



# Shaft Hedge Clipper

## *Operator's Manual*

**MODELS**

**SHC-225**

**SHC-225S**

**WARNING**  **DANGER**



The muffler or catalytic muffler and surrounding cover may become extremely hot.

Always keep clear of exhaust and muffler area, otherwise serious personal injury may occur.



**WARNING**



The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.



**WARNING**

Read rules for safe operation and instructions carefully. ECHO provides an Operator's Manual and a Safety Manual. Both must be read and understood for proper and safe operation. Failure to do so could result in serious injury.

## INTRODUCTION

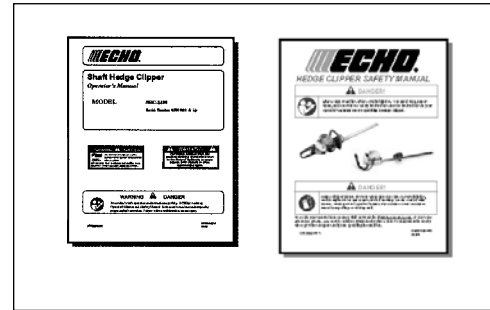
Welcome to the ECHO family. This ECHO product was designed and manufactured to provide long life and on-the-job dependability. Read and understand this manual and the SAFETY MANUAL you found in the same package. You will find both easy to use and full of helpful operating tips and SAFETY messages.

## THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL

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

## THE SAFETY MANUAL

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



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## SAFETY

### MANUAL SAFETY SYMBOLS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION


Throughout this manual and on the product itself, you will find safety alerts and helpful, informational messages preceded by symbols or key words. The following is an explanation of those symbols and key words and what they mean to you.

 **DANGER**


The safety alert symbol accompanied by the word “DANGER” calls attention to an act or condition which **WILL** lead to serious personal injury or death if not avoided.

 **WARNING**

The safety alert symbol accompanied by the word “WARNING” calls attention to an act or condition which **CAN** lead to serious personal injury or death if not avoided.

 **CAUTION**

The safety alert symbol accompanied by the word “CAUTION” calls attention to an act or condition which may lead to minor or moderate personal injury if not avoided.

 **CIRCLE AND SLASH SYMBOL**

This symbol means the specific action shown is prohibited. Ignoring these prohibitions can result in serious or fatal injury.

**NOTE**











This enclosed message provides tips for use, care and maintenance of the unit.

**IMPORTANT**

The enclosed message provides information necessary for the protection of the unit.

### INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLS

Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application	Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application
	Read and understand Operator's Manual.		Fuel and oil mixture
	Wear eyes, ears and head protection		Finger Severing
	Hot Surface		Wear hand protection. Use two handed.
	Safety/Alert		DO NOT smoke near fuel.
	Avoid all power lines. This unit is not insulated against electrical current.		DO NOT allow flames or sparks near fuel.
	Do not operate closer than 15 M (50 ft.) from electrical hazards.		Keep bystanders at least 15 meters (50 feet) away.

Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application	Symbol form/shape	Symbol description/application
	Emergency stop		Plan retreat path from falling objects.
	Primer bulb		Wear slip resistant foot wear.
	Carburetor adjustment - High speed mixture		Ignition ON/OFF
	Carburetor adjustment - Low speed mixture		Carburetor adjustment - Idle speed
	Choke Control "Cold Start" Position (Choke Closed)		Choke Control "Run" Position (Choke Open)

## PERSONAL CONDITION AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT



### **WARNING**

Hedge Clipper users risk injury to themselves and others if the hedge clipper is used improperly and or safety precautions are not followed. Proper clothing and safety gear must be worn when operating a hedge clipper.

### ***Physical Condition***

Your judgment and physical dexterity may not be good:

- if you are tired or sick,
- if you are taking medication,
- if you have taken alcohol or drugs.

Operate unit only if you are physically and mentally well.

### ***Eye Protection***

Eye protection that meets ANSI Z87.1 or CE requirements must be worn whenever you operate the unit.

### ***Hand Protection***

Wear no-slip, heavy duty work gloves to improve your grip on the handles. Gloves also reduce the transmission of machine vibration to your hands.

### ***Hearing Protection***

Wear hearing protection. ECHO recommends wearing hearing protection whenever unit is used.

### ***Vibration and Cold***

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

- Keep your body warm, especially the head, neck, feet, ankles, hands, and wrists.
- Maintain good blood circulation by performing vigorous arm exercises during frequent work breaks, and also by not smoking.
- Limit the hours of operation. Try to fill each day with jobs where operating the unit or other hand-held power equipment is not required.
- If you experience discomfort, redness, and swelling of the fingers followed by whitening and loss of feeling, consult your physician before further exposing yourself to cold and vibration.

### ***Proper Clothing***

Wear snug fitting, durable clothing;

- Pants should have long legs, shirts with long sleeves.
- **DO NOT WEAR SHORTS,**
- **DO NOT WEAR TIES, SCARFS, JEWELRY.**

Wear sturdy work shoes with nonskid soles;

- **DO NOT WEAR OPEN TOED SHOES,**
- **DO NOT OPERATE UNIT BAREFOOTED.**

Wear no-slip, heavy duty work gloves.

Keep long hair away from engine and air intake. Retain hair with cap or net.

### ***Hot Humid Weather***

Heavy protective clothing can increase operator fatigue which may lead to heat stroke. Schedule heavy work for early morning or late afternoon hours when temperatures are cooler.

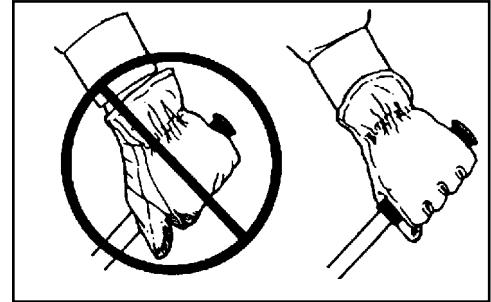


## ***Repetitive Stress Injuries***

It is believed that overusing the muscles and tendons of the fingers, hands, arms, and shoulders may cause soreness, swelling, numbness, weakness, and extreme pain in those areas. Certain repetitive hand activities may put you at a high risk for developing a Repetitive Stress Injury (RSI). An extreme RSI condition is Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS), which could occur when your wrist swells and squeezes a vital nerve that runs through the area. Some believe that prolonged exposure to vibration may contribute to CTS. CTS can cause severe pain for months or even years.

To reduce the risk of RSI/CTS, do the following:

- Avoid using your wrist in a bent, extended, or twisted position. Instead try to maintain a straight wrist position. Also, when grasping, use your whole hand, not just the thumb and index finger.
- Take periodic breaks to minimize repetition and rest your hands.
- Reduce the speed and force with which you do the repetitive movement.
- Do exercises to strengthen the hand and arm muscles.
- Immediately stop using all power equipment and consult a doctor if you feel tingling, numbness, or pain in the fingers, hands, wrists, or arms. The sooner RSI/CTS is diagnosed, the more likely permanent nerve and muscle damage can be prevented.



## **DANGER**

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

## ***Read the Manuals***

- Provide all users of this equipment with the Operator's Manual and Safety Manual for instructions on Safe Operation.

## ***Clear the Work Area***

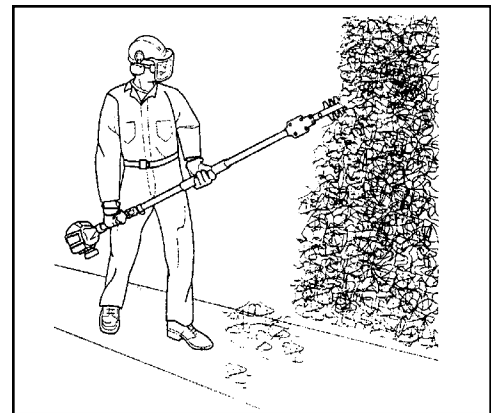
- Spectators and fellow workers must be warned, and children and animals prevented from coming nearer than 15 m (50 ft.) while the unit is in use.

