEVER force the battery pack into the charger. DO NOT modify the battery pack in any way to fit into a non-compatible charger as battery pack may rupture causing serious personal injury.** Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of batteries and chargers.
- Charge the battery packs only in designated DEWALT chargers.
- **DO NOT** splash or immerse in water or other liquids. If appliance does get wet, allow to dry for a minimum of 48 hours before using.
- **Do not store or use the tool and battery pack in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 105 °F (40 °C) (such as outside sheds or metal buildings in summer).** For best life store battery packs in a cool, dry location.

NOTE: Do not store the battery packs in a tool with the trigger switch locked on. Never tape the trigger switch in the ON position.

⚠ WARNING: Fire hazard. Never attempt to open the battery pack for any reason. If the battery pack case is cracked or

damaged, do not insert into the charger. Do not crush, drop or damage the battery pack. Do not use a battery pack or charger that has received a sharp blow, been dropped, run over or damaged in any way (e.g., pierced with a nail, hit with a hammer, stepped on). Damaged battery packs should be returned to the service center for recycling.

⚠ WARNING: Fire hazard. Do not store or carry the battery pack so that metal objects can contact exposed battery terminals. For example, do not place the battery pack in aprons, pockets, tool boxes, product kit boxes, drawers, etc., with loose nails, screws, keys, etc. **Transporting batteries can possibly cause fires if the battery terminals inadvertently come in contact with conductive materials such as keys, coins, hand tools and the like.** The US Department of Transportation Hazardous Material Regulations (HMR) actually prohibit transporting batteries in commerce or on airplanes (e.g., packed in suitcases and carry-on luggage) UNLESS they are properly protected from short circuits. So when transporting individual battery packs, make sure that the battery terminals are protected and well insulated from materials that could contact them and cause a short circuit.

Transportation

Your DEWALT batteries comply with all applicable shipping regulations as prescribed by industry and legal standards, including UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations, International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Regulations, and U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations. Lithium-ion cells and batteries have been tested to section 38.3 of the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Manual of Tests and Criteria.

The shipping or transportation of the battery in this product is restricted and may be classified as a Class 9 Hazardous material.

SHIPPING BY AIRPLANE (BY AIR) OR SHIP (BY SEA)

- Contact your carrier for up to date instructions. Have your contents (including the battery) with you when contacting them. The specifications written on them will be needed to prepare them for shipment, pack them in a compliant box, and properly label the box.

SHIPPING BY GROUND (HIGHWAY OR RAIL)

- The original product box and its packing material can be used for shipping by ground within the United States and Canada with the following stipulations:
 1. The battery and all other contents must be in their original packing materials and arranged as received (including the battery in its original plastic bag and battery box).
 2. The original product box and all other packing materials must be undamaged.
 3. The shipment must include a document which contains the following:
 - The package contains lithium-ion cells or batteries.
 - The package must be handled with care and that a flammability hazard exists if the package is damaged.
 - Special procedures should be followed in the event the package is damaged, to include inspection and repacking if necessary.
 - The telephone numbers for additional information (US and Canada 1-888-698-2571, Elsewhere +1-410-329-9200).
 - To ship by ground in a generic box, contact your carrier for up to date instructions. Have your contents (including the battery) with you when contacting them. The specifications written on them will be needed to prepare them for shipment, pack them in a compliant box, and properly label the box.

It is forbidden to fly with these batteries even if the batteries are in checked baggage.

The information provided in this section of the manual is provided in good faith and believed to be accurate at the time the document was created. However, no warranty, expressed or implied, is given. The shipper is responsible to comply with the applicable regulations.

SPECIFIC SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR LITHIUM ION (Li-Ion)

- **Do not incinerate the battery pack even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out.** The battery pack can explode in a fire. Toxic fumes and materials are created when lithium ion battery packs are burned.
- **If battery contents come into contact with the skin, immediately wash area with mild soap and water.** If battery liquid gets into the eye, rinse water over the open eye for 15 minutes or until irritation ceases. If medical attention is needed, the battery electrolyte is composed of a mixture of liquid organic carbonates and lithium salts.
- **Contents of opened battery cells may cause respiratory irritation.** Provide fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

⚠ WARNING: Burn hazard. Battery liquid may be flammable if exposed to spark or flame.

