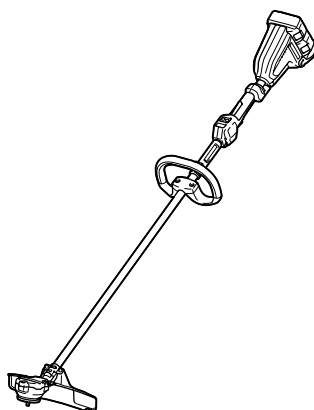


INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Cordless Grass Trimmer

XRU09




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IMPORTANT: Read Before Using.

ENGLISH (Original instructions)


SPECIFICATIONS

Model	XRU09	
Type of handle	Loop handle	
No load speed (RPM)	5,000 / 6,500 /min	
Overall length	1,754 mm (69")	
Nylon cord diameter	2.0 - 2.3 mm (0.08" - 0.09")	
Applicable cutting tool	Nylon cutting head	Nylon cutting head
Cutting diameter	350 mm (13-3/4")	350 mm (13-3/4")
Net weight	4.0 kg (8.8 lbs)	4.5 kg (9.9 lbs)
Rated voltage	D.C. 36 V	
Standard battery cartridge(s)  Warning: Use only the battery(ies) described.	BL1815N / BL1820B	BL1830 / BL1830B / BL1840B / BL1850B / BL1860B

- Due to our continuing program of research and development, the specifications herein are subject to change without notice.
- Specifications and battery cartridge may differ from country to country.
- Weight, with battery cartridge, according to EPTA-Procedure 01/2003

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

 **WARNING! When using electric gardening appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury, including the following.**

Read All Instructions

Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

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General instructions

1. Do not allow persons unfamiliar with the string trimmer or these instructions to operate the tool. String trimmers are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
2. Be sure that anyone who is to operate the string trimmer has first read the instruction manual.
3. Use the string trimmer with the utmost care and attention.
4. Operate the string trimmer only if you are in good physical condition. Perform all work calmly and carefully. Use common sense and keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.
5. Never operate the string trimmer when tired, feeling ill or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

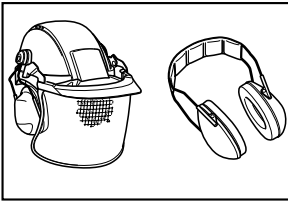
6. Avoid accidentally starting:
 - Ensure the switch is in the off position before installing the battery pack. Inserting the battery pack into the string trimmer with the switch on invites accidents.
 - Carrying the string trimmer with your finger on the switch invites accidents.
7. The string trimmer should be switched off immediately if it shows any signs of abnormal operation.
8. Disconnect the battery from the string trimmer before making any adjustments, changing accessories or storing. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the sting trimmer accidentally.
9. 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.
10. Don't overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
11. Stay Alert - Watch what you are doing. Use common sense. Do not operate appliance when you are tired.
12. Store idle appliances indoors.

Intended use of the tool

1. Use right tool. The cordless string trimmer is only intended for cutting grass and light weeds. It should not be used for any other purpose such as edging or hedge cutting as this may cause injury.
2. Use only the manufacturer's recommended accessories and attachments. Use of any other accessories and attachments may increase the risk of injury.

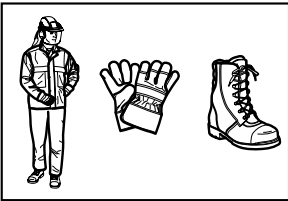
Personal protective equipment

1. Dress Properly. The clothing worn should be functional and appropriate, i.e. it should be tight-fitting but not cause hindrance. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Use of thick leather gloves and substantial footwear is recommended when working outdoors. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
2. In order to avoid either head, eye, hand or foot injuries as well as to protect your hearing the following protective equipment and protective clothing must be used during operation of the equipment.