## ***Keep a Firm Grip***

- Hold the front and rear handles with both hands, with thumbs and fingers encircling the handles.

## ***Keep a Solid Stance***

- Maintain footing and balance at all times. Do not stand on slippery, uneven or unstable surfaces. Do not work in odd positions or on ladders. Do not over reach.



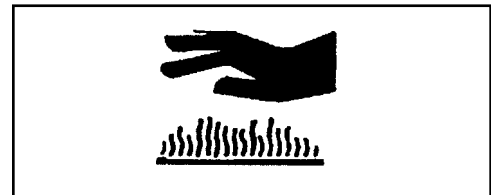
## ***Avoid Hot Surfaces***

- Keep exhaust area clear of flammable debris. Avoid contact during and immediately after operation.



## **WARNING**

Never perform blade maintenance procedures while engine is running.



## EQUIPMENT



### WARNING

Use only ECHO approved attachments. Serious injury may result from the use of a non-approved attachment combination. ECHO, INC. will not be responsible for the failure of cutting devices, attachments, or accessories which have not been tested and approved by ECHO. Read and comply with all safety instructions listed in this manual and safety manual.

- Check unit for loose/missing nuts, bolts, and screws. Tighten and/or replace as needed.
- Never adjust blades when the engine is operating.
- Inspect hand guard for damage. Replace if damaged or missing.
- Check that the blade assembly is firmly attached and in safe operating condition. Dull, loose or damaged blades should not be used.



### WARNING

Moving parts can amputate fingers or cause severe injuries. Keep hands, clothing and loose objects away from all openings.

- **ALWAYS** stop engine, disconnect spark plug, and make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before removing obstructions, clearing debris, or servicing unit.
- **DO NOT** start or operate unit unless all guards and protective covers are properly assembled to unit.
- **NEVER** reach into any opening while the engine is running. Moving parts may not be visible through openings.



### WARNING

Check fuel system for leaks due to fuel tank damage, especially if the unit is dropped. If damage or leaks are found, do not use unit, otherwise serious personal injury or property damage may occur. Have unit repaired by an authorized servicing dealer before using.

## EMISSION CONTROL (EXHAUST & EVAPORATIVE)

### *EPA Phase 2 / C.A.R.B. TIER III*

The emission control system for the engine is EM/TWC (Engine Modification and 3-way Catalyst) and for the fuel tank the Control System is EVAP (Evaporative Emissions) or N (for nylon tank). Evaporative emission may be applicable to California models only.

#### IMPORTANT ENGINE INFORMATION

ENGINE FAMILY: 8EHXS.0214KL DISPLACEMENT: 21.2 cc

EMISSION COMPLIANCE PERIOD : 300 HRS.

THIS ENGINE MEETS U.S. EPA PH2 EXH AND 2007 AND LATER CALIFORNIA EXH AND EVAP EMISSION REGULATIONS FOR S.O.R.E.. REFER TO OWNER'S MANUAL FOR MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS.



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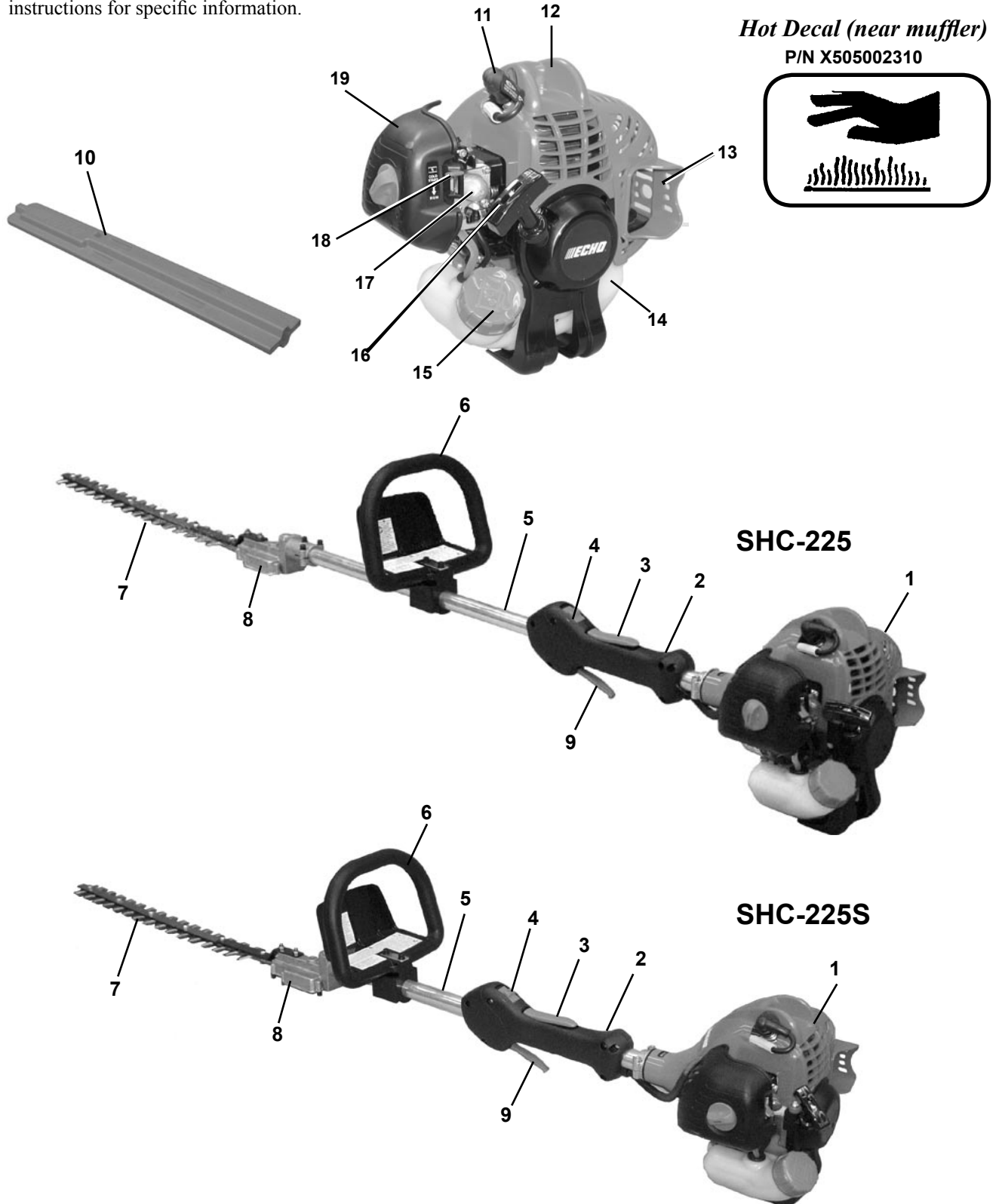
**Emission Control Label** (located on Engine) (EXAMPLE ONLY, information on label varies by FAMILY).

#### PRODUCT EMISSION DURABILITY (EMISSION COMPLIANCE PERIOD)

The 300 hour emission compliance period is the time span selected by the manufacturer certifying the engine emissions output meets applicable emissions regulations, provided that approved maintenance procedures are followed as listed in the Maintenance Section of this manual.

## DESCRIPTION

Locate these safety decals on your unit. Make sure the decals are legible and that you understand and follow the instructions on them. If a decal cannot be read, a new one can be ordered from your ECHO dealer. See PARTS ORDERING instructions for specific information.