The RBRC™ Seal

The RBRC™ (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation) Seal on the nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium ion batteries (or battery packs) indicate that the costs to recycle these batteries (or battery packs) at the end of their useful life have already been paid by DEWALT. In some areas, it is illegal to place spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium ion batteries in the trash or municipal solid waste stream and the RBRC program provides an environmentally conscious alternative. RBRC™, in cooperation with DEWALT and other battery users, has established programs in the United States and Canada to facilitate



the collection of spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium ion batteries. Help protect our environment and conserve natural resources by returning the spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium ion batteries to an authorized DEWALT service center or to your local retailer for recycling. You may also contact your local recycling center for information on where to drop off the spent battery. RBRC™ is a registered trademark of the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation.

Important Safety Instructions for All Battery Chargers

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS: This manual contains important safety and operating instructions for battery chargers.

- Before using the charger, read all instructions and cautionary markings on the charger, battery pack and product using the battery pack.

⚠ WARNING: Shock hazard. Do not allow any liquid to get inside the charger. Electric shock may result.

⚠ CAUTION: Burn hazard. To reduce the risk of injury, charge only DEWALT rechargeable battery packs. Other types of batteries may overheat and burst resulting in personal injury and property damage.

NOTICE: Under certain conditions, with the charger plugged into the power supply, the charger can be shorted by foreign material. Foreign materials of a conductive nature, such as, but not limited to, grinding dust, metal chips, steel wool, aluminum foil or any buildup of metallic particles should be kept away from the charger cavities. Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug the charger before attempting to clean.

- **DO NOT attempt to charge the battery pack with any chargers other than the ones in this manual.** The charger and battery pack are specifically designed to work together.
- **These chargers are not intended for any uses other than charging DEWALT rechargeable batteries.** Any other uses may result in risk of fire, electric shock or electrocution.
- **Do not expose the charger to rain or snow.**
- **Pull by the plug rather than the cord when disconnecting the charger.** This will reduce the risk of damage to the electric plug and cord.
- **Make sure that the cord is located so that it will not be stepped on, tripped over or otherwise subjected to damage or stress.**
- **Do not use an extension cord unless it is absolutely necessary.** Use of improper extension cord could result in risk of fire, electric shock or electrocution.
- **When operating a charger outdoors, always provide a dry location and use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use.** Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.
- **An extension cord must have adequate wire size (AWG or American Wire Gauge) for safety.** The smaller the gauge number of the wire, the greater the capacity of the cable, that is, 16 gauge has more capacity than 18 gauge. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. When using more than one extension to make up the total length, be sure each individual extension contains at least the minimum wire size. The following table shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The lower the gauge number, the heavier the cord.

Minimum Gauge for Cord Sets						
Ampere Rating		Volts	Total Length of Cord in Feet (meters)			
		120V	25 (7.6)	50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	150 (45.7)
		240V	50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	200 (61.0)	300 (91.4)
More Than	Not More Than	AWG				
0	6		18	16	16	14
6	10		18	16	14	12
10	12		16	16	14	12
12	16		14	12	Not Recommended	

- **Do not place any object on top of the charger or place the charger on a soft surface that might block the ventilation slots and result in excessive internal heat.** Place the charger in a position away from any heat source. The charger is ventilated through slots in the top and the bottom of the housing.
- **Do not operate the charger with a damaged cord or plug.**
- **Do not operate the charger if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped or otherwise damaged in any way.** Take it to an authorized service center.
- **Do not disassemble the charger; take it to an authorized service center when service or repair is required.** Incorrect reassembly may result in a risk of electric shock, electrocution or fire.
- **Disconnect the charger from the outlet before attempting any cleaning.** This will reduce the risk of electric shock. Removing the battery pack will not reduce this risk.
- **NEVER** attempt to connect 2 chargers together.
- **The charger is designed to operate on standard 120V household electrical power. Do not attempt to use it on any other voltage.**

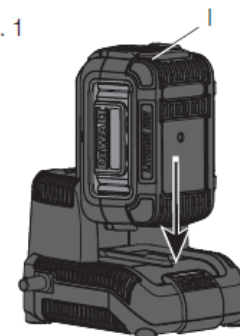
Chargers

Your tool uses a DEWALT charger. Be sure to read all safety instructions before using your charger. Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of chargers and battery packs.

Charging Procedure (Fig. 1)

1. Plug the charger into an appropriate outlet before inserting the battery pack.
2. Insert the battery pack (I) into the charger, as shown in Figure 1, making sure the pack is fully seated in charger. The red (charging) light will blink continuously, indicating that the charging process has started.
3. The completion of charge will be indicated by the red light remaining ON continuously. The pack is fully charged and may be used at this time or left in the charger.