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3. Always wear a helmet where there is a risk of falling objects. The protective helmet is to be checked at regular intervals for damage and is to be replaced at least every five years. Use only approved protective helmets.
4. Use safety glasses. The visor of the helmet (or alternatively goggles) protects the face from flying debris and stones. During operation of the tool always wear goggles, or a visor to prevent eye injuries.
5. Wear adequate noise protection equipment to avoid hearing impairment (ear muffs, ear plugs etc.).



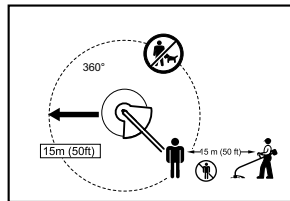
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6. Work overalls protect against injury from flying stones and debris. It is strongly recommended that the user wears work overalls.
7. Special gloves made of thick leather are part of the prescribed equipment and must always be worn during operation of the tool.
8. When using the tool, always wear sturdy shoes with a nonslip sole. This protects against injuries from flying debris and ensures a good footing.
9. Use a dust mask if operation is dusty.

Electrical and battery safety

1. Avoid dangerous environment. Don't use the tool in damp or wet locations or expose it to rain. Water entering the tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
2. 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.
3. Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs. Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
4. 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.
5. Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery; avoid contact. If contact accidentally occurs, flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, seek medical help. Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.
6. Do not dispose of the battery(ies) in a fire. The cell may explode. Check with local codes for possible special disposal instructions.
7. Do not open or mutilate the battery(ies). Released electrolyte is corrosive and may cause damage to the eyes or skin. It may be toxic if swallowed.
8. Do not charge battery in rain, or in wet locations.
9. When replacing batteries, all batteries should be replaced at the same time. Mixing fresh and discharged batteries could increase internal cell pressure and rupture discharged battery(ies).

Starting up the tool



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1. Make sure that there are no children or other people within a working range of 15 meters (50 ft), also pay attention to any animals in the working vicinity. Otherwise stop using the tool.
2. Before use always check that the tool is safe for operation. Check the security of the nylon cutting head and the guard and the switch trigger/lever for easy and proper action. Check for clean and dry handles and test the on/off function of the switch.

3. Check damaged parts before further use of the tool. A guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function. Check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting, and any other condition that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by our authorized service center unless indicated elsewhere in this manual.
4. Switch on the motor only when hands and feet are away from the nylon cutting head.
5. Before starting make sure that the nylon cutting head has no contact with hard objects such as branches, stones etc. as the nylon cutting head will revolve when starting.
6. Remove any adjusting key, wrench or blade cover before turning the power tool on. An accessory left attached to a rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury.
14. Never drag the tool on the ground when moving from place to place, the tool may become damaged if moved in this manner.
15. Always remove the battery cartridge from the tool:
 - whenever leaving the tool unattended;
 - before clearing a blockage;
 - before checking, cleaning or working on the tool;
 - whenever the tool starts vibrating abnormally;
 - whenever transporting the tool.
16. Always ensure that the ventilation openings are kept clear of debris.
17. 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.

Method of operation

1. Only use the tool in good light and visibility. During the winter season beware of slippery or wet areas, ice and snow (risk of slipping). Always ensure a safe footing.
2. Take care against injury to feet and hands from the nylon cutting head.
3. Never cut above waist height.
4. Never stand on a ladder and run the tool.
5. Never climb up into trees to perform cutting operation with the tool.
6. Never work on unstable surfaces.
7. Remove sand, stones, nails etc. found within the working range. Foreign particles may damage the nylon cutting head.
8. Should the nylon cutting head hit stones or other hard objects, immediately switch off the motor and inspect the nylon cutting head.
9. Before commencing cutting, the nylon cutting head must have reached full working speed.
10. During operation always hold the tool with both hands. Never hold the tool with one hand during use. Always ensure a safe footing.
11. The nylon cutting head has to be equipped with the guard. Never run the tool with damaged guards or without guards in place!
12. All protective equipment such as guards supplied with the string trimmer must be used during operation.
13. Except in case of emergency, never drop or cast the tool to the ground or this may severely damage the tool.