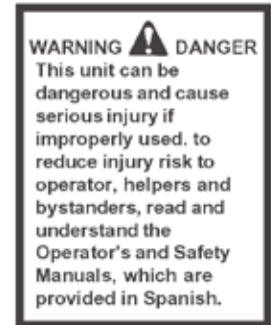


**Hand Guard**

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



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1. **POWER HEAD** - Includes the Engine, Clutch, Fuel System, Ignition System and Recoil Starter.
2. **THROTTLE HANDLE - FOR RIGHT HAND** - Contains Stop Switch, Throttle Lockout, and Throttle Trigger.
3. **THROTTLE TRIGGER LOCKOUT** - This lever must be held during starting. Operation of the throttle trigger is prevented unless throttle trigger lockout lever is engaged.
4. **STOP SWITCH** - Mounted on top of the Throttle Trigger Housing. Move switch FORWARD to RUN, BACK to STOP.
5. **DRIVE SHAFT ASSEMBLY** - Contains the Flexible Drive Cable.
6. **SUPPORT HANDLE - FOR LEFT HAND** - Adjustable, loop handle for proper cutting attitude and operator comfort.
7. **BLADES** - Double reciprocating blades mounted to a blade support bar. Double sided blades, are capable of cutting on either side.
8. **GEAR HOUSING ASSEMBLY** - Gear housing assembly fixed straight extension.
9. **THROTTLE TRIGGER** - Spring loaded to return to idle when released. During acceleration, depress gradually for best operating technique.
10. **BLADE COVER** - Used to cover blade during transport and storage. Remove blade cover before using unit.
11. **SPARK PLUG** - Provides spark to ignite fuel mixture.
12. **TOP GUARD** - Protects arm from the hot engine.
13. **SPARK ARRESTOR - CATALYTIC MUFFLER / MUFFLER** - The muffler or catalytic muffler controls exhaust noise and emission. The spark arrestor screen prevents hot, glowing particles of carbon from leaving the muffler. Keep exhaust area clear of flammable debris.
14. **FUEL TANK** - Contains fuel and fuel filter.
15. **FUEL TANK CAP** - Covers and seals fuel tank opening.
16. **RECOIL STARTER HANDLE** - Pull handle slowly until starter engages, then quickly and firmly. When engine starts, return handle slowly. DO NOT let handle snap back or damage to unit will occur.
17. **PURGE BULB** - Pumping purge bulb before starting engine draws fresh fuel from the fuel tank, purging air from the carburetor. Pump purge bulb until fuel is visible and flows freely in the clear fuel tank return line. Pump purge bulb an additional 4 or 5 times.
18. **CHOKE CONTROL** - Located on the air cleaner housing. Move the lever to Cold Start (  ) to close the choke for Cold Starting. Move lever to Run (  ) position after engine fires.
19. **AIR CLEANER** - Contains replaceable filter element.

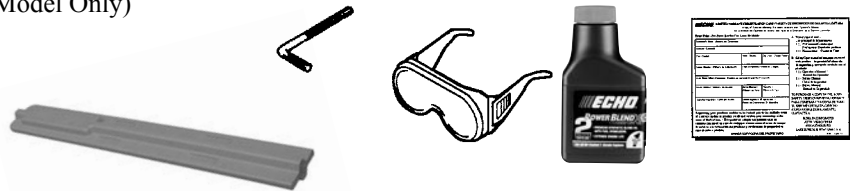
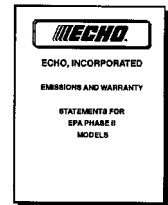
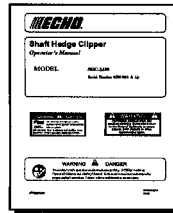


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The ECHO product you have purchased has been factory pre-assembled for your convenience.

After opening the carton, check for damage. Immediately notify your retailer or ECHO Dealer of damaged or missing parts. Use the contents list to check for missing parts.

- \_\_\_ 1 - Power Head/Driveshaft/Hedge Clipper Assembly
- \_\_\_ 1 - Operator's Manual
- \_\_\_ 1 - Hedge Clipper Safety Manual
- \_\_\_ 1 - Warranty Statement
- \_\_\_ 1 - Warranty Registration Card
- \_\_\_ 1 - Echo Power BlendX™ 2-stroke oil sample
- \_\_\_ 1 - Torx T27 L-Wrench (225 Model Only)
- \_\_\_ 1 - Safety Glasses
- \_\_\_ 1 - Blade Cover



## ASSEMBLY

### 225 Model Only

*Tools Required:* Torx T27 L-Wrench

*Parts Required:* Drive Shaft Assembly and Gear Housing Assembly.

### GEAR HOUSING ASSEMBLY / DRIVE SHAFT

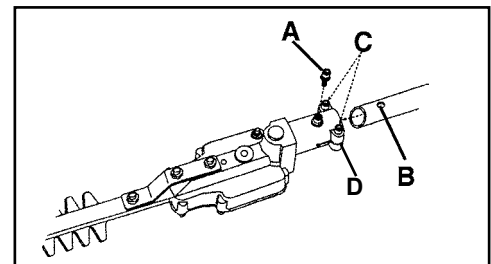
#### NOTE

Hedge Clipper Blades are very sharp. Wear gloves to protect hands.

1. Remove vinyl cap from drive shaft.
2. Fully loosen (do not remove) locating bolt (A) and align the locating bolt (A) with the locating hole (B) in the Drive Shaft Housing.
3. Slide the Gear Housing Assembly on the Drive Shaft. Be certain the Flex Drive Shaft engages the hole in Drive Gear.
4. Tighten bolt (A) and clamping bolts (C).

#### IMPORTANT

Flat edge of washers (D) must be against drive shaft.

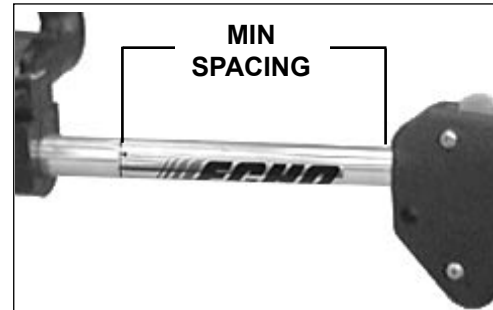


## FRONT HANDLE

### NOTE

Label shows minimum spacing for front handle location.

1. Position front handle in comfortable operating position and tighten screws.



## OPERATION



### WARNING

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## FUEL

**NOTICE:** Use of unmixed, improperly mixed, or fuel older than 90 days, (stale fuel), may cause hard starting, poor performance, or severe engine damage and void the product warranty. Read and follow instructions in the Storage section of this manual.



### WARNING

Alternative fuels, such as E-20 (20% ethanol), E-85 (85% ethanol) or any fuels not meeting ECHO requirements are **NOT** approved for use in ECHO 2-stroke gasoline engines. Use of alternative fuels may cause performance problems, loss of power, overheating, fuel vapor lock, and unintended machine operation, including, but not limited to, improper clutch engagement. Alternative fuels may also cause premature deterioration of fuel lines, gaskets, carburetors and other engine components.

### *Fuel Requirements*

**Gasoline** - Use 89 Octane [R+M/2] (mid grade or higher) gasoline known to be good quality. Gasoline may contain up to 10% Ethanol (grain alcohol) or 15% MTBE (methyl tertiary-butyl ether). Gasoline containing methanol (wood alcohol) is **NOT** approved.

**Two Stroke Oil** - A two-stroke engine oil meeting ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. FC/FD Standards must be used. Echo brand premium Power Blend X™ Universal 2-Stroke Oil meets these standards. Engine problems due to inadequate lubrication caused by failure to use an ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. FC/FD certified oil, such as Echo premium Power Blend X™, will void the two-stroke engine warranty.

### IMPORTANT

Echo premium Power Blend X™ Universal 2-Stroke Oil may be mixed at 50:1 ratio for application in all Echo engines sold in the past regardless of ratio specified in those manuals.

## Handling Fuel



### DANGER

Fuel is VERY flammable. Use extreme care when mixing, storing or handling or serious personal injury may result.

- Use an approved fuel container.
- DO NOT smoke near fuel.
- DO NOT allow flames or sparks near fuel.
- Fuel tanks/cans may be under pressure. Always loosen fuel caps slowly allowing pressure to equalize.
- NEVER refuel a unit when the engine is HOT or RUNNING!
- DO NOT fill fuel tanks indoors. ALWAYS fill fuel tanks outdoors over bare ground.
- DO NOT overfill fuel tank. Wipe up spills immediately.
- Securely tighten fuel tank cap and close fuel container after refueling.
- Inspect for fuel leakage. If fuel leakage is found, do not start or operate unit until leakage is repaired.
- Move at least 3m (10 ft.) from refueling location before starting the engine.

