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Model: F-8 | Brand: FELCO

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

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The FELCO F8 Pruning Shears are Swiss-made, high-performance garden clippers designed for heavy-duty cutting tasks. Engineered for ergonomic comfort, especially for users with larger hands, these pruners offer a firm and comfortable grip. The angled cutting head design allows for efficient and precise pruning, making them a natural extension of your hand.

These shears feature hardened Swiss carbon steel blades for frictionless slicing and rust resistance, along with a fine blade adjustment and a wire cutting notch. The durable forged aluminum handles are built to last, and all parts are replaceable for long-term usability. A cushioned stop mechanism prevents the blades from opening unexpectedly, enhancing safety during use.



Image: The Felco F8 Pruning Shears, showcasing their ergonomic design and red handles.

## 2. KEY FEATURES

- **Forged Aluminum Handles:** Lightweight yet robust, designed for durability and comfortable handling.
- **Carbon Steel Blades:** Hardened Swiss carbon steel blades ensure maximum edge retention, clean cuts, and resistance to rust.
- **Micrometric Adjustment Mechanism:** Allows for easy and precise adjustment of the blade alignment, ensuring optimal cutting performance.
- **Rubberized Grips and Bumper:** Phthalate-free rubberized grips provide a secure hold, and a rubber bumper absorbs shock during cutting, reducing wrist strain.
- **Replaceable Parts:** All components of the Felco F8 are replaceable, extending the lifespan of the tool and making maintenance straightforward.
- **1-inch Cutting Capacity:** Capable of cutting branches, stems, and wires up to 1 inch in diameter.

## 3. SETUP AND INITIAL USE

The Felco F8 Pruning Shears come ready for immediate use. Before your first use, familiarize yourself with

the locking mechanism and ensure the blades are clean and lightly oiled for optimal performance.

### Unlocking and Locking the Pruners:

1. To unlock, push the thumb catch (safety lock) downwards and away from the handles. The handles will spring open.
2. To lock, squeeze the handles together until the blades meet, then push the thumb catch upwards to secure the handles in the closed position. This ensures safe storage and transport.



Image: A user demonstrating how to hold and operate the Felco F8 Pruning Shears.

## 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

For best results and to maintain the health of your plants, always aim for clean cuts. The Felco F8 is designed for precision and ease of use.

### Making a Cut:

1. Position the branch or stem as deep as possible into the blades, close to the pivot point. This maximizes leverage and ensures a clean cut.
2. Apply steady pressure to the handles until the cut is complete. The bypass action ensures a scissor-like cut, minimizing damage to plant tissue.
3. Avoid twisting the pruners during a cut, as this can damage the blades and the plant.

### Cutting Capacity:

The Felco F8 can comfortably cut through branches and stems up to 1 inch (25 mm) in diameter. For thicker branches, consider using a lopper or saw to prevent damage to your pruners and reduce strain.



Image: A close-up of the Felco F8 Pruning Shears making a clean cut on a tree branch.



Image: The Felco F8 Pruning Shears being used to cut a thicker branch, demonstrating its capacity.

### **Video Demonstration:**

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Video: Official demonstration of the Felco Ergonomic Hand Pruner with 1-inch cutting capacity, showcasing its features and ease of use.

## **5. MAINTENANCE**

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Regular maintenance will ensure your Felco F8 Pruning Shears remain sharp, efficient, and last a lifetime.

### **Cleaning:**

- After each use, clean the blades to remove sap, dirt, and debris. Use a stiff brush and warm soapy water, or a specialized blade cleaner.
- Dry the blades thoroughly to prevent rust.

### **Lubrication:**

- Apply a few drops of light machine oil to the pivot point and along the blades after cleaning and drying. This ensures smooth operation and protects against corrosion.

## Sharpening:

- Sharpen the cutting blade regularly using a sharpening stone or diamond file. Maintain the original bevel angle of the blade.
- Only sharpen the cutting edge; do not sharpen the anvil blade.

## Replacing Parts:

The Felco F8 is designed with fully replaceable parts, including blades, springs, and bumpers. This allows for easy repair and extends the tool's lifespan significantly.



Image: Exploded view of Felco Pruning Shears, illustrating that all parts are replaceable for easy maintenance and repair.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

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Most issues with pruning shears can be resolved with proper maintenance.

- **Dull Cuts or Crushing Branches:** This usually indicates dull blades. Sharpen the cutting blade as described in the Maintenance section.
- **Stiff Operation:** Clean and lubricate the pivot point and blades. If the issue persists, check the micrometric adjustment for proper tension.
- **Blades Not Meeting Properly:** Adjust the micrometric adjustment mechanism to realign the blades.
- **Broken Spring or Bumper:** These are replaceable parts. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions or website for replacement part numbers and installation guides.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

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Specification	Detail
Brand	FELCO
Model	F-8
Item Weight	8.64 ounces
Product Dimensions	11.5"L x 3.75"W
Blade Length	2 Inches
Cutting Width (Capacity)	1 Inch
Blade Material	Carbon Steel
Handle Material	Aluminum, Steel
Hand Orientation	Right
Blade Type	Bypass

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

FELCO stands behind the quality of its products. The Felco F8 Pruning Shears come with a **Lifetime Warranty** on the forged aluminum handles, reflecting the brand's commitment to durability and craftsmanship.

For specific warranty claims, replacement parts, or further support, please visit the official FELCO website or contact their customer service. Ensure you retain your proof of purchase.

For more information, visit the FELCO Store on Amazon.