

## Fiskars 1020203

# Fiskars PB-8 Large Bypass Pruning Shears (Model 1020203)

## Instruction Manual

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing Fiskars PB-8 Large Bypass Pruning Shears, Model 1020203. These shears are designed for efficient and precise cutting of fresh branches, twigs, rose bushes, and ornamental plants up to 2.6 cm in diameter. Crafted with high-steel blades and durable, lightweight fiberglass-reinforced synthetic handles, they offer a secure grip and comfortable use for both right- and left-handed users. This manual provides essential information for the safe operation, maintenance, and long-term care of your pruning shears.



Figure 1: Fiskars PB-8 Large Bypass Pruning Shears, Model 1020203.

### 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always observe the following safety precautions when using your pruning shears:

- Keep hands and fingers away from the blades during use.
- Wear appropriate protective gloves and eye protection when pruning.
- Do not attempt to cut branches thicker than the recommended maximum diameter of 2.6 cm.
- Store shears in a safe place, out of reach of children, with the safety lock engaged.
- Inspect blades for damage or dullness before each use. Do not use damaged shears.
- Clean blades after each use to prevent sap and debris buildup.

### 3. SETUP

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Your Fiskars PB-8 Large Bypass Pruning Shears are designed for immediate use. No assembly is required.

- 1. Unlocking the Shears:** Locate the safety lock mechanism, typically a small lever or slide, near the handles. Push or slide it to the "open" position to release the blades.
- 2. Initial Inspection:** Before first use, check that the blades are clean, sharp, and move freely without obstruction. Ensure all screws are tight.



Figure 2: Pruning shears in closed position with safety lock engaged.

### 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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Follow these steps for effective and safe pruning:

- 1. Grip:** Hold the shears firmly with a comfortable grip. The ergonomic design of the handles provides a secure hold.
- 2. Positioning:** Position the bypass blades around the branch you intend to cut. Ensure the branch is within the maximum cutting capacity of 2.6 cm. Bypass shears are ideal for live, green wood as they make a clean, precise cut.
- 3. Cutting:** Apply steady, firm pressure to the handles to close the blades and cut through the branch. Avoid twisting or forcing the shears, especially on thicker branches, as this can damage the blades or the plant.
- 4. Repetitive Cuts:** For repetitive tasks, the joint-gentle buffers help reduce strain.
- 5. After Use:** Once pruning is complete, clean the blades and engage the safety lock before storing.