### Mixing Instructions

1. Fill an approved fuel container with half of the required amount of gasoline.
2. Add the proper amount of 2-stroke oil to gasoline.
3. Close container and shake to mix oil with gasoline.
4. Add remaining gasoline, close fuel container, and remix.

Fuel to Oil Mix - 50:1 Ratio			
U.S.		METRIC	
GAS	OIL	GAS	OIL
Gallons	Fl. oz.	Liter	cc.
1	2.6	4	80
2	5.2	8	160
5	13	20	400

### IMPORTANT

Spilled fuel is a leading cause of hydrocarbon emissions. Some states may require the use of automatic fuel shut-off containers to reduce fuel spillage.

### After use

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

**Storage** - Fuel storage laws vary by locality. Contact your local government for the laws affecting your area. As a precaution, store fuel in an approved, airtight container. Store in a well-ventilated, unoccupied building, away from sparks and flames.

### IMPORTANT

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

### IMPORTANT

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

## STARTING COLD ENGINE



### WARNING

Hedge Clipper blades are very sharp. Touching them may lead to severe personal injury. Avoid touching blades whenever possible, and always wear gloves to protect hands.

### NOTE

The blade cover is used for transportation and storage. Remove blade cover before using the unit.



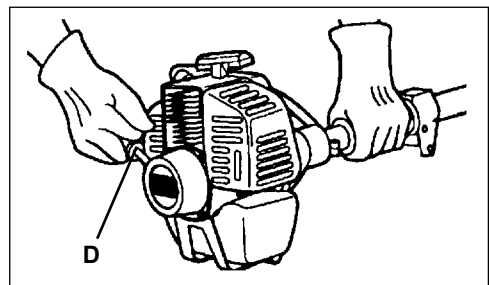
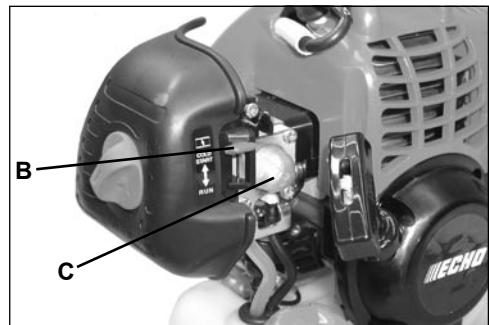
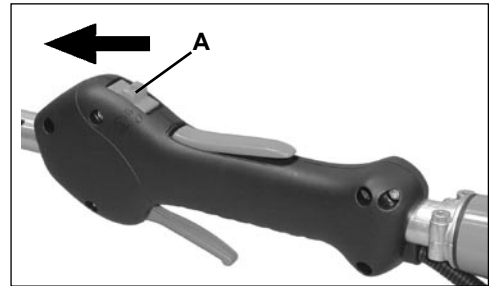
### WARNING

The attachment will operate immediately when the engine starts and could result in loss of control and possible serious injury. Keep movable parts of the attachment off the ground and away from objects that could become entangled or thrown.

1. *Stop Switch*  
Move Stop Switch button away from the STOP position.
2. *Choke*  
Move choke (B) to Cold Start (I) position.
3. *Purge Bulb*  
Pump purge bulb (C) until fuel is visible and flows freely in the clear fuel tank return line. Pump bulb an additional 4 or 5 times.
4. *Recoil Starter*  
Lay the unit on a flat area and keep movable attachment parts clear of all obstacles. Firmly grasp throttle handle and throttle trigger lockout with left hand and fully depress throttle trigger to wide open position. Rapidly pull recoil starter handle/rope (D) until engine fires (or maximum five [5] pulls).
5. *Choke*  
After engine fires or five (5) pulls, move choke lever back to Run (II) position. Firmly grasp throttle handle and throttle trigger lockout with left hand and fully depress throttle trigger to wide open position. Pull starter handle/rope until engine starts and runs. Release throttle trigger and allow unit to warm up at idle for several minutes.

### NOTE

If engine does not start with choke in Run position after 5 pulls, repeat instructions 2 -5.





## WARNING

The blades must not move at idle, otherwise serious personal injury may result. Periodic carburetor adjustment may be necessary to assure blades do not move at idle.

If blades move, readjust carburetor according to “Carburetor Adjustment” instructions in this manual or see your ECHO Dealer.

### 6. *Throttle Trigger*

After engine warm up, grip throttle handle with right hand and support handle with left hand. Depress throttle trigger lockout, and gradually depress throttle trigger to increase engine RPM to operating speed.

## STARTING WARM ENGINE

The starting procedure is the same as Cold Start except DO NOT close the choke, and do not depress throttle trigger to wide open position.



## WARNING

The blades must not move at idle, otherwise serious personal injury may result. Periodic carburetor adjustment may be necessary to assure blades do not move at idle.

If blades move, readjust carburetor according to “Carburetor Adjustment” instructions in this manual or see your ECHO Dealer.

### 1. *Stop Switch*

Move Stop Switch button (A) away from the STOP position.

### 2. *Purge Bulb*

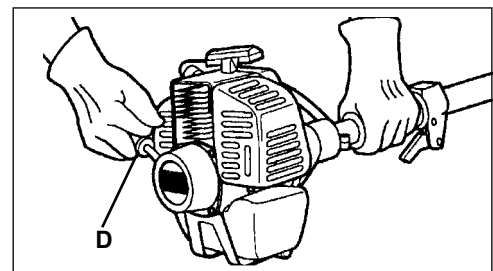
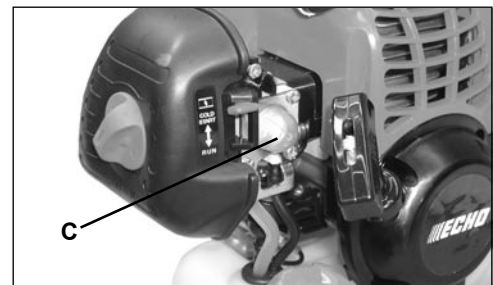
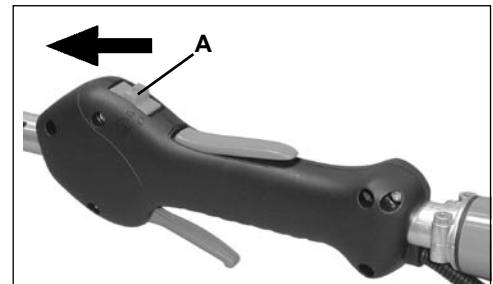
Pump purge bulb (C) until fuel is visible and flows freely in the clear fuel tank return line. Pump bulb an additional 4 or 5 times.

### 3. *Recoil Starter*

Lay the unit on a flat area and keep movable attachment parts clear of all obstacles. Firmly grip throttle handle and throttle trigger lockout with left hand. Rapidly pull recoil starter handle/rope (D) until engine fires.

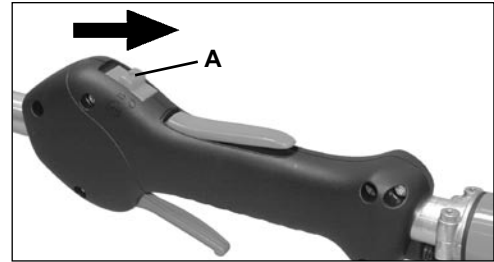
## NOTE

If engine does not start after 5 pulls, use Cold Start Procedure.



## STOPPING ENGINE

1. *Throttle*  
Release throttle and allow engine to return to idle before shutting off engine.
2. *Stop Switch*  
Move stop switch button (A) backward to STOP position.



### WARNING

If engine does not stop when stop switch is moved to STOP position, close choke - COLD START position - to stall engine. Have your ECHO dealer repair stop switch before using hedge clipper again or serious personal injury may result.