Maintenance instructions

1. The condition of the nylon cutting head, protective devices must be checked before commencing work.
2. Turn off the motor and remove the battery cartridge before carrying out maintenance, replacing the nylon cutting head or nylon cord and cleaning the tool.
3. Check for loose fasteners and damaged parts such as cracks in the nylon cutting head.
4. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories if applicable.
5. When not in use store the equipment in an indoor dry location that is locked up or out of children's reach.
6. Use only the manufacturer's recommended replacement parts and accessories.
7. Inspect and maintain the tool regularly, especially before/after use. Have the tool repaired only by our authorized service center.
8. Keep handles dry, clean and free from oil and grease.

WARNING:

DO NOT let comfort or familiarity with product (gained from repeated use) replace strict adherence to safety rules for the subject product. MISUSE or failure to follow the safety rules stated in this instruction manual may cause serious personal injury.

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⚠WARNING:

Use of this product can create dust containing chemicals which may cause respiratory or other illnesses.

Some examples of these chemicals are compounds found in pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers and herbicides.

Your risk from these exposures 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 those dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

Symbols

The followings show the symbols used for tool.

v	· volts
—	· direct current
n₀	· no load speed
... /min r/min	· revolutions or reciprocation per minute

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**FOR BATTERY CARTRIDGE**

1. Before using battery cartridge, read all instructions and cautionary markings on (1) battery charger, (2) battery, and (3) product using battery.
2. Do not disassemble battery cartridge.
3. If operating time has become excessively shorter, stop operating immediately. It may result in a risk of overheating, possible burns and even an explosion.
4. If electrolyte gets into your eyes, rinse them out with clear water and seek medical attention right away. It may result in loss of your eyesight.
5. Do not short the battery cartridge:
 - (1) Do not touch the terminals with any conductive material.
 - (2) Avoid storing battery cartridge in a container with other metal objects such as nails, coins, etc.
 - (3) Do not expose battery cartridge to water or rain.

A battery short can cause a large current flow, overheating, possible burns and even a breakdown.

6. Do not store the tool and battery cartridge in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 50 ° C (122 ° F).
7. Do not incinerate the battery cartridge even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out. The battery cartridge can explode in a fire.
8. Be careful not to drop or strike battery.
9. Do not use a damaged battery.
10. The contained lithium-ion batteries are subject to the Dangerous Goods Legislation requirements.

For commercial transports e.g. by third parties, forwarding agents, special requirement on packaging and labeling must be observed.

For preparation of the item being shipped, consulting an expert for hazardous material is required. Please also observe possibly more detailed national regulations.

Tape or mask off open contacts and pack up the battery in such a manner that it cannot move around in the packaging.

