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Model: BESTA525-QS

Important Safety Information

Always wear sturdy shoes, long pants, and safety glasses when operating this string trimmer. Be aware of potential flying debris and cut hazards.

Read all safety warnings and instructions before operating the tool. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire, and/or serious injury.

Product Overview

The BLACK+DECKER BESTA525 is a powerful 450W electric string trimmer and edger designed for efficient lawn maintenance. Its 25cm cutting width and E-Drive technology ensure fast and clean work, making it ideal for medium-sized lawns. The tool features AFS automatic line extension and allows for tool-free conversion between trimming and edging modes.

- Powerful 450W electric motor with 25cm cutting area for effective trimming.
- E-Drive technology with gear drive for fast and clean work progress.
- AFS automatic line extension for continuous trimming without manual adjustment.
- Tool-free conversion from trimming to edging for versatile use.
- Two-hand handle and extendable telescopic handle for improved guidance and user comfort.



Figure 1: The BLACK+DECKER BESTA525 Electric String Trimmer, showcasing its orange and black design with the main handle and cutting head.

Components and Parts

Familiarize yourself with the various parts of your BLACK+DECKER BESTA525 string trimmer:

1. Main Handle with Power Switch
2. Auxiliary Handle
3. Telescopic Shaft Adjustment Collar
4. Motor Housing
5. Cutting Head with Spool
6. Safety Guard
7. Edging Guide Wheel
8. Cord Retainer



Figure 2: An angled view of the BLACK+DECKER BESTA525 trimmer, highlighting the main handle, auxiliary handle, and the cutting head assembly.

Setup and Assembly

Follow these steps to assemble your string trimmer before first use:

1. **Attach the Safety Guard:** Align the safety guard with the slots on the motor housing. Push firmly until it clicks into place. Ensure it is securely fastened before operation.
2. **Install the Auxiliary Handle:** Slide the auxiliary handle onto the telescopic shaft. Adjust its position for comfortable two-hand operation and tighten the locking mechanism.
3. **Adjust Telescopic Shaft:** Loosen the telescopic shaft adjustment collar. Extend or retract the shaft to a comfortable working height. Tighten the collar securely to lock the shaft in position.
4. **Connect Power:** Ensure the power switch is in the OFF position. Plug the trimmer's power cord into a suitable extension cord, and then plug the extension cord into a grounded outdoor power outlet. Use the cord retainer to prevent accidental disconnection.

Operating Instructions

This section details how to effectively use your BLACK+DECKER BESTA525 for trimming and edging.

Trimming Operation

For general grass trimming, hold the trimmer with both hands, ensuring a balanced grip. Keep the cutting head parallel to the ground. Move the trimmer in a sweeping motion from side to side, cutting small amounts of grass at a time. The AFS (Automatic Feed System) will automatically feed line as needed, ensuring continuous cutting performance.



Figure 3: A person demonstrating the use of the BLACK+DECKER trimmer for general grass trimming around garden beds, emphasizing proper posture and technique.

Edging Operation

To convert to edging mode, simply rotate the cutting head 90 degrees. This can be done tool-free. The integrated guide wheel helps maintain a consistent cutting depth and a clean, straight edge along sidewalks, driveways, and flower beds. Walk slowly and steadily, allowing the guide wheel to follow the edge.



Figure 4: A close-up view of the BLACK+DECKER trimmer's cutting head in edging mode, positioned to create a clean edge along a lawn border with flowers.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your trimmer.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, disconnect the power and clean the trimmer with a damp cloth. Remove any grass clippings or debris from the cutting head and guard. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Line Replacement:** The AFS system automatically feeds line. If the line runs out, replace the spool with a genuine BLACK+DECKER replacement spool. Refer to the diagram on the spool for correct winding direction if manually rewinding.
- **Storage:** Store the trimmer in a dry, secure place, out of reach of children. Ensure the power cord is neatly coiled and not kinked.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Trimmer does not start	No power supply; Power switch off; Damaged cord.	Check power connection and outlet; Ensure switch is ON; Inspect cord for damage and replace if necessary.
Line does not feed automatically	Spool empty; Line tangled; Line stuck.	Replace spool; Untangle line; Clean cutting head of debris.
Motor runs but line does not cut	Line too short; Line broken; Spool not installed correctly.	Advance line manually (if applicable, or check AFS); Replace line/spool; Reinstall spool correctly.
Excessive vibration	Damaged cutting head; Loose components.	Inspect cutting head for damage and replace if needed; Check all fasteners for tightness.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	BLACK+DECKER
Model Number	BESTA525-QS
Power Source	Corded Electric
Motor Power	450W
Cutting Width	25 cm (9.8 inches)
Item Weight	2.5 Kilograms (5.5 pounds)
Product Dimensions	8.46 x 36.02 x 4.33 inches
Assembly Required	No (minimal assembly for guard/handle)
Line Feed System	AFS Automatic Line Extension

Warranty and Support

BLACK+DECKER products are manufactured to high quality standards and are guaranteed for professional use. For specific warranty details, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official BLACK+DECKER website. For technical support, spare parts, or service, please contact BLACK+DECKER customer service or an authorized service center.

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