## HEDGE TRIMMING



### WARNING

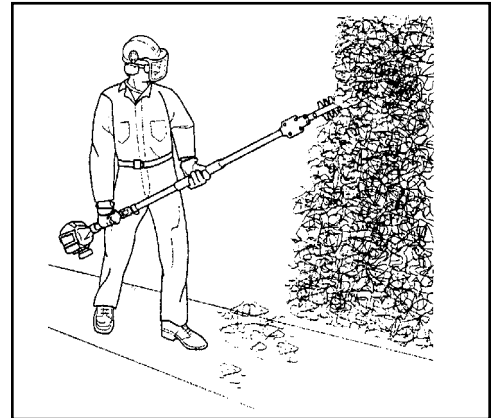
Engine exhaust IS HOT, and contains Carbon Monoxide (CO), a poison gas. Breathing CO can cause unconsciousness, serious injury, or death. Exhaust can cause serious burns. ALWAYS blow exhaust away from your face and body.



### WARNING

Hedge Clipper blades are very sharp. Touching them may lead to severe personal injury. Avoid touching blades whenever possible, and always wear gloves to protect hands.

1. Always grip throttle handle with right hand and support handle with left hand while trimming.
2. Hold trimmer firmly and squeeze throttle trigger to accelerate engine.
3. Tilt trimmer so cutting teeth are angled slightly toward the hedge or shrub and proceed to cut.



### WARNING

Never remove hands from unit when blades are moving.



### WARNING

The engine continues running even when the blades have stopped due to an obstruction. If this occurs, stop the engine, disconnect ignition cable and remove the obstruction.

## MAINTENANCE



### WARNING

Moving parts can amputate fingers or cause severe injuries. Keep hands, clothing and loose objects away from all openings. Always stop engine, disconnect spark plug, and make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before removing obstructions, clearing debris, or servicing unit. Allow unit to cool before performing service. Wear gloves to protect hands from sharp edges and hot surfaces.

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

### SKILL LEVELS

**Level 1** = Easy to do. Common tools may be required.

**Level 2** = Moderate difficulty. Some specialized tools may be required.

ECHO offers **REPOWER™** Maintenance Kits and Parts to make your maintenance job easier.

### MAINTENANCE INTERVALS

COMPONENT/SYSTEM	MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE	SKILL LEVEL REQ'D	DAILY OR BEFORE USE	EVERY REFUEL	3 MONTHS OR 90 HOURS	YEARLY 600 HOURS
Air Filter	Inspect/Clean	1	I / C *			
Choke Shutter	Inspect/Clean	1	I / C			
Fuel Filter	Inspect	1			I *	I / R *
Fuel Cap Gasket	Inspect/Replace	1			I *	
Fuel System	Inspect/Replace	1	I (4) *	I (4) *		
Spark Plug	Inspect/Clean	1			I / C / R *	
Cooling System	Inspect/Clean	2	I / C			
Muffler Spark Arrestor	Inspect/Clean/Replace	2			I / C / R *	
Cylinder Exhaust Port	Inspect/Clean/Decarbon	2			I / C	
Drive Shaft	Grease	2			I (1)	
Gear Housing	Grease	2			I (2)	
Blades	Inspect/Clean	1	I / C (3)			
Recoil Starter Rope	Inspect/Clean	1	I / C *			
Screws/Nuts/Bolts	Inspect/Tighten/Replace	1	I *			

**MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE LETTER CODES:** I = INSPECT, R = REPLACE, C = CLEAN

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

**MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE NOTES:**

(1) Apply POWER BLENDX™ grease every 25 hours of use.

(2) Apply POWER BLENDX™ grease every 15 - 25 hours of use.

(3) Inspect blade and clean and sharpen as needed. Lubricate blades periodically during use.

(4) Low evaporative fuel tanks DO NOT require regular maintenance to maintain emission integrity.


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

## AIR FILTER

### Level 1.

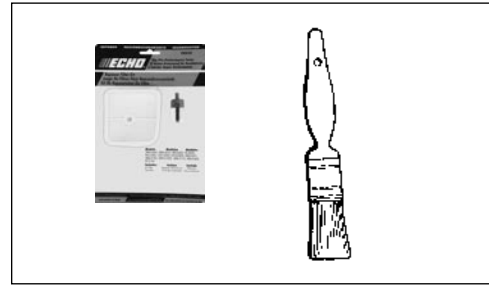
*Tools required:* 25 - 50 mm (1 - 2 in.) Cleaning Brush

*Parts required:* REPOWER™ AIR & FUEL FILTER KIT.

1. Close choke (Cold Start Position []). This prevents dirt from entering the carburetor throat when the air filter is removed. Brush accumulated dirt from air cleaner area.
2. Remove air filter cover. Brush dirt from inside cover.
3. Remove air filter and lightly brush debris from filter. Replace filter if it is damaged, fuel soaked, very dirty, or the rubber sealing edges are deformed.
4. If filter can be reused, be certain it:
  - Fits tightly in the air filter cavity.
  - Is installed with the original side out.
5. Install air filter cover.

#### NOTE

Carburetor adjustment may be needed after air filter cleaning/replacement.



## FUEL FILTER

### Level 1.

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

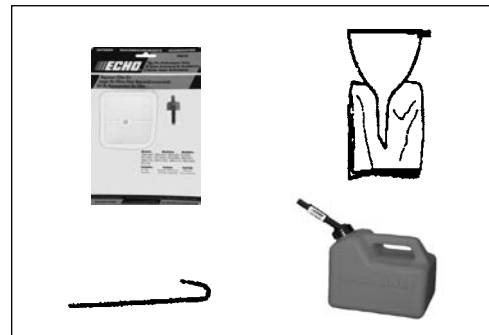
*Parts required:* REPOWER™ AIR & FUEL FILTER KIT.



#### DANGER

Fuel is **VERY** flammable. Use extreme care when mixing, storing or handling, or serious personal injury may result.

1. Use a clean rag to remove loose dirt from around fuel cap and empty fuel tank.
2. Use the “fuel line hook” to pull the fuel line and filter from the tank.
3. Remove the filter from the line and install the new filter.





## SPARK PLUG

### Level 2.

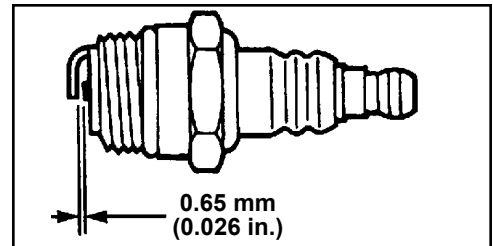
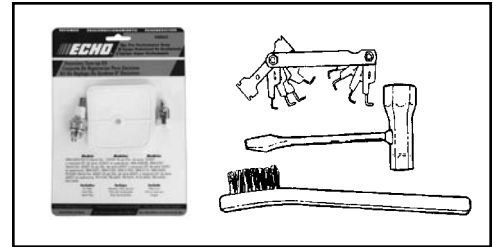
*Tools Required:* T-Wrench, feeler gauge, soft metal brush

*Parts Required:* REPOWER™ Tune-Up Kit

#### IMPORTANT

Use only NGK BPM-8Y spark plug (BPMR-8Y in Canada) otherwise severe engine damage may occur.

1. Remove spark plug and check for fouling, worn and rounded center electrode.
2. Clean the plug or replace with a new one. **DO NOT** sand blast to clean. Remaining sand will damage engine.
3. Adjust spark plug gap by bending outer electrode.
4. Tighten spark plug to 150-170 kgf • cm (130-150 in • lbf).



## COOLING SYSTEM

### Level 2.

*Tools required:* T27 Torx L-Wrench, 25 - 50 mm (1 - 2 in.)  
Cleaning Brush,

*Parts Required:* None.

