



710W 660MM
HEDGE TRIMMER
WITH ROTATING HANDLE

HT710
INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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Warranty Power Tools

Whilst every effort is made to ensure your complete satisfaction with this tool, occasionally, due to the mass manufacturing techniques, a tool may not live up to our required level of performance and you may need the assistance of our service department.

This product is warranted for a 2-year period for home domestic use from the date of the original purchase. If found to be defective in materials or workmanship, the tool or the offending faulty component will be repaired or replaced free of charge with another of the same item. A small freight charge may apply. Proof of purchase is essential. We reserve the right to reject any claim where the purchase cannot be verified.

This warranty does not include damage or defects to the tool caused by or resulting from abuse, accidents, alterations or commercial or business use. It also does not cover any bonus items or included accessories. Only the power tool is covered under this warranty.

With continuing product development, changes may have occurred which render the product received slightly different to that shown in this instruction manual.

Please ensure that you store your receipt in a safe place.

Conditions apply to the above warranty. For full details of the warranty terms and conditions please refer to our website – www.gmcompany.com

For prompt service we suggest you log your service request online - www.gmcservice.com.au, should you not have access to the internet, please contact our service department on 1300 880 001 (Australia) or 0800 445 721 (New Zealand).

Introduction

Your new GMC power tool will more than satisfy your expectations. It has been manufactured under stringent GMC Quality Standards to meet superior performance criteria.

You will find your new tool easy and safe to operate, and, with proper care, it will give you many years of dependable service.

CAUTION. Carefully read through this entire Instruction Manual before using your new GMC Power Tool. Take special care to heed the Cautions and Warnings.

Your GMC power tool has many features that will make your job faster and easier. Safety, performance, and dependability have been given top priority in the development of this tool, making it easy to maintain and operate.

Environmental protection



Recycle unwanted materials instead of disposing of them as waste. All tools, hoses and packaging should be sorted, taken to the local recycling centre and disposed of in an environmentally safe way.

Description of symbols

The rating plate on your tool may show symbols. These represent important information about the product or instructions on its use.



Noise label rating 82dBA (taken at 7.5 meters) you must wear ear protection at all times.



Wear hearing protection.

Wear eye protection.

Wear breathing protection.



Double insulated for additional protection.



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Conforms to relevant standards for electromagnetic compatibility.



Use at a distance of at least 5m from other people.



Thrown objects can cause severe injury. Do not operate the unit without the safety measures in place. Keep away from cutter edge.



Wear safety gloves.



Read these instructions for use carefully.



Warning.



Wear safety footwear.

Specifications

Voltage:	230-240Vac ~ 50Hz
Input Power:	710 W
No Load Speed:	1600 min ⁻¹
Blade Length:	600 mm
Cutter Rail Length:	660 mm
Tooth Spacing:	24 mm
Max. Cutting Capacity:	20 mm
Max. Cuts Per Minute:	3200/min
Noise Label Rating:	82dBA
Tool Weight:	4.3 kg

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General safety rules

WARNING. Read all instructions. Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury. The term “power tool” in all of the warnings listed below refers to your mains operated (corded) power tool or battery operated (cordless) power tool.

Save these instructions

1. Work area

- a. **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered and 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.

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 safety equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Safety equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
 - c. **Avoid accidental starting.** Ensure the switch is in the off position before plugging in. Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or plugging in 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 jewellery.** Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewellery 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 these devices 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 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 tools 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 and in the manner intended for the particular type of power tool, 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. 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.

Additional safety rules for hedge trimmers

- Do not use the trimmer in the rain.
- If cordset is cut or damaged remove it immediately from the power point.
- Keep hands and fingers well away from the blade.
- Wear work gloves, eye protection, solid shoes and trousers when using this hedge trimmer.
- Always grasp both handles when operating the unit.

- Disconnect the trimmer from the mains supply when you have finished work, before cleaning or if you have been interrupted.
- This trimmer has been designed to cut soft, new growth and should not be used on branches, hard wood or other forms of cutting.
- Do not attempt to free a jammed blade before first switching off the machine and disconnecting it from the mains supply
- If you are interrupted when operating the trimmer, complete the process and switch off before looking up.
- Never allow untrained users or children to use the trimmer.

Wear goggles

Wear ear defenders

Wear a breathing mask

Unpacking

Due to modern mass production techniques, it is unlikely that your power tool is faulty or that a part is missing.

If you find anything wrong, do not operate the tool until the parts have been replaced or the fault has been rectified. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury.

Know your product

Before using the trimmer, familiarise yourself with all the operating features and safety requirements.

This trimmer can be used for trimming soft and new growth only. Use the tool and accessories only for the applications intended. All other applications are expressly ruled out.