11. Follow your local regulations relating to disposal of battery.

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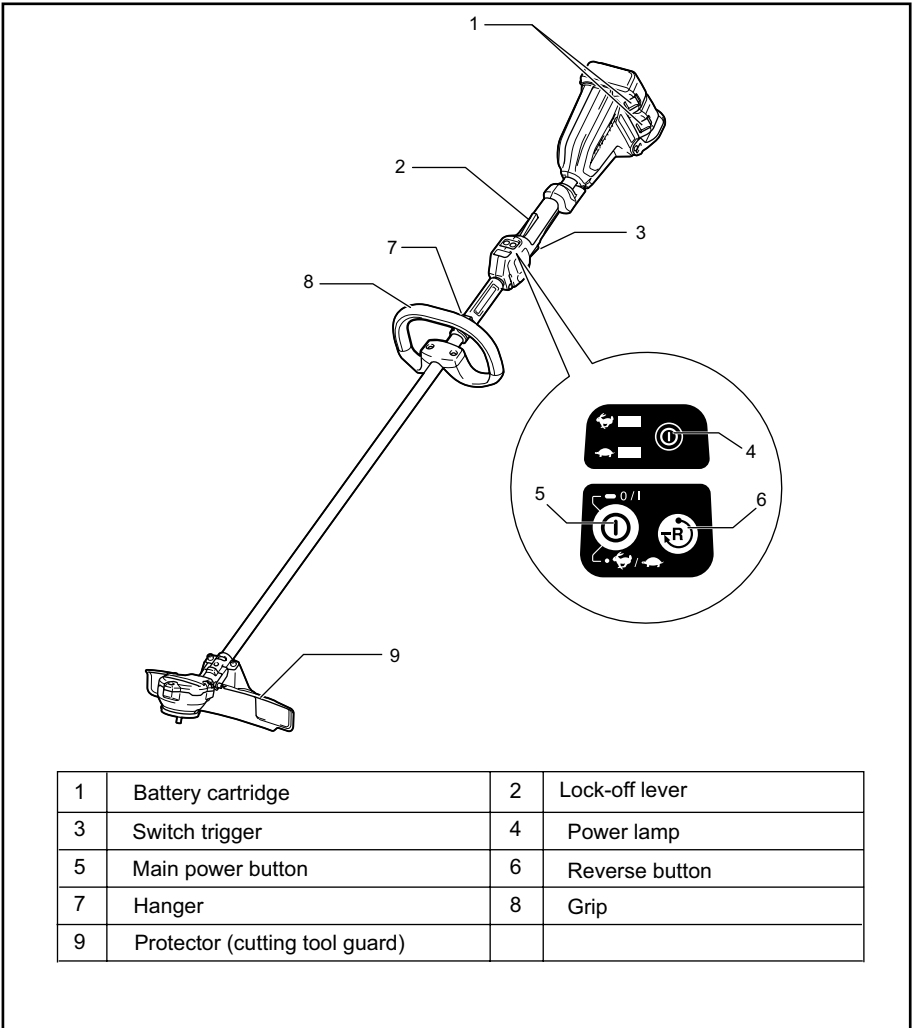
⚠CAUTION: Only use genuine Makita batteries.

Use of non-genuine Makita batteries, or batteries that have been altered, may result in the battery bursting causing fires, personal injury and damage. It will also void the Makita warranty for the Makita tool and charger.

Tips for maintaining maximum battery life

1. Charge the battery cartridge before completely discharged. Always stop tool operation and charge the battery cartridge when you notice less tool power.
2. Never recharge a fully charged battery cartridge. Overcharging shortens the battery service life.
3. Charge the battery cartridge with room temperature at 10 ° C - 40 ° C (50 ° F - 104 ° F). Let a hot battery cartridge cool down before charging it.
4. Charge the battery cartridge if you do not use it for a long period (more than six months).

PARTS DESCRIPTION



1	Battery cartridge	2	Lock-off lever
3	Switch trigger	4	Power lamp
5	Main power button	6	Reverse button
7	Hanger	8	Grip
9	Protector (cutting tool guard)		

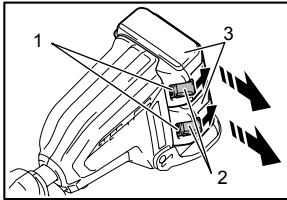
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FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

⚠️WARNING:

- Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before adjusting or checking function on the tool. Failure to switch off and remove the battery cartridge may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.

Installing or removing battery cartridge



1. Red indicator
2. Button
3. Battery cartridge

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⚠️CAUTION:

- Always switch off the tool before installing or removing of the battery cartridge.
- Hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly when installing or removing battery cartridge. Failure to hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly may cause them to slip off your hands and result in damage to the tool and battery cartridge and a personal injury.

To remove the battery cartridge, slide it from the tool while sliding the button on the front of the cartridge.