#### IMPORTANT

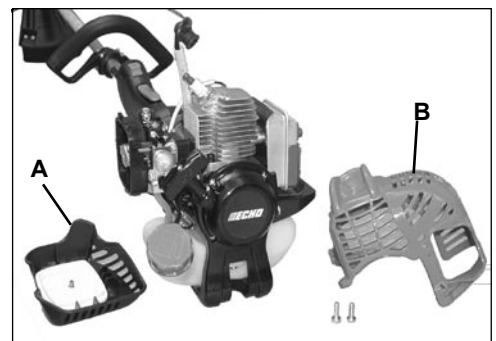
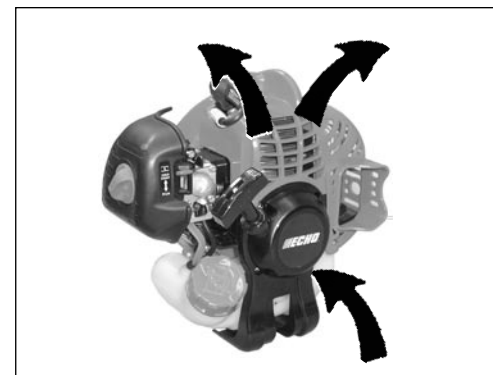
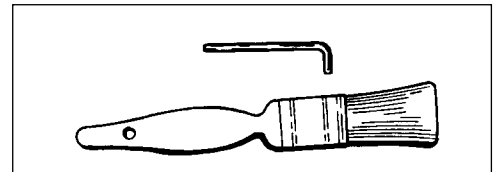
To maintain proper engine operating temperatures, cooling air must pass freely through the cylinder fin area. This flow of air carries combustion heat away from the engine.

Overheating and engine seizure can occur when:

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

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

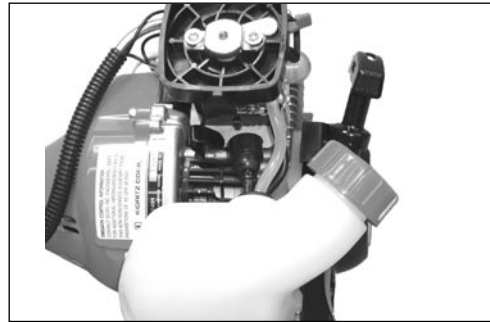
1. Remove spark plug lead.
2. Remove air cleaner cover (A).
3. Remove 2 engine cover screws and engine cover (B).



## IMPORTANT

DO NOT use a metal scraper to remove dirt from the cylinder fins.

4. Remove ignition wires from clip for cleaning.
5. Use brush to remove dirt from the cylinder fins.
6. Remove grass and leaves from the grid between the recoil starter and fuel tank.
7. Assemble components in reverse order.



## EXHAUST SYSTEM

### *Spark Arrestor Screen*

#### Level 2.

*Tools Required:* T27 Torx L-Wrench, Soft Metal Brush

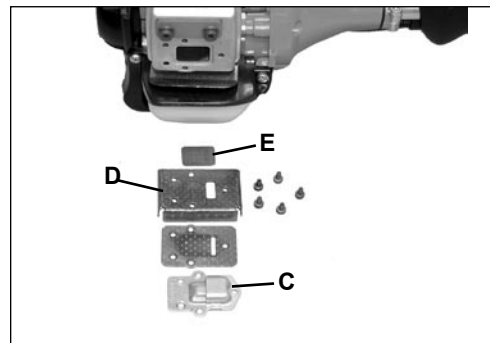
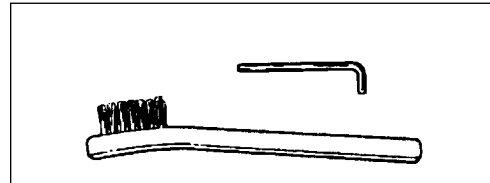
*Parts Required:* Screen, Gasket

1. Remove spark plug lead from spark plug, and remove engine cover (2 screws).
2. Place piston at Top Dead Center (TDC) to prevent carbon/dirt from entering cylinder.
3. Remove spark arrestor screen cover (C), gasket (D), and screen (E), from muffler body.
4. Clean carbon deposits from muffler components.

## NOTE

When cleaning carbon deposit, be careful not to damage the catalytic element inside muffler.

5. Replace screen if it is cracked, plugged, or has holes burned through.
6. Install engine cover and attach spark plug lead.



## Exhaust Port Cleaning

### Level 2.

*Tools required:* Torx T27 L-Wrench, Wood or plastic scraper

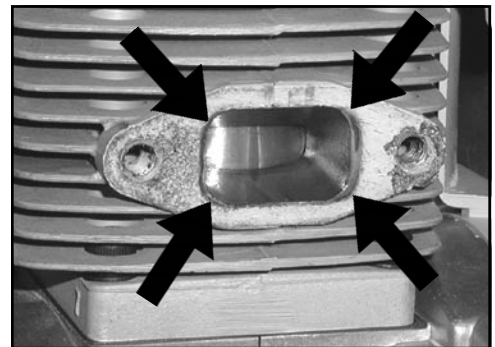
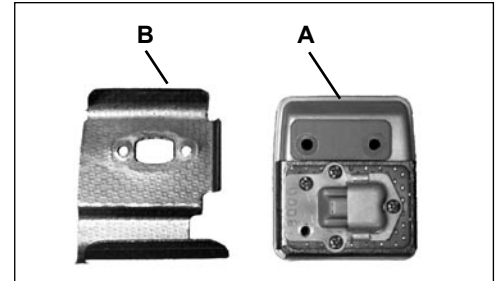
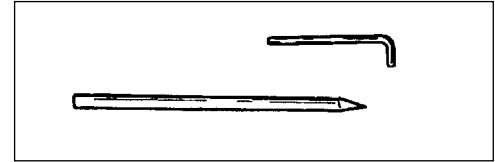
*Parts Required:* As needed: Heat Shield

1. Remove spark plug lead from spark plug, and remove engine cover (2 screws).
2. Place piston at top dead center. Remove muffler (A) and heat shield (B).
3. Use a wood or plastic scraping tool to clean deposits from cylinder exhaust port.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Never use a metal tool to scrape carbon from the exhaust port. Do not scratch the cylinder or piston when cleaning the exhaust port. Do not allow carbon particles to enter the cylinder.

4. Inspect heat shield, and replace if damaged.
5. Install heat shield and muffler.
6. Tighten muffler mounting bolts (or nuts) to 80-95 in•lbf (90-110 kgf•cm).
7. Start engine, and warm to operating temperature.
8. Stop engine, and re-tighten mounting bolts (or nuts) to specifications.
9. Install engine cover and attach spark plug lead.



## CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT

### *Engine Break-In*

New engines must be operated a minimum duration of two tanks of fuel break-in before carburetor adjustments can be made. During the break-in period your engine performance will increase and exhaust emissions will stabilize. Idle speed can be adjusted as required.

### *High Altitude Operation*

This engine has been factory adjusted to maintain satisfactory starting, emission, and durability performance up to 1,100 feet mean sea level (MSL) (96.0 kPa and below). To maintain proper engine operation and emission compliance above 1,100 feet MSL the carburetor may need to be adjusted by an authorized ECHO service dealer.

#### **IMPORTANT**

If the engine is adjusted for operation *above* 1,100 feet MSL, the carburetor must be re-adjusted when operating the engine *below* 1,100 feet MSL, otherwise severe engine damage can result.

#### **Level 2.**

*Tools required:* Screwdriver, Tachometer (ECHO P/N 99051130017).

*Parts required:* None.

#### **NOTE**

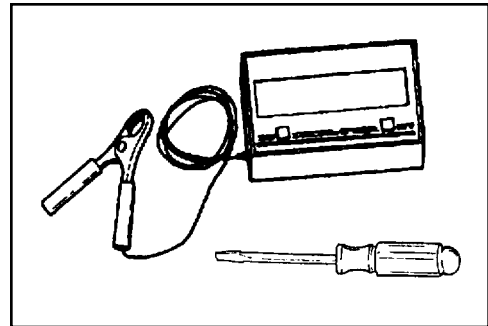
Every unit is run at the factory and the carburetor is set in compliance with emission regulations. Carburetor adjustments, other than idle speed, must be performed by an authorized ECHO dealer.

