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PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Fiskars 9688 Bypass Pruner is engineered for efficient and comfortable pruning of green, living growth. Its design incorporates an angled cutting head to minimize wrist fatigue during extended use. The precision-ground steel blade is fully hardened to maintain sharpness, while a low-friction coating facilitates smoother cuts and provides rust resistance. The sculpted handles feature non-slip grips, ensuring comfortable use for both right- and left-handed individuals. This tool is ideal for tasks such as trimming ornamental shrubs and other similar vegetation.



This image displays the Fiskars 9688 Bypass Pruner in a closed state. The pruner features ergonomic black handles with orange accents near the pivot point. The silver-colored blade mechanism and the sharp bypass blades are clearly visible. The overall design emphasizes a sturdy and functional tool for gardening tasks.

SETUP

Before first use, ensure the pruner is ready for operation.

- **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the pruner from its packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or transport if desired.
- **Initial Inspection:** Examine the pruner for any signs of damage or manufacturing defects. Ensure the blades open and close smoothly and the locking mechanism functions correctly.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these guidelines for effective and safe use of your bypass pruner.

Proper Cutting Technique

- **Identify Target:** Select the branch or stem to be cut. Ensure it is within the 1/2-inch cutting capacity of the pruner.
- **Position Pruner:** Place the bypass blade closest to the main stem or bud to ensure a clean cut that heals quickly. The bypass action means one blade slides past the other, ideal for live wood.
- **Make Clean Cut:** Apply steady pressure to the handles to make a smooth, clean cut. Avoid twisting the pruner during the cut, as this can damage the blade or the plant.

Safety Precautions

- **Wear Protective Eyewear:** Always wear safety glasses or goggles to protect your eyes from debris.
- **Keep Fingers Clear:** Ensure fingers and other body parts are clear of the blades during operation.
- **Store Safely:** When not in use, engage the locking mechanism and store the pruner in a secure location, out of reach of children.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will extend the life and performance of your pruner.

- **Cleaning the Blade:** Wipe the blades clean after each use to remove sap, dirt, and debris. A damp cloth or a brush can be used. For stubborn sap, use a specialized blade cleaner or rubbing alcohol.
- **Oiling the Blade:** Lightly oil the blade and pivot point after cleaning, especially before storing for extended periods. This helps prevent rust and ensures smooth operation.
- **Sharpening:** Periodically sharpen the blade to maintain cutting efficiency. Use a sharpening stone or appropriate sharpening tool, following the original blade angle.
- **Storage:** Store the pruner in a dry place to prevent rust. Ensure the locking mechanism is engaged to keep the blades closed.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Difficult Cuts	Dull blade, excessive sap buildup, cutting material too thick	Clean and sharpen the blade. Ensure material is within 1/2-inch capacity.
Pruner sticks or feels stiff	Sap buildup, lack of lubrication at pivot point, rust	Thoroughly clean the blades and pivot. Apply a light oil to the pivot and blade surfaces. Remove any rust with fine steel wool if present.
Locking mechanism not engaging/disengaging	Debris in mechanism, minor misalignment	Clean the locking mechanism area. Gently try to realign if visibly bent. If issue persists, contact support.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** Fiskars
- **Model:** 396881-1001
- **Item Weight:** 8.8 ounces
- **Product Dimensions:** 1.12 x 3.88 x 10.62 inches
- **Blade Material:** Alloy Steel
- **Handle Material:** Alloy Steel
- **Blade Type:** Bypass
- **Cut Capacity:** 1/2 inch
- **Hand Orientation:** Ambidextrous

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Fiskars 9688 Bypass Pruner comes with a **Lifetime Warranty**, reflecting the manufacturer's confidence in its durability and performance. This warranty covers defects in material and workmanship.

For warranty claims, product support, or additional information, please refer to the official Fiskars website or contact their customer service directly. You can also find more information and products at the official Fiskars store on Amazon:

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