1. Cutting blade
2. Fixing screw
3. Hand guard
4. Safety switch bar
5. Front grip
6. Upper handle lock
7. Rear handle
8. Inside Trigger switch
9. Outside trigger switch
10. Lower handle lock
11. Power cable protector
12. Cable safety clip
13. Impact guard
14. Blade guard
15. Cuttings collector



Cable safety clip

WARNING. Extension cord must be approved for outdoor use.

Locate the rectangular slot in the lower part of the rear handle and the position of the cable safety clip (12). Form a loop in the extension cord (not supplied) and insert the loop through the rectangular slot. Twist the loop through 180° and hook the loop over the moulded hook, pull tight to secure the cable.



Operation

IMPORTANT. This hedge trimmer is designed for the trimming of hedges, bushes and shrubs. If it is used for any other purpose not expressly permitted by these operating instructions, there may be a risk of damage to the hedge trimmer or serious injury to the user.

Note. The upper blade teeth have extended points with rounded ends to reduce the chance of injury in case of accidental contact.

Switching on and off

Note. This hedge trimmer is fitted with a two-hand safety switch.

1. To switch the hedge trimmer on, press the safety switch bar (4) on the front grip is pressed with one hand and either trigger switch (inside (8) or outside (9)) with the other hand.



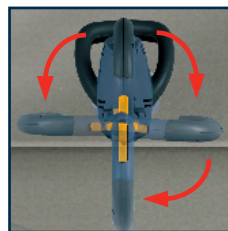
2. To stop the hedge trimmer move the Hedge Trimmer away from the cutting area and release either one, or both of the switches.



Rotating the rear handle

WARNING. Never engage the throttle trigger while rotating the handle.

This hedge trimmer is fitted with a rear rotating handle. It can be turned counter clockwise through 90° and clockwise through both 90° and 180°.



1. To disengage the rear handle (7), the upper handle lock (6) must be pushed backwards in the direction indicated by the arrow.



2. Pull the lower handle lock (10) in the direction indicated by the arrow and turn the handle.

Note. If the handle is turned anti-clockwise the handle will lock at an angle of 90°.

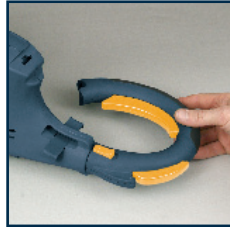
Note. If the handle is turned clockwise the handle will lock at an angle of 90° and 180°.

Pull the lower handle lock (10) in the direction indicated by the arrow again to return the handle to its original position. When the handle is back in its normal position the upper handle lock (6) must be pushed forward to lock it.

For vertical cutting the handle should be set to 90° and for overhead cutting it should be set to 180°.

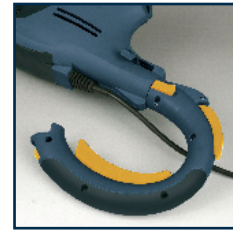
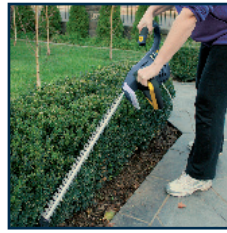
Tips

- When trimming the top of a bush or hedge, the handle is best positioned vertically.



Note. The handle can be locked in two vertical positions, to suit left or right handed operation.

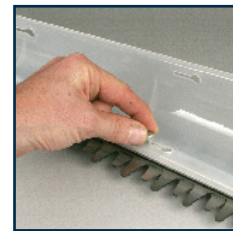
- When trimming branches or the sides of a bush or hedge, the handle is best positioned horizontally.



Attaching the cuttings collector

For horizontal trimming it is recommended that you attach the cuttings collector (15). This enables the trimmings to be removed more easily, keeping the surface of the hedge tidier in the process.

1. Place the cuttings collector on the cutter rail.



2. Slide the cuttings collector towards the tip of the cutter as far as the stop and tighten the fixing screws (2) by hand.

Note. The cuttings collector can be fitted either on the left-hand or the right-hand side.

IMPORTANT. Ensure the cuttings collector is not obstructing the blades from running correctly.

Operating

IMPORTANT. Fasten the extension cable to the cable safety clip (12) before starting to use the machine.

IMPORTANT. For use in the open air you must only use extension cables certified for the purpose.

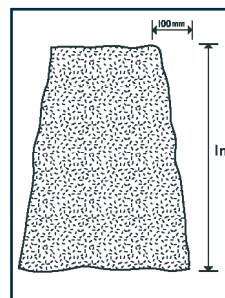
WARNING. Do not use the hedge trimmer in the rain or store the hedge trimmer in wet conditions.

WARNING. If cordset is cut or damaged remove it immediately from the power point.