1. Check idle speed and reset if necessary. If a tachometer is available, idle speed screw (A) should be set to the specifications found on page 26 "Specifications" of this manual. Turn idle screw (A) clockwise to increase idle speed; counter clockwise to decrease idle speed.



#### **WARNING**

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



## LUBRICATION

### Blades

#### Level 1.

*Tools Required:* Clean rag, cleaning brush, oil can

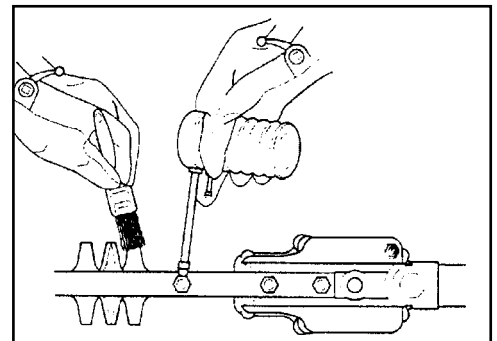
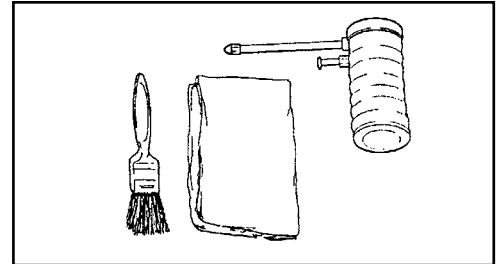
*Parts Required:* 20W Engine Oil (lubrication), 50-50 mixture of kerosene and 20W oil (cleaning)



### WARNING

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1. Brush loose debris from blade and coat both sides of blade with the 50-50 cleaning mixture.
2. Allow cleaning mixture to soften the remaining gummy residue then wipe it from the blade.
3. Apply clean oil to the entire length of the blade. Be certain the blade bolts are lubricated.
4. Wipe excess oil from the blade before putting the unit back in service.



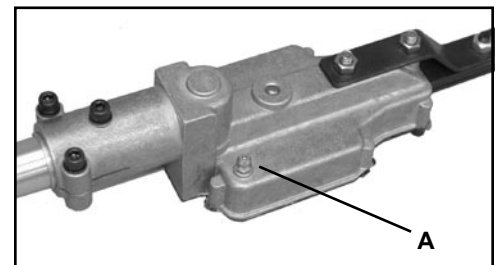
### Gear Case

#### Level 2.

*Tools required:* Grease gun with Lithium Grease, clean rag

*Parts required:* POWER BLENDX™ 14 oz. cartridge or Lithium Based Grease

1. Clean dirt from grease fitting.
2. Carefully pump grease in fitting (A). **DO NOT** force grease. Too much pressure will force grease past seals and cause damage. **Apply 1-2 pumps of grease every 15-25 hours of operation.**



## Drive Shaft Assembly

### Level 1.

#### NOTE

Hedge Clipper drive shaft should be greased every 25 hours of operation.

*Tools required:* Torx T27 L-Wrench, screwdriver, clean rag, small brush

*Parts required:* POWER BLENDX™ 14 oz. cartridge or Lithium Based Grease



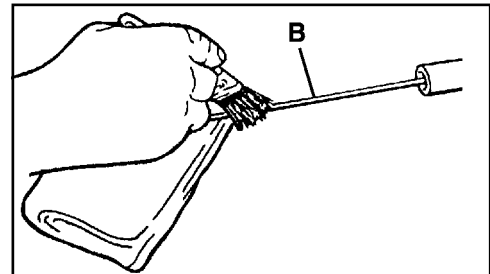
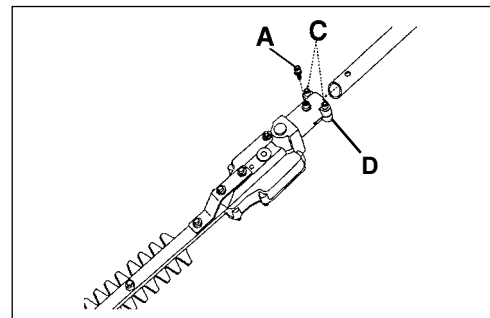
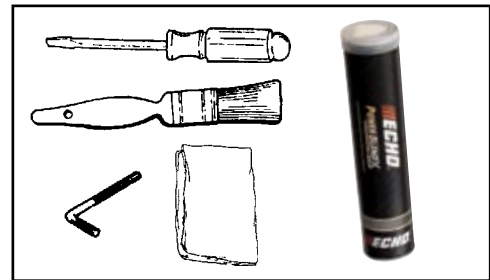
#### WARNING

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1. Loosen gear housing assembly locating screw (A) and mounting screws (C). Remove the gear box from the drive shaft housing.
2. Pull the drive shaft (B) from the housing, wipe clean and re-coat with a thin coating [1/2 oz. (15 ml)] of grease.
3. Slide the drive shaft back in the drive housing being careful not to get dirt on the flex shaft.
4. Install the gear housing assembly.

#### IMPORTANT

Flat edge of washers (D) must be against drive shaft.



## SHARPENING BLADES

### Level 3.

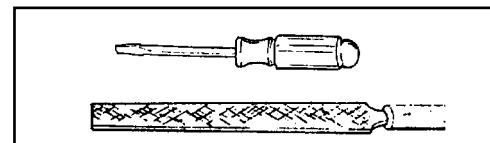
*Tools required:* Flat file, screwdriver

*Parts required:* None



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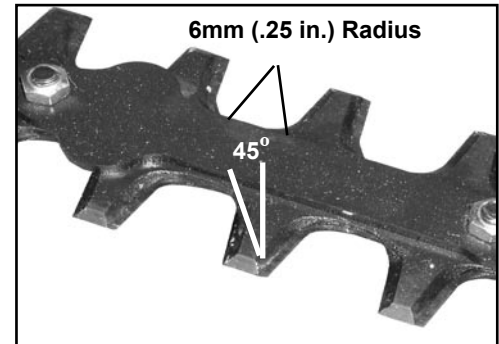
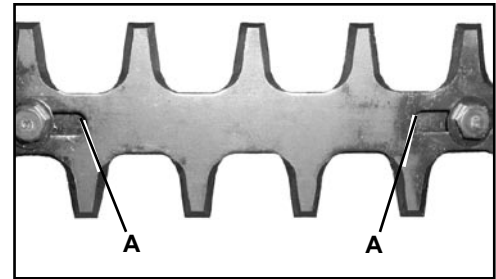


1. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug.
2. Slide blades to allow file clearance using slots (A) on bottom of blades. Do not pry against cutting edges.
3. Follow the original shape, and file each cutting edge carefully to avoid damage to adjacent teeth. Maintain 6 mm (.25 in.) radius at base of each tooth.

**IMPORTANT**

If a power grinder is used, **DO NOT** allow blade to over heat.

4. Lubricate blades. See "Lubrication".
5. Connect spark plug wire.



## BLADE ADJUSTMENT

### Level 2.

*Tools required:* (2) 10 mm Sockets and Extensions

*Parts required:* None



### WARNING

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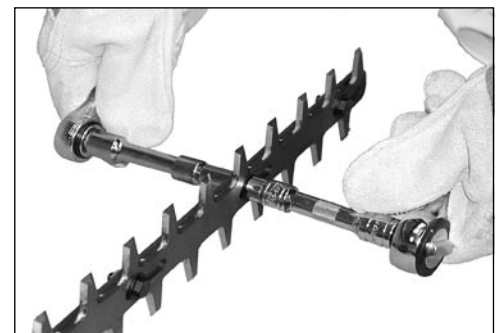
**IMPORTANT**

Blades should only be removed and reinstalled by an Authorized ECHO Servicing Dealer, otherwise premature wear or internal damage may occur.