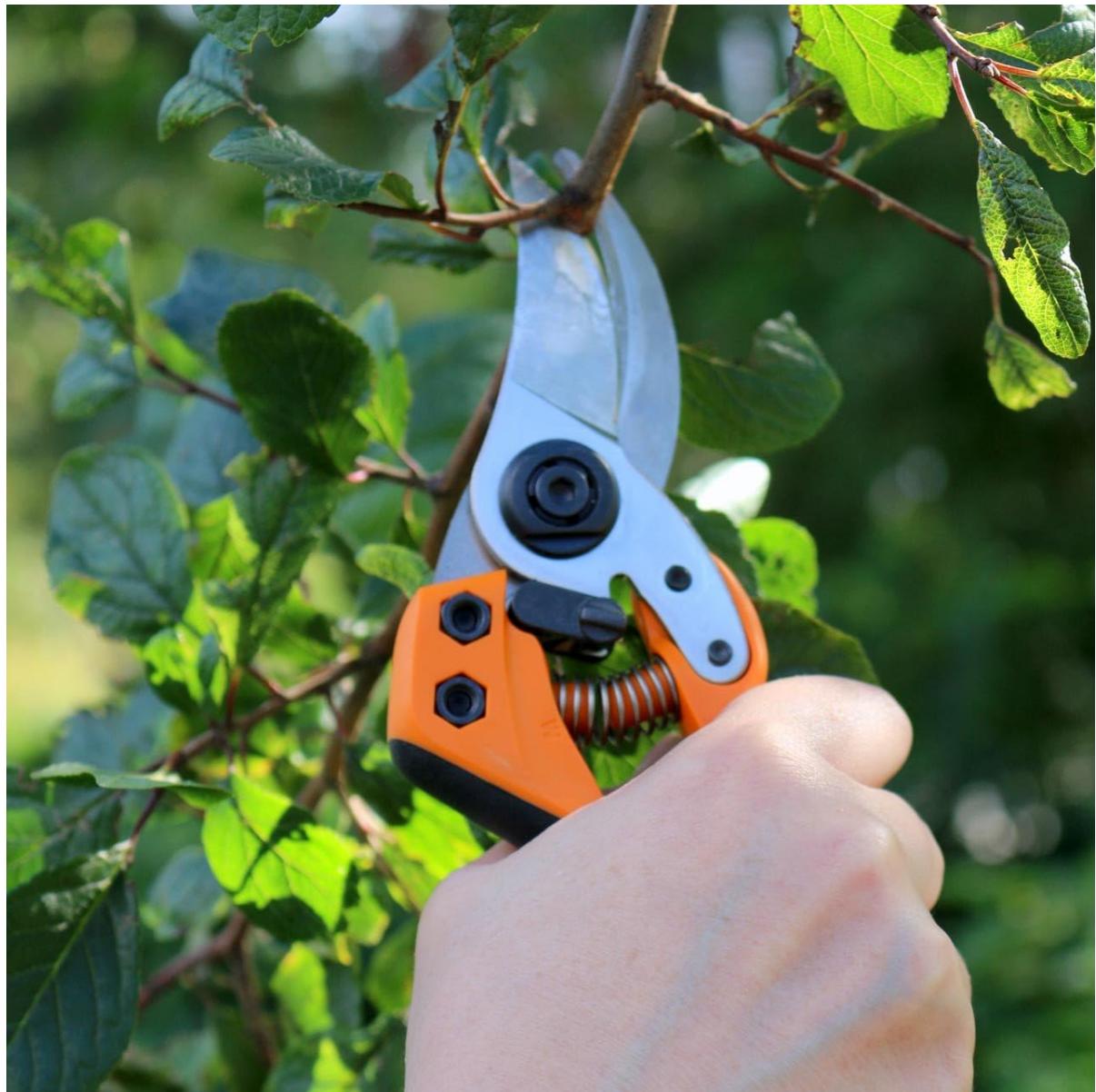


Figure 3: Proper technique for using bypass pruning shears on a branch.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

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

- **Cleaning:** After each use, wipe the blades clean with a damp cloth to remove sap, dirt, and debris. For stubborn sap, use a specialized blade cleaner or rubbing alcohol. Dry thoroughly to prevent rust.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically apply a few drops of light machine oil to the pivot point and blade surfaces to ensure smooth operation and prevent rust.
- **Sharpening:** The high-steel blades can be sharpened. Use a diamond file (available as item no.: 1001640) or a sharpening stone designed for pruning tools. Sharpen only the beveled edge of the blade, maintaining the original angle.
- **Replacement Parts:** Fiskars PB-8 shears are designed for long life with replaceable components.
  - Replacement kit blade and counter blade: Item No. 1026280
  - PTFE blade: Item No. 1026281
  - Spare handles: Item No. 1026283
- **Storage:** Store the shears in a dry place with the safety lock engaged to protect the blades and prevent accidental injury.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

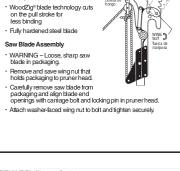
Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Blades feel dull or cut poorly.	Blades are dull or have sap/debris buildup.	Clean blades thoroughly. Sharpen blades using a diamond file (Item No. 1001640).
Shears are stiff or difficult to open/close.	Lack of lubrication or debris in the pivot.	Clean the pivot area and apply light machine oil.
Safety lock engages unintentionally.	Mechanism might be loose or sticky.	Ensure the mechanism is clean. If the issue persists, contact Fiskars support.
Handles feel loose or damaged.	Wear and tear or impact damage.	Replacement handles are available (Item No. 1026283).

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	1020203
Product Type	Bypass Pruning Shears
Size	Large (PB-8)
Length	21 cm (8.27 inches)
Weight	196 g (6.9 ounces)
Maximum Cutting Diameter	2.6 cm
Blade Material	High Steel
Handle Material	Fibreglass reinforced synthetic material
Hand Orientation	Ambidextrous
Color	Black/Orange

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Fiskars products are known for their quality and durability. For specific warranty information, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Fiskars website. For product support, replacement parts, or any inquiries, please contact Fiskars customer service through their official channels. You can find more information and contact details on the [Fiskars Store](#).

	<p><b>Fiskars 9240 Extendable Pruning Stik Head Replacement Instructions</b></p> <p>Detailed, step-by-step guide for replacing the head assembly on the Fiskars 9240 Extendable Pruning Stik. Includes required tools, safety precautions, and clear instructions with text descriptions of visuals.</p>
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	<p><b>Fiskars Pruning Saw Blade Replacement Guide</b></p> <p>Instructions for replacing the saw blade on Fiskars pruning saw models, featuring WoodZig blade technology for efficient cutting.</p>
	<p><b>Waterwheel XL &amp; Waterwheel XL, with wheels Manual</b></p> <p>User manual for the Fiskars Waterwheel XL and Waterwheel XL with wheels, providing instructions for setup, use, and maintenance in multiple languages.</p>
	<p><b>Fiskars Garden &amp; Hardware Catalog 2017</b></p> <p>Comprehensive catalog of Fiskars garden and hardware tools for 2017, featuring pruning shears, loppers, saws, axes, shovels, rakes, mowers, and more, with detailed product specifications.</p>