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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Fiskars PowerLever Grass and Hedge Shear GS53 is a versatile gardening tool designed for precise trimming of grass edges and hedges. It features a unique PowerLever mechanism for enhanced cutting performance and an adjustable cutting head for reaching various angles and heights up to 2.5 meters. This manual provides essential information for safe and effective use, setup, maintenance, and troubleshooting.



Image: The Fiskars PowerLever Grass and Hedge Shear GS53, highlighting its robust blades and ergonomic handles.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when using gardening tools. Read and understand all instructions before operation.

- **Keep Blades Sharp and Clean:** Sharp blades cut more efficiently and safely. Clean blades after each use to prevent sap and debris buildup.
- **Wear Protective Gear:** Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including gloves and eye protection, to prevent injuries from sharp blades or flying debris.

- **Inspect Before Use:** Before each use, check the shears for any damage, loose parts, or dull blades. Do not use if damaged.
- **Keep Clear of Obstructions:** Ensure the area is clear of people, pets, and obstacles before cutting.
- **Proper Grip:** Maintain a firm grip on the handles during operation.
- **Store Safely:** Store the shears in a dry, secure place, out of reach of children and unauthorized users.
- **Avoid Overreaching:** While the tool offers extended reach, avoid overstretching or losing balance during use.

3. SETUP

The Fiskars PowerLever Grass and Hedge Shear GS53 comes pre-assembled and ready for use. No complex assembly is required.

1. **Unboxing:** Carefully remove the shears from their packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or transport if desired.
2. **Initial Inspection:** Inspect the blades for any protective covers and remove them. Check the overall condition of the tool for any shipping damage.
3. **Familiarize with Adjustable Head:** The cutting head can be adjusted up to 270 degrees. Locate the adjustment mechanism (typically a knob or lever near the blade pivot) and practice rotating the head to different angles. This allows for comfortable cutting in various positions without bending or straining.





Image: The shears in an upright position, ready for use, demonstrating their extended reach.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The GS53 shears are designed for efficient cutting of grass and hedges. The PowerLever mechanism provides increased cutting force, especially at the blade tips.

4.1. Adjusting the Cutting Head

To adjust the cutting head angle, locate the orange adjustment knob or lever near the blade pivot. Rotate the knob to unlock the head, set it to the desired angle (up to 270 degrees), and then secure it by rotating the knob back into the locked position. This allows for ergonomic cutting of both horizontal and vertical surfaces.

4.2. Cutting Grass Edges

1. Adjust the cutting head to a comfortable angle for trimming grass edges, typically a horizontal or slightly angled position.
2. Position the shears with the blades close to the ground or desired cutting line.
3. Apply steady pressure to the handles to close the blades, making a clean cut.

4. Move along the edge, overlapping cuts slightly for a uniform finish.



Image: A user demonstrating the use of the shears for precise grass edging, maintaining an upright posture.

4.3. Trimming Hedges

1. Adjust the cutting head to the appropriate angle for the hedge surface you are trimming (e.g., vertical for sides, horizontal for tops).
2. Position the blades around the branches or foliage to be cut. The shears can cut branches up to 1 cm in diameter at the base of the blade.
3. Close the handles firmly to make the cut. The PowerLever technology assists in providing extra cutting power.
4. Work systematically across the hedge to achieve an even trim.



Image: A user trimming a hedge with the Fiskars PowerLever Grass and Hedge Shear GS53, showcasing its reach and maneuverability.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Fiskars shears.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean the blades thoroughly. Remove any sap, dirt, or plant debris. The shears can be easily cleaned under running water. Dry completely to prevent rust.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically apply a light machine oil or specialized tool lubricant to the blade pivot point and along the cutting edges. This helps maintain smooth operation and prevents rust.
- **Sharpening:** If the blades become dull, they can be sharpened using a suitable sharpening tool for garden shears. Follow the sharpening tool's instructions carefully to maintain the correct blade angle.
- **Storage:** Store the shears in a dry, protected area. If possible, use a blade guard to cover the sharp edges during storage.





Image: A close-up view of the shears' blades, emphasizing the importance of keeping them clean and sharp.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter:

- **Difficulty Cutting / Blades Sticking:**

Solution: Clean the blades thoroughly to remove sap and debris. Lubricate the pivot point and blades with a light oil. Ensure blades are sharp; if dull, sharpen them.

- **Stiff Adjustment Mechanism:**

Solution: Clean any dirt or debris from the adjustable head mechanism. Apply a small amount of lubricant to the moving parts of the adjustment system.

- **Rust on Blades:**

Solution: Clean the rust off with a wire brush or fine-grit sandpaper, then apply a rust-preventative oil. Ensure blades are dried completely after cleaning to prevent future rust.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	1001565
Overall Length	91 cm (approx. 35.8 inches)
Blade Length	22 cm (approx. 8.7 inches)
Handle Length	16 cm (approx. 6.3 inches)
Item Weight	1.38 kg (approx. 3.03 pounds)
Blade Material	Steel
Handle Material	Aluminium
Cutting Capacity	Up to Ø 1 cm (at blade base)
Adjustable Head Angle	Up to 270°
Reach	Up to 2.5 meters



Image: A diagram illustrating the key dimensions of the Fiskars PowerLever Grass and Hedge Shear GS53.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information, please refer to the documentation included with your product or visit the official Fiskars website. Warranty terms and conditions may vary by region.

If you require technical assistance, replacement parts, or have questions not covered in this manual, please contact Fiskars customer service through their official website or the contact information provided on your product packaging.