- This product requires the use of two hands to ensure safe operation.
- Inspect the area to be cut before starting. Remove any objects or debris that could be thrown, jammed or become entangled in the blades.
- Adopt a stable stance always keeping the Hedge Trimmer in front of your body. Grip the front handle bar switch with one hand. With the other hand grip the rear handle and with your fingers squeeze the trigger switch.
- Allow the cutting blades to reach full speed before commencing the cut.
- When cutting always move in a forward direction and never backwards, you could fall over unseen obstacles.
- Never work towards people or solid objects such as walls, trees or vehicles etc.
- If during cutting the blade stalls, stop the Hedge Trimmer immediately and disconnect it from the mains supply before investigating the cause.
- Remove any jammed debris from the blades and examine them for any damage before re-commencing cutting. Always replace any damaged blades.
- The hedge trimmer can be used not only for trimming hedges but for trimming shrubs and bushes as well.

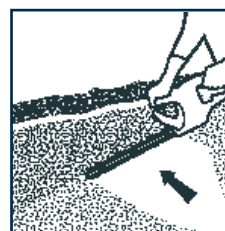
Shaping

1. Trim a hedge so that it is wider at the bottom than the top.
2. This improves light penetration and promotes healthy growth.
3. Narrow the hedge approximately 100mm for every metre in height.
4. A bush can be round or column shaped.



Cutting

1. Assume a secure position, using two hands to hold the trimmer and switch on.
2. Trim both sides of the hedge, starting at the bottom. Once you trim the top of the hedge, it is suggested that you install the cuttings collector to prevent cuttings from falling into the hedge.
3. Pass the blade lightly through the surface of the hedge. Do not attempt to cut too deep.
4. Trim the top of the hedge.
5. For older hedges that require cutting back substantially, use pruning shears to cut the thicker branches and then finish the job with the hedge trimmer.



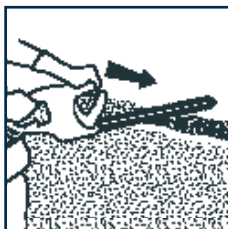
WARNING. Do not let the blade come into contact with fencing wire or any other object that could damage it.

Pruning

Your hedge trimmer is versatile. It can also be used for trimming back new growth from small shrubs onto the driveway or into the garden.

For optimum trimming performance, guide the blade teeth at an angle of approx. 15° to the hedge.

To achieve a hedge with a uniform height it is recommended that you stretch a piece of string along the edge of the hedge for guidance. Then simply cut away all twigs projecting above the line.



Maintenance

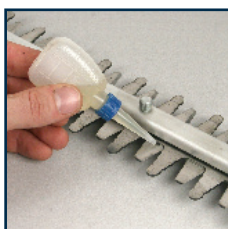
Lubrication

WARNING. Always ensure that the trimmer is switched off and the plug is removed from the power point before making any adjustments.

After each use, clean the blades and lightly lubricate with general purpose oil or spray lubricant (not included).

1. Remove any deposits with a brush and apply a light film of oil.

2. Use biodegradable oil.



Maintaining the blades

WARNING. Always ensure that the trimmer is switched off and the plug is removed from the power point before making any adjustments.

IMPORTANT. Wear sturdy protective gloves at all times.

- Periodically check blades for sharpness or damage.
- The blade teeth can be sharpened using a flat file. Sharpen the cutting edges and maintain the rounded corners.

- Oil the blades after each use using a general spray lubricant.
- If there is significant blade damage, have them replaced.



Cleaning and storage

Ensure all nuts, bolts and screws are tight and that the hand guard (3) is fitted correctly.

All damaged and worn parts should be replaced in order to maintain the hedge trimmer in a safe working condition.

Keep the tool's air vents unclogged and clean at all times. Remove dust and dirt regularly. Cleaning is best done with compressed air or a rag. Never use caustic agents to clean plastic parts.

CAUTION. Do not use cleaning agents to clean the plastic parts of the tool. A mild detergent on a damp cloth is recommended. Water must never come into contact with the tool.

Special care should be taken when cleaning and adjusting the blades. This should only be done with the Hedge Trimmer switched off and disconnected from the mains supply to prevent injury.

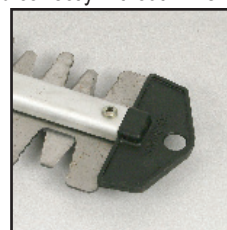
The hedge trimmer should always be stored with the blade guard fitted and secured in place.

Store the tool, instruction manual and accessories in a secure and dry place.

Ensure the cable and any extension cable used are checked for damage and are coiled correctly without kinks.

Never spray the machine down with water and keep dry at all times.

When not in use the hedge trimmer can be hung on the wall with a suitable screw and dowel.



Power cord maintenance

If the supply cord needs replacing, the task must be carried out by the manufacturer, the manufacturer's agent, or an authorised service centre in order to avoid a safety hazard.

GMC customer assist

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Please note that if repair or replacement is required, you must provide a valid original purchase receipt.

You will need the following details at hand to log your service request;

Personal details: First & Last name, address, pick up address, contact phone numbers, email address

Product details: Product number, date of purchase, retailer bought from, State & postcode, receipt number, reason for the request, copy of official purchase receipt

Attach your purchase receipt and save with this Manual for future reference.

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