To install the battery cartridge, align the tongue on the battery cartridge with the groove in the housing and slip it into place. Insert it all the way until it locks in place with a little click. If you can see the red indicator on the upper side of the button, it is not locked completely.

⚠️CAUTION:

- Always install the battery cartridge fully until the red indicator cannot be seen. If not, it may accidentally fall out of the tool, causing injury to you or someone around you.
- Do not install the battery cartridge forcibly. If the cartridge does not slide in easily, it is not being inserted correctly.

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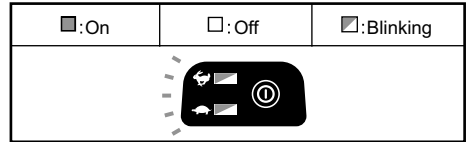
- The tool does not work with only one battery cartridge.

Tool / battery protection system

The tool is equipped with a tool/battery protection system. This system automatically cuts off power to the motor to extend tool and battery life.

The tool will automatically stop during operation if the tool or battery is placed under one of the following conditions. In some conditions, the indicators light up.

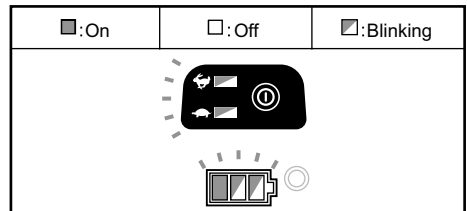
Overload protection



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If the tool is overloaded by entangled weeds or other debris, the tool stops automatically, and indicators blink. In this situation, turn the tool off and stop the application that caused the tool to become overloaded. Then turn the tool on to restart.

Overheat protection for tool



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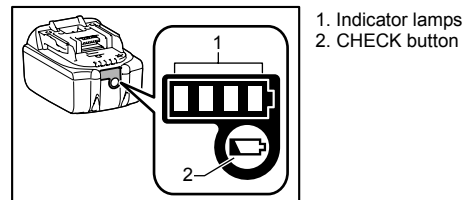
When the tool is overheated, the tool stops automatically, and , and the battery indicator blink about 60 seconds. In this situation, let the tool cool down before turning the tool on again.

Overdischarge protection

When the battery capacity becomes low, the tool stops automatically. If the product does not operate even when the switches are operated, remove the batteries from the tool and charge the batteries.

Indicating the remaining battery capacity

(Only for battery cartridges with "B" at the end of the model number.)



1. Indicator lamps
2. CHECK button

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Press the check button on the battery cartridge to indicate the remaining battery capacity. The indicator lamps light up for few seconds.

Indicator lamps			Remaining capacity
Lighted	Off	Blinking	
■	□	◐	75% to 100%
■	■	■	
■	■	□	
■	□	□	
■	□	□	25% to 50%
■	□	□	0% to 25%
◐	□	□	Charge the battery.
■	■	□	The battery may have malfunctioned.
□	□	■	

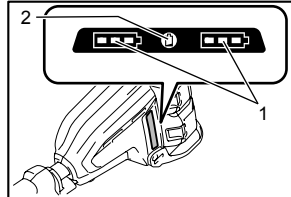
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NOTE:

- Depending on the conditions of use and the ambient temperature, the indication may differ slightly from the actual capacity.

Remaining battery capacity indication

(Country specific)



1. Battery indicator
2. CHECK button

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Press the check button to make the battery indicators show the remaining battery capacities. The battery indicators correspond to each battery.

Remaining battery capacity indication

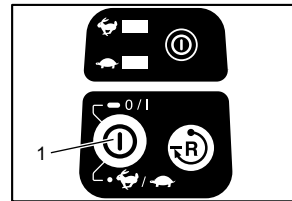
Battery indicator status	Remaining battery capacity
■:On □:Off ◐:Blinking	
	50 % - 100 %
	20 % - 50 %
	0 % - 20 %
	Charge the battery

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Power switch action

⚠WARNING:

- Before inserting the battery cartridge into the tool, always check to see that the switch trigger actuates properly and returns to the "OFF" position when released.** Operating a tool with a switch that does not actuate properly can lead to loss of control and serious personal injury.