FIG. 1



English

Indicator Light Operation

	PACK CHARGING	— — — — —
	PACK CHARGED	—————
	HOT/COLD DELAY	— • — • — • — •
	PROBLEM PACK OR CHARGER	• • • • •

Charge Indicators

This charger is designed to detect certain problems that can arise. Problems are indicated by the red light flashing at a fast rate. If this occurs, remove and then reinsert the battery pack into the charger. If the problem persists, try a different battery pack to determine if the charger is working properly. If the new pack charges correctly, then the original pack is defective and should be returned to a service center.

or other collection site for recycling. If the new battery pack elicits the same trouble indication as the original, have the charger and the battery pack tested at an authorized service center.

HOT/COLD DELAY

This charger has a hot/cold delay feature: when the charger detects a battery that is hot, it automatically starts a delay, suspending charging until the battery has cooled. After the battery has cooled, the charger automatically switches to the pack charging mode. This feature ensures maximum battery life. The red light flashes long, then short while in the hot/cold delay mode.

LEAVING THE BATTERY PACK IN THE CHARGER

The charger and battery pack can be left connected with the charge indicator showing Pack Charged.

WEAK BATTERY PACKS: Weak batteries will continue to function but should not be expected to perform as much work.

FAULTY BATTERY PACKS: This charger will not charge a faulty battery pack. The charger will indicate faulty battery pack by refusing to light or by displaying problem pack or charger.

NOTE: This could also mean a problem with a charger.

Important Charging Notes

1. Longest life and best performance can be obtained if the battery pack is charged when the air temperature is between 65 °F and 75 °F (18 °–24 °C). DO NOT charge the battery pack in an air temperature below +40 °F (+4.5 °C), or above +105 °F (+40.5 °C). This is important and will prevent serious damage to the battery pack.
2. The charger and battery pack may become warm to the touch while charging. This is a normal condition, and does not indicate a problem. To facilitate the cooling of the battery pack after use, avoid placing the charger or battery pack in a warm environment such as in a metal shed or an uninsulated trailer.

3. A cold battery pack will charge at about half the rate of a warm battery pack. The battery pack will charge at that slower rate throughout the entire charging cycle and will not return to maximum charge rate even if the battery pack warms.
4. If the battery pack does not charge properly:
 - a. Check operation of receptacle by plugging in a lamp or other appliance;
 - b. Check to see if receptacle is connected to a light switch which turns power off when you turn out the lights;
 - c. Move the charger and battery pack to a location where the surrounding air temperature is approximately 65 °F–75 °F (18 °–24 °C);
 - d. If charging problems persist, take the tool, battery pack and charger to your local service center.
5. The battery pack should be recharged when it fails to produce sufficient power on jobs which were easily done previously. DO NOT CONTINUE to use under these conditions. Follow the charging procedure. You may also charge a partially used pack whenever you desire with no adverse effect on the battery pack.
6. Foreign materials of a conductive nature such as, but not limited to, grinding dust, metal chips, steel wool, aluminum foil, or any buildup of metallic particles should be kept away from charger cavities. Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug the charger before attempting to clean.
7. Do not freeze or immerse the charger in water or any other liquid.

⚠ WARNING: *Shock hazard. Don't allow any liquid to get inside the charger. Electric shock may result.*

⚠ WARNING: *Burn hazard. Do not submerge the battery pack in any liquid or allow any liquid to enter the battery pack.*

Never attempt to open the battery pack for any reason. If the plastic housing of the battery pack breaks or cracks, return to a service center for recycling.

Storage Recommendations

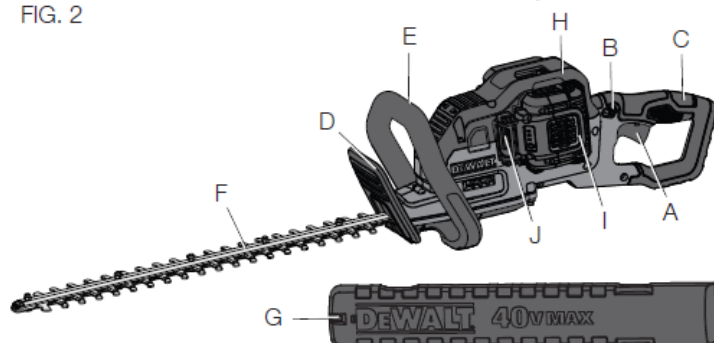
1. The best storage place is one that is cool and dry, away from direct sunlight and excess heat or cold.
2. For long storage, it is recommended to store a fully charged battery pack in a cool dry place out of the charger for optimal results.