1. Tighten blade bolts until snug, then loosen blade bolts 1/2 turn.
2. Hold blade bolts from turning using 10 mm socket, and tighten blade lock nuts with other 10 mm socket.

**NOTE**

Locking ability of Hedge Clipper blade lock nuts will diminish each time they are removed. Replace if turning resistance is not felt when installing locknuts.



## TROUBLESHOOTING

ENGINE PROBLEM TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

Problem	Check	Status	Cause	Remedy
Engine cranks - starts hard/ doesn't start	Fuel at carburetor	No fuel at carburetor	Fuel strainer clogged Fuel line clogged Carburetor	Clean or replace Clean or replace See your Echo dealer
	Fuel at cylinder	No fuel at cylinder	Carburetor	See your Echo dealer
		Muffler wet with fuel	Fuel Mixture too rich	Open choke Clean/replace air filter Adjust carburetor See your Echo dealer
	Spark at end of plug wire	No spark	Stop switch off Electrical problem Interlock switch	Turn switch to ON See your Echo dealer See your Echo dealer
	Spark at plug	No spark	Spark gap incorrect Covered with carbon Fouled with fuel Plug defective	Adjust to .65mm (0.026 in.) Clean or replace Clean or replace Replace plug
Engine runs, but dies or does not accelerate properly	Air filter	Air filter dirty	Normal wear	Clean or replace
	Fuel filter	Fuel filter dirty	Contaminants/residues in fuel	Replace
	Fuel vent	Fuel vent plugged	Contaminants/residues in fuel	Clean or replace
	Spark Plug	Plug dirty/worn	Normal wear	Clean and adjust or replace
	Carburetor	Improper adjustment	Vibration	Adjust
	Cooling System	Cooling system dirty/plugged	Extended operation in dirty/dusty locations	Clean
	Spark Arrestor Screen	Spark arrestor screen plugged	Normal wear	Replace
Engine does not crank	N/A	N/A	Internal engine problem	See your Echo dealer



### DANGER

Fuel vapors are **extremely** flammable and may cause fire and/or explosion. **Never** test for ignition spark by grounding spark plug near cylinder plug hole, otherwise serious personal injury may result.



## STORAGE



### WARNING

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

### *Long Term Storage (over 30 days)*

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

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



### WARNING

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### DANGER

Do not store in enclosure where fuel fumes may accumulate or reach an open flame or spark, otherwise serious personal injury may result.

2. Place the stop switch in the "OFF" position.
3. Remove accumulation of grease, oil, dirt and debris from exterior of unit.
4. Perform all periodic lubrication and services that are required.
5. Apply clean oil to the entire length of the blade. Be certain the blade bolts are lubricated.
6. Install blade cover on blades.
7. Tighten all the screws and nuts.
8. **Drain** the fuel tank **completely** and pull the recoil starter handle several times to remove fuel from the carburetor.
9. Remove the spark plug and pour 7cc (1/4 oz.) of fresh, clean, two-stroke engine oil into the cylinder through the spark plug hole.
  - A. Place a clean cloth over the spark plug hole.
  - B. Pull the recoil starter handle 2-3 times to distribute the oil inside the engine.
  - C. Observe the piston location through the spark plug hole. Pull the recoil handle slowly until the piston reaches the top of its travel and leave it there.
10. Install the spark plug (do not connect ignition cable).

### IMPORTANT

Always store and transport hedge clippers in a stable, horizontal position. Support gear case and cutting blades to prevent excessive flexing, which may cause damage to these components. Always install blade cover when transporting or storing unit.

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>MODEL</b> -----	<b>SHC-225, SHC-225S</b>
Length (SHC-225) -----	1810 mm (71.3 in.)
Length (SHC-225S) -----	1480 mm (58.27 in.)
Width (SHC-225) -----	246 mm (9.69 in.)
Width (SHC-225S)-----	246 mm (9.69 in.)
Height (SHC-225) -----	290 mm (11.4 in.)
Height (SHC-225S)-----	290 mm (11.4 in.)
Weight (dry) (SHC-225) -----	6.35 kg (14.0 lb.)
Weight (dry) (SHC-225S) -----	6.17 kg (13.6 lb.)
Engine Type -----	Air cooled, two-stroke, single cylinder gasoline engine
Bore-----	32.2 mm (1.27 in.)
Stroke-----	26.0 mm (1.02in.)
Displacement -----	21.2 cc (1.29 cu. in.)
Exhaust-----	Spark arrestor - catalytic muffler / muffler
Carburetor-----	Zama Diaphragm w/Purge Pump
Ignition System -----	Flywheel Magneto, CDI (capacitor discharge ignition) with ESG
Spark Plug -----	NGK BPM-8Y (Gap 0.65 mm (0.026 in.))
Fuel -----	Mixed (Gasoline and Two-stroke Oil)
Fuel/Oil Ratio -----	50 : 1 Power Blend X™ ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. M345- <u>FC/FD</u> , two-stroke, air-cooled engine oil.
Gasoline-----	Use 89 Octane unleaded. Do not use fuel containing methyl alcohol, more than 10% ethyl alcohol or 15% MTBE. Do not use alternative fuels such as E-20 or E-85.
Oil-----	Power Blend X™ Premium Universal 2-Stroke Oil
Fuel Tank Capacity -----	0.44 lit. (14.9 US fl. oz.)
Recoil Starter System -----	Automatic Recoil Starter
Clutch-----	Centrifugal Type
Gear Case Ratio -----	5.88:1
Cutter -----	Double Reciprocating Blade - Double Edge
Length-----	515 mm (20.28 in.)
Pitch -----	35 mm (1.4 in.)
Maximum Diameter Cut	
Soft Material -----	25.4 mm (1 in.)
Woody Material-----	13 mm (1/2 in.)
Idle Speed-----	2,500 - 3,000 RPM
Clutch Engagement Speed-----	4,100 RPM
Wide Open Throttle Speed -----	10,600 - 11,600 RPM

**NOTES**

## SERVICING INFORMATION

### PARTS/SERIAL NUMBER

Genuine ECHO Parts and ECHO REPOWER™ Parts and Assemblies for your ECHO products are available only from an Authorized ECHO Dealer. When you do need to buy parts **always** have the Model Number, Type and Serial Number of the unit with you. You can find these numbers on the engine housing. For future reference, write them in the space provided below.

Model No. \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_ SN. \_\_\_\_\_

### SERVICE

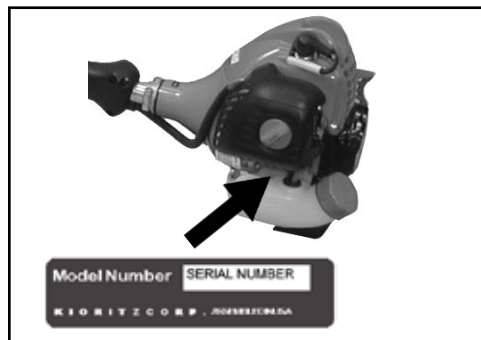
Service of this product during the warranty period must be performed by an Authorized ECHO Service Dealer. For the name and address of the Authorized ECHO Service Dealer nearest you, ask your retailer or call: 1-800-432-ECHO (3246). Dealer information is also available on our Web Site. When presenting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

### ECHO CONSUMER PRODUCT SUPPORT

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

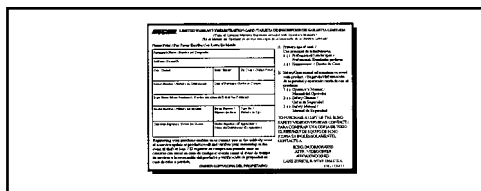
### WARRANTY REGISTRATION

To ensure trouble free warranty coverage it is important that you register your ECHO equipment on-line at [www.echo-usa.com](http://www.echo-usa.com). Other registration options are by automated phone at 1-800-432-3246 or by filling out the warranty registration card supplied with your unit. Registering your product confirms your warranty coverage and provides a direct link between you and ECHO if we find it necessary to contact you.



**DEALER?**  
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