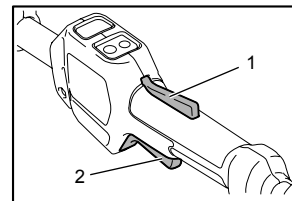


1. Main power button

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Press and hold the main power button for some seconds to turn on the tool.

To turn off the tool, press and hold the main power button again.



1. Lock-off lever
2. Switch trigger

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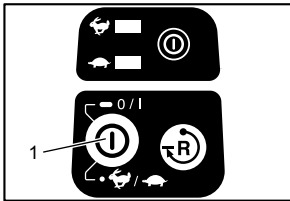
To prevent the switch trigger from being accidentally pulled, a lock-off lever is provided.

To start the tool, grasp the rear handle (the lock-off lever is released by the grasp) and then pull the switch trigger. To stop the tool, release the switch trigger.

NOTE:

- The tool is automatically turned off after the tool is left one minute without any operations.

Speed adjusting



1. Main power button

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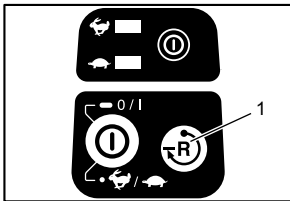
You can adjust the tool speed by tapping the main power button.

Each time you tap the main power button, indicator or indicator lights up. is for high speed and for low speed.

Reverse button for debris removal

⚠WARNING:

- **Switch off the tool and remove the battery cartridge before you remove entangled weeds or debris which the reverse rotation function can not remove.** Failure to switch off and remove the battery cartridge may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.



1. Reverse button

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This tool has a reverse button to change the direction of rotation. It is only for removing weeds and debris entangled in the tool.

To reverse the rotation, tap the reverse button and pull the trigger when the tool's head is stopped. The power lamp starts blinking, and the tool's head rotates in reverse direction when you pull the switch trigger.

To return to regular rotation, release the trigger and wait until the tool's head stops.

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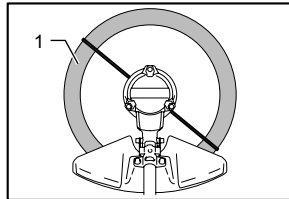
- During the reverse rotation, the tool operates only for a short period of time and then automatically stops.

- Once the tool is stopped, the rotation returns to regular direction when you start the tool again.
- If you tap the reverse button while the tool's head is still rotating, the tool comes to stop and to be ready for reverse rotation.

Nylon cutting head (optional accessory)

NOTICE:

- The bump feed will not operate properly if the head is not rotating.



1. Most effective cutting area

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The nylon cutting head is a dual string trimmer head provided with a bump & feed mechanism.

To cause the nylon cord to feed out, the cutting head should be bumped against the ground while rotating.

NOTE:

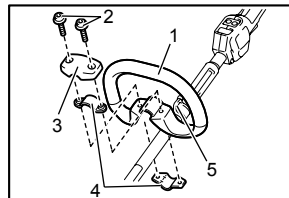
If the nylon cord does not feed out while bumping the head, rewind/replace the nylon cord by following the procedures described under "Maintenance".

ASSEMBLY

⚠WARNING:

- **Always be sure that the tool is switched off and battery cartridge is removed before carrying out any work on the tool.** Failure to switch off and remove the battery cartridge may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.
- **Never start the tool unless it is completely assembled.** Operation of the tool in a partially assembled state may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.

Installing the grip



1. Grip
2. Hex bolt
3. Cover
4. Clamp
5. Hanger

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Fit the grip onto the pipe and tighten it with two hex bolts. Make sure that the grip is located further than the hanger.