NOTE: Battery packs should not be stored completely depleted of charge. The battery pack will need to be recharged before use.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Components (Fig. 2)

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| A. Trigger switch | F. Blade |
| B. Lock-off lever | G. Sheath |
| C. Switch handle | H. Battery housing |
| D. Blade guard | I. Battery pack |
| E. Bail handle | J. Battery release button |



OPERATION

Installing and Removing the Battery Pack (Fig. 3-4)

⚠ WARNING: Before removing or installing battery, make certain the lock-off lever is engaged to prevent switch actuation.

To install battery pack: Insert battery pack (I) into battery housing (H) as shown in Figure 3 until fully seated and an audible click is heard. Make sure battery pack is fully seated and fully latched into position.

FIG. 3

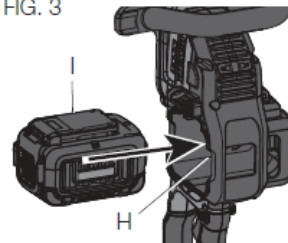
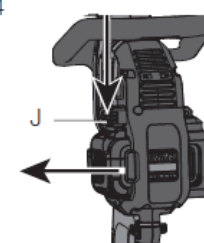


FIG. 4



To remove battery pack: Depress the battery release button (J) in the back of the battery housing and pull battery pack out of tool as shown in Figure 4.

FUEL GAUGE BATTERY PACKS (FIG. 5)

Some DEWALT battery packs include a fuel gauge which consists of three green LED lights that indicate the level of charge remaining in the battery pack.

To actuate the fuel gauge, press and hold the fuel gauge button (5A). A combination of the three green LED lights will illuminate designating

the level of charge left. When the level of charge in the battery is below the usable limit, the fuel gauge will not illuminate and the battery will need to be recharged.

NOTE: The fuel gauge is only an indication of the charge left on the battery pack. It does not indicate tool functionality and is subject to variation based on product components, temperature and end-user application.

For more information regarding fuel gauge battery packs, please call 1-800-4-DEWALT (1-800-433-9258) or visit our website www.dewalt.com.

Switch

To turn the unit on, push down on the the lock off lever (B), shown in Figure 6, and squeeze the trigger switch (A). Once the unit is running, you may release the lock off lever.

In order to keep the unit running you must continue to squeeze the trigger. To turn the unit off, release the trigger.

⚠ WARNING: *Never attempt to lock a switch in the ON position.*

⚠ CAUTION: *Do not cut stems greater than 3/4 inch (19 mm). Use the trimmer only for cutting normal shrubbery around houses and buildings.*

Trimming Instructions

1. **WORKING POSITION (fig. 7)** – Maintain proper footing and balance and do not overreach. Wear safety goggles, non-skid

FIG. 5

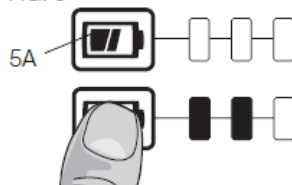
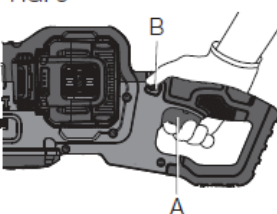


FIG. 6



footwear when trimming. Hold the unit firmly in both hands and turn the unit on. Always hold the trimmer as shown in Figure 7, with one hand on the switch handle (C) and one hand on the bail handle (E). Never hold the unit by the blade guard (D).

2. **TRIMMING NEW GROWTH (Fig. 8)** – Using a wide, sweeping motion, feeding the blade teeth through the twigs, is most effective. A slight downward tilt of the blade in the direction of motion gives the best cutting.

FIG. 7

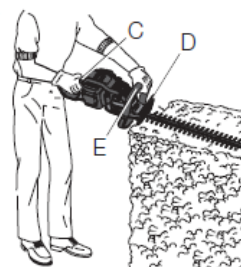
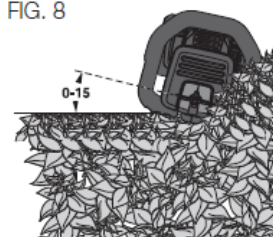


FIG. 8



3. **LEVEL HEDGES (Fig. 9)** – To obtain exceptionally level hedges a piece of string can be stretched along the length of the hedge as a guide.

