

Fiskars X11 Splitting Axe

Fiskars X11 18-inch Splitting Axe Instruction Manual

Model: X11 Splitting Axe | Brand: Fiskars

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the safe and effective use, maintenance, and care of your Fiskars X11 18-inch Splitting Axe. Designed for small-sized logs, this axe combines perfected weight distribution, advanced blade geometry, an ultra-sharp edge, and a virtually unbreakable design to maximize your performance. Please read all instructions carefully before use to ensure safety and optimal results.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when using any axe. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in serious injury.

- **Wear Protective Gear:** Always wear safety glasses, gloves, and sturdy footwear. Consider wearing leg protection.
- **Clear Work Area:** Ensure your splitting area is clear of people, pets, and obstructions. Maintain a safe distance from others.
- **Inspect Axe Before Use:** Check the axe head and handle for any damage, cracks, or looseness. Do not use a damaged axe.
- **Proper Stance:** Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, maintaining balance.
- **Secure Log:** Place the log to be split on a stable chopping block. Ensure it is firmly seated and will not roll.
- **Maintain Sharpness:** A sharp blade is safer and more efficient. Sharpen the blade regularly according to maintenance instructions.
- **Storage:** Store the axe with its protective sheath in a secure location, out of reach of children.

3. KEY FEATURES

- **Multi-Use Design:** Ideal for splitting small-sized logs, kindling, and general yard work.
- **Advanced Blade Geometry:** Bevel convex blade design enhances splitting power and makes blade removal easier.

- **Optimized Balance:** Perfected power-to-weight ratio increases swing speed for more efficient one-strike splits.
- **Durable FiberComp Handle:** Lightweight, shock-absorbing handle is stronger than steel and prevents overstrike damage.
- **Inseparable Head:** Insert-molded design ensures the head never loosens or separates from the handle.
- **Protective Sheath:** Includes a plastic sheath for safe transport and storage.



Figure 1: Fiskars X11 Splitting Axe with its protective sheath.

4. SETUP AND INITIAL INSPECTION

The Fiskars X11 Splitting Axe comes pre-assembled and ready for use. Before your first use, perform the following checks:

1. **Remove Sheath:** Unlock and remove the protective plastic sheath from the axe head.
2. **Inspect Blade:** Verify the blade is sharp and free from nicks or damage.
3. **Check Handle:** Ensure the handle is securely attached to the head and shows no signs of cracks or wear.
4. **Clean:** Wipe down the axe to remove any packaging residue or debris.



Figure 2: The Fiskars X11 Splitting Axe with its protective sheath detached. The sheath also functions as a handle for safe carrying.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS: SPLITTING WOOD

Follow these steps for effective and safe wood splitting:

1. **Prepare Your Log:** Place the log vertically on a sturdy chopping block. For smaller logs, ensure they are stable.
2. **Grip the Axe:** Hold the axe firmly with both hands, one near the head and the other at the base of the handle.
3. **Aim and Swing:** Aim for the center of the log. Lift the axe above your head and swing down, allowing the axe's weight and design to do the work. The advanced blade geometry is designed for efficient one-strike splits.
4. **Follow Through:** Allow the axe to follow through the log. If the axe gets stuck, do not twist or pry. Instead, lift the log and axe together and strike the log against the chopping block to free the axe.
5. **Splitting Technique:** For optimal splitting, aim to strike the log with the widest part of the wedge-shaped blade.



Figure 3: Demonstrating proper technique for splitting wood with the Fiskars X11 axe.



More one-strike splits

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Figure 4: The Fiskars X11 axe is designed for more one-strike splits due to its optimized power-to-weight ratio.



Figure 5: Understanding the difference between a chopping axe (thinner blade for horizontal cuts) and a splitting axe (wider, wedged blade for vertical splitting). The X11 is a splitting axe.

Video: Fiskars Axes - Smarter and Stronger


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Video 1: Official Fiskars video showcasing the design and benefits of Fiskars axes, including the X11, highlighting their strength and efficiency.

6. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and performance of your Fiskars X11 Splitting Axe.

- **Blade Sharpening:** Regularly sharpen the blade using a suitable axe sharpener to maintain its ultra-sharp edge. A sharp blade is safer and more effective.
- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean the blade and handle to remove sap, dirt, and debris. A damp cloth is usually sufficient. Dry thoroughly to prevent rust.
- **Storage:** Always store the axe with its protective sheath in a dry, secure place. Avoid leaving it exposed to the elements.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the axe for any signs of wear or damage, especially the blade edge and handle integrity.



**Proprietary
blade-grinding
technique provides a
sharper edge for better
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Figure 6: The proprietary blade-grinding technique provides a sharper edge for better contact and cleaner cuts. Maintain this sharpness for optimal performance.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

While the Fiskars X11 Splitting Axe is designed for durability and reliability, here are some common issues and their solutions:

- **Axe gets stuck in wood:** This can happen with tough or knotty wood. Do not twist the handle. Instead, lift the log and axe together and strike the log against the chopping block to dislodge the axe.
- **Ineffective splitting:** Ensure the blade is sharp. A dull blade requires more effort and can be less safe. Also, verify you are using proper technique and aiming for the center of the log.
- **Blade dulls quickly:** Avoid striking the axe against hard surfaces like rocks or metal. Use a proper chopping block.

8. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

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| Brand | Fiskars |
| Model | X11 Splitting Axe |
| Style Name | 18" Splitting Axe |
| Product Dimensions (L x W) | 31.5"L x 9.25"W |
| Item Weight | 2.2 Pounds |
| Head Weight | 2.18 Pounds |
| Blade Length | 5.99 Inches |
| Blade Material | Forged Steel |
| Handle Material | FiberComp (Composite) |
| Head Type | Splitting Wedge |
| Color | Black |
| Included Components | Protective Sheath |
| GTIN/UPC | 046561178567, 046561112066, 046561808570 |



Figure 7: Key dimensions of the Fiskars X11 Splitting Axe.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Fiskars X11 Splitting Axe is backed by a **Lifetime Warranty**. Fiskars tools are designed for longevity and guaranteed to maintain exceptional performance season after season. For detailed warranty information and support, please visit the official Fiskars website or contact customer service.



Figure 8: Fiskars provides a Lifetime Warranty on this product, ensuring lasting quality and performance.