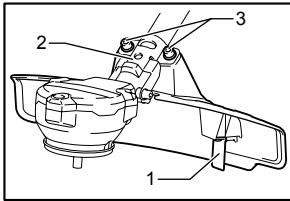
Installing the guard

⚠WARNING:

- **Never use the tool without the guard illustrated in place.** Failure to do so can cause serious personal injury.

⚠CAUTION:

- Take care not to injure yourself on the cutter for cutting the nylon cord.



1. Cutter
2. Clamp
3. Bolt

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Align the clamp on the pipe with the protector. And tighten them with bolts.

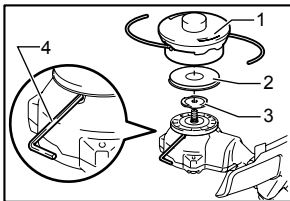
Installing nylon cutting head

⚠CAUTION:

- **If the nylon cutting head accidentally impacts a rock or hard object during operation, stop the tool and inspect for any damage. If the nylon cutting head is damaged, replace it immediately.** Use of a damaged cutting tool could result in serious personal injury.

NOTICE:

- Be sure to use genuine Makita nylon cutting head. Turn the tool upside down so that you can replace the nylon cutting head easily.



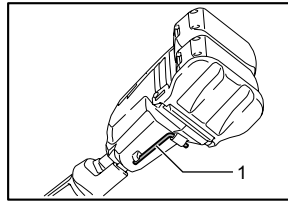
1. Nylon cutting head
2. Metal guard
3. Receive washer
4. Hex wrench

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Insert the hex wrench through the hole on the motor housing and rotate the receive washer until it is locked with the hex wrench. Place the nylon cutting head onto the threaded spindle directly and tighten it by turning it counterclockwise. Remove the hex wrench.

To remove the nylon cutting head, turn it clockwise while holding the receive washer with the hex wrench.

Hex wrench storage



1. Hex wrench

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When not in use, store the hex wrench as shown in the figure to keep it from being lost.

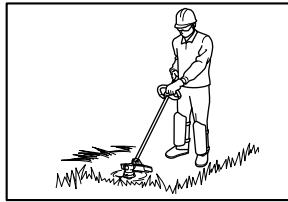
OPERATION

Correct handling of tool

Correct posture

⚠WARNING:

- **Always position the tool on your right-hand side.** Correct positioning of the tool allows for maximum control and will reduce the risk of serious personal injury caused by kickback.
- **Be extremely careful to maintain control of the tool at all times. Do not allow the tool to be deflected toward you or anyone in the work vicinity.** Failure to keep control of the tool could result in serious injury to the bystander and the operator.



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MAINTENANCE

⚠WARNING:

- **Always be sure that the tool is switched off and battery cartridge is removed before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance on the tool.** Failure to switch off and remove the battery cartridge may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.

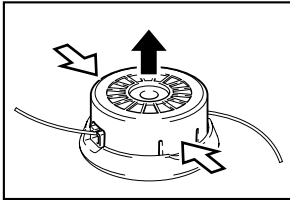
NOTICE:

Never use gasoline, benzene, thinner, alcohol or the like. Discoloration, deformation or cracks may result.

Replacing the nylon cord

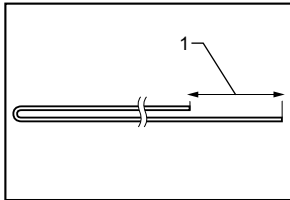
⚠WARNING:

- Use nylon cord with diameter specified in “SPECIFICATIONS” only. Never use heavier line, metal wire, rope or the like. Use recommended nylon cord only, otherwise it may cause damage to the tool and result in serious personal injury.
- Make sure that the cover of the nylon cutting head is secured to the housing properly as described below. Failure to properly secure the cover may cause the nylon cutting head to fly apart resulting in serious personal injury.