4. **SIDE TRIMMING HEDGES (Fig. 10)** – Orient the trimmer as shown and begin at the bottom and sweep up.

FIG. 9

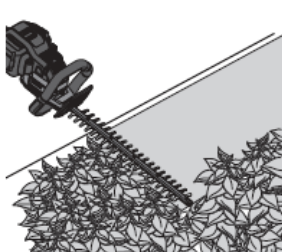
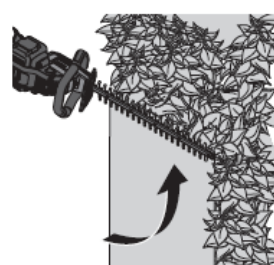


FIG. 10



⚠ DANGER: KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM BLADES.

⚠ WARNING: To guard against injury, observe the following:

- READ INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE USING. SAVE INSTRUCTION MANUAL.
- Check the hedge for foreign objects such as wires or fences before each use.
- KEEP HANDS ON HANDLES. DON'T OVERREACH.
- DO NOT USE UNDER WET CONDITIONS.

⚠ CAUTION: BLADE MAY COAST AFTER TURN OFF.

MAINTENANCE

⚠ WARNING: Remove battery pack before servicing, cleaning or removing material from the hedge trimmer.

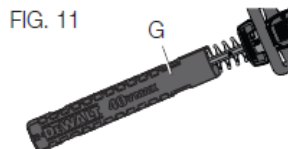
Your DEWALT tool has been designed to operate over a long period of time with minimum maintenance.

Continuous satisfactory operation depends on proper tool care and regular cleaning.

⚠ WARNING: Before performing any maintenance, switch off tool and remove battery.

Lubrication (Fig. 11)

1. After use, carefully clean the blades with a resin solvent.
2. After cleaning, apply a light film of lubrication to the exposed blade.
3. Turn the trimmer vertical with the blades toward the ground and run the trimmer for a few seconds to fully disperse the lubrication.



4. Slide the sheath (G) over the blade until it snaps into place as shown in Figure 11.

Replacing Blade (Fig. 1, 12–14)

⚠ WARNING: Sharp edges. Wear gloves when performing any maintenance on the trimmer blade.

Follow the instructions below to replace the blade (F) or bring the trimmer to a DEWALT factory service center, a DEWALT authorized service center, or other qualified service personnel. Always use identical replacement parts.

BLADE REMOVAL

1. Remove battery.
2. Using a 4 mm hex bit, remove the four cover screws (12A) and long blade/cover screw and washers (12B) as shown in Figure 12. Retain screws and washers.
3. Pry the cover (12C) off by placing a flathead screwdriver under the back of the cover (12D) and twisting.
4. Fully remove the blade screw and washers (13A), lift the front of the blade (F) to disengage it from the connection rod (13B) and pull the blade out of the trimmer.
5. Remove the top connection rod (13B) by

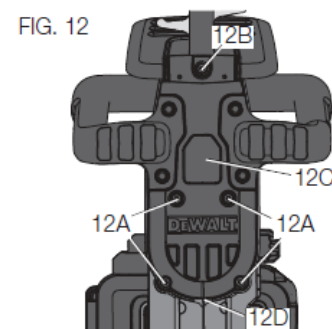
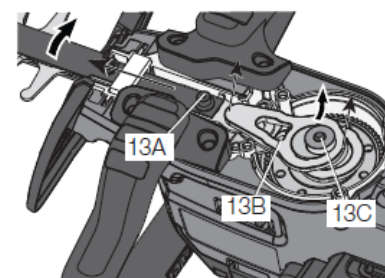


FIG. 13

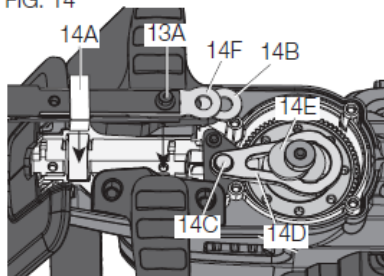


lifting up on the front and back and angling it so it rotates around the bearing (13C).

INSTALLING BLADE

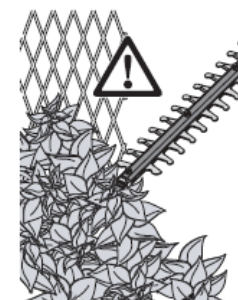
1. Install blade screw and washers (13A) from the old blade into the hole in the new blade.
2. Line up the blade screw (13A) on the new blade and the rectangular fabric (14A) with their respective slots in the hedge trimmer.
3. Mostly tighten the blade screw. Do not tighten fully. Slide the bottom blade (14B) back and forth, and press down slightly until the blade catches the post (14C) on the bottom connection rod (14D). Make sure the bottom connection rod is still in place.
4. Fully tighten the blade screw (13A).
5. Place the top connection rod (13B) back onto the eccentric cam (14E), angling it around the bearing (13C). Ensure the post is faced down toward the top blade (14F).
6. Slide the top blade back and forth until the blade catches the post on the top connection rod.
7. Replace the cover (12C) and fasten with the 4 cover screws (12A). Replace the long blade/cover screw and washers (12B) in correct order in the hole closest to the blade.

FIG. 14



The cutting blades are made from high quality, hardened steel and with normal usage, they will not require resharpening. However, if you accidentally hit a wire fence (Fig. 15), stones, glass, or other hard objects, you may put a nick in the blade. There is no need to remove this nick as long as it does not interfere with the movement of the blade. If it does interfere, remove the battery and use a fine toothed file or sharpening stone to remove the nick. If you drop the trimmer, carefully inspect it for damage. If the blade is bent, housing cracked, handles broken or if you see any other condition that may affect the trimmer's operation contact your local DEWALT authorized service center for repairs before putting it back into use.

FIG. 15



Fertilizers and other garden chemicals contain agents which greatly accelerate the corrosion of metals. Do not store the unit on or adjacent to fertilizers or chemicals.

With the battery removed, use only mild soap and a damp cloth to clean the unit. Never let any liquid get inside the unit; never immerse any part of the unit into a liquid. Prevent the blades from rusting by applying a film of light machine oil after cleaning.

BLADE SHARPENING (FIG. 16)

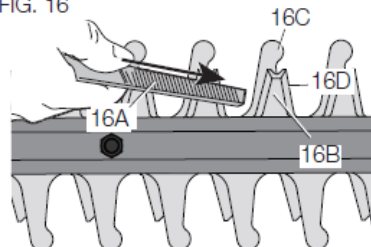
- KEEP BLADE SHARP FOR BEST PERFORMANCE. A DULL BLADE DOES NOT CUT CLEANLY.
- WHEN SHARPENING BLADE, ENSURE THAT BATTERY IS REMOVED.

REPLACE BENT OR DAMAGED BLADE IMMEDIATELY

It is recommended that sharpening of blades be performed by a DEWALT factory service center. However, blade edges may be sharpened by using a fine tooth file (16A).

1. Run trimmer until cutting blades (16B) and guard teeth (16C) are offset enough so the guard tooth cannot be touched by the file. DO NOT file the guard teeth.
2. Be sure the lock-off lever is engaged, the blade has stopped, and the battery has been removed before sharpening blade.
3. Wear proper eye protection and gloves, and be careful not to cut yourself.
4. Carefully file the cutting edges of the blade with a fine tooth file. File toward the cutting edge (16D) at the original cutting angle (38 degrees from horizontal). File only the straight cutting edges (16D) of the blades. Do not file where the cutting edge curves into the center of the blade.
5. Flip the trimmer over to sharpen the bottom blade.
6. Repeat steps to sharpen the opposite side of each blade.

FIG. 16



Accessories

⚠ WARNING: DO NOT use the hedge trimmer with any type of accessory or attachment. Such usage might be hazardous.

Repairs

The charger and battery pack are not serviceable. There are no serviceable parts inside the charger or battery pack.

To assure product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, maintenance and adjustments (including brush inspection and replacement) should be performed by a DEWALT factory service center, a DEWALT authorized service center or other qualified service personnel. Always use identical replacement parts.

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TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Solution
Unit will not start.	• Check battery installation. • Check battery charging requirements. • Check that lock off is fully pushed down prior to moving main trigger.
Battery won't charge.	• Insert battery into charger until red charging light illuminates. Charge up to 8 hours if battery is totally drained. • Plug charger into a working outlet. Refer to Important Charging Notes for more details. • Check current at receptacle by plugging an appliance. • Check to see if receptacle is connected to a light switch which turns power off when you turn out the lights. • Move charger and appliance to a surrounding air temperature of above 40 °F (4.5 °C) or below 105 °F (40.5 °C).
Slow running, noisy, or hot blades.	• Inspect for nicks and remove is possible. • Lubricate blades. • Bring to a DEWALT factory service center to straighten blade, blade support, or teeth. • Tighten bolts on the blade.