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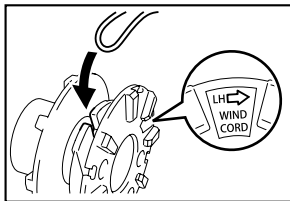
Take off cover from housing, pressing two latches which are slotted section oppositely on side of housing.



1. 80-100 mm

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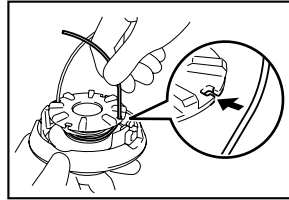
Cut a nylon line in 3 m (10 ft). Fold the cutting line in two halves, leave one of half longer 80-100 mm (3 - 4 inches) than another.



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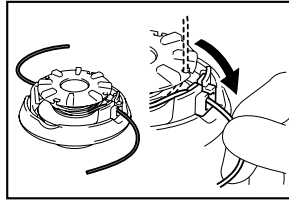
Hook the middle of the new nylon cord to the notch located at the center of the spool between the 2 channels provided for the nylon cord.

Wind both ends firmly around the spool in the direction marked on the head for left hand direction indicated by LH.



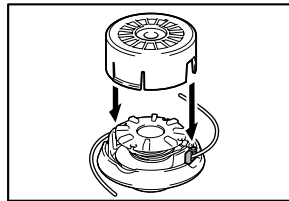
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Wind all but about 100 mm (4”) of the cords, leaving the ends temporarily hooked through a notch on the side of the spool.



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Mount the spool on the cover so that the grooves and protrusions on the spool match up with those on the cover. Now, unhook the ends of the cord from their temporary position and feed the cords through the eyelets to come out of the cover.



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Align the protrusion on the underside of the cover with the slots of the eyelets. Then push the cover firmly onto the housing to secure it. Make sure the latches fully spread in the cover.

To maintain product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, any other maintenance or adjustment should be performed by Makita Authorized or Factory Service Centers, always using Makita replacement parts.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

Before asking for repairs, first, conduct your own inspection. If you find a problem that is not explained in the manual, do not attempt to dismantle the tool. Instead, ask Makita Authorized or Factory Service Centers, always using Makita replacement parts.

Malfunction status	Cause	Action
Motor does not run.	Battery cartridge is not installed.	Install the battery cartridge.
	Battery problem (under voltage)	Recharge the battery. If recharging is not effective, replace battery.
	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
Motor stops running after a little use.	Rotation is in reverse.	Change the direction of rotation with the reversing switch.
	Battery's charge level is low.	Recharge the battery. If recharging is not effective, replace battery.
	Overheating.	Stop using of tool to allow it to cool down.
It does not reach maximum RPM.	Battery is installed improperly.	Install the battery cartridge as described in this manual.
	Battery power is dropping.	Recharge the battery. If recharging is not effective, replace battery.
	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
Cutting tool does not rotate: stop the machine immediately!	Foreign object such as a branch is jammed between the guard and the nylon cutting head.	Remove the foreign object.
	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
Abnormal vibration: stop the machine immediately!	One end of the nylon cord has been broken.	Bump the nylon cutting head against the ground while it is rotating to cause the cord to feed.
	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
Cutting tool and motor cannot stop: Remove the battery immediately!	Electric or electronic malfunction.	Remove the battery and ask your local authorized service center for repair.

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OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

WARNING:

- **Do not mount a blade on this tool and only use the recommended accessories or attachments indicated in this manual.** The use of a blade or any other accessory or attachment may result in serious personal injury.

CAUTION:

- These accessories or attachments are recommended for use with your Makita tool specified in this manual. The use of any other accessories or attachments might present a risk of injury to persons. Only use accessory or attachment for its stated purpose.

If you need any assistance for more details regarding these accessories, ask your local Makita Service Center.

- Nylon cutting head
- Nylon cord (cutting line)
- Makita genuine battery and charger

NOTE:

- Some items in the list may be included in the tool package as standard accessories. They may differ from country to country.