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Kobalt 80-Volt Max 26-inch Cordless Hedge Trimmer Instruction Manual

Model: RM

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Kobalt 80-Volt Max 26-inch Cordless Hedge Trimmer. This manual provides essential information for the safe assembly, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your new tool. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the hedge trimmer and keep it for future reference. Proper use and care will ensure efficient performance and extend the life of your product.

Safety Information

Always follow basic safety precautions to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury when using power tools.

General Safety Warnings

- **Read all instructions:** Familiarize yourself with the controls and proper use of the tool.
- **Keep work area clear:** Cluttered areas invite accidents.
- **Do not operate in explosive atmospheres:** Do not use power tools in the presence of flammable liquids, gases, or dust.
- **Keep children and bystanders away:** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

Personal Safety

- **Wear eye protection:** Always wear safety glasses with side shields.
- **Wear hearing protection:** Use earplugs or earmuffs during operation.
- **Dress properly:** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Keep hair, clothing, and gloves away from moving parts.
- **Stay alert:** Do not operate the tool while tired, under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication.
- **Avoid accidental starting:** Ensure the switch is in the off-position before inserting the battery pack.

Hedge Trimmer Specific Safety

- **Keep hands away from blades:** Never attempt to remove cut material or hold material to be cut when blades are moving.

- **Hold tool by insulated gripping surfaces:** This is important when performing an operation where the cutting accessory may contact hidden wiring.
- **Inspect the area:** Before starting, check for foreign objects such as wires or fences that could damage the blades.
- **Use both hands:** Always operate the hedge trimmer with both hands for maximum control.
- **Do not overreach:** Maintain proper footing and balance at all times.
- **Remove battery when not in use:** Always remove the battery pack before making adjustments, changing accessories, or storing the tool.

Product Description

The Kobalt 80-Volt Max 26-inch Cordless Hedge Trimmer is designed for efficient and precise trimming of hedges and shrubs. It features a powerful 80-volt system and a durable brushless motor for extended life and quiet operation.

Key Features:

- **80-Volt Max System:** Provides robust power for demanding trimming tasks.
- **26-inch Dual-Action Laser-Cut Blades:** Ensures clean, precise cuts and reduced vibration.
- **3/4-inch Cut Capacity:** Capable of cutting through thick shrubs.
- **Brushless Motor:** Delivers more torque, quiet operation, and longer tool life.
- **Push Button Start:** Eliminates the need for pull cords, offering quick and easy starts.

Components:

1. Hedge Trimmer Body
2. 26-inch Dual-Action Blade
3. Front Handle
4. Rear Handle with Trigger Switch
5. Safety Guard
6. Blade Cover
7. Battery Compartment (Battery and charger sold separately)



Image: The Kobalt 80-Volt Max 26-inch Cordless Hedge Trimmer, showing the blue motor housing, black handles, and the long yellow dual-action blade.

Setup

Battery Installation (Battery and Charger Sold Separately)

1. Ensure the hedge trimmer is turned OFF and the blade cover is in place.
2. Align the ribs on the battery pack with the grooves in the battery port.
3. Slide the battery pack into the battery port until it locks securely into place. You should hear a "click."
4. To remove the battery, press the battery release button and pull the battery pack out.

Pre-Operation Check

- Inspect the hedge trimmer for any loose parts, damage, or wear.
- Ensure the blade cover is removed before operation and reinstalled after use.
- Verify the battery is fully charged before beginning work.

Operating Instructions

Starting the Hedge Trimmer

1. Ensure the battery is securely installed.
2. Grip the front handle with one hand and the rear handle with the other.
3. Press and hold the safety lock-out button (usually located on the rear handle).
4. While holding the safety lock-out button, squeeze the trigger switch. The blades will begin to move.

Stopping the Hedge Trimmer

- Release the trigger switch. The blades will stop.
- Always remove the battery pack when finished operating or when leaving the tool unattended.

Trimming Techniques

- **Side Trimming:** Hold the hedge trimmer with both hands, keeping the blades parallel to the side of the hedge. Use a sweeping motion, moving from the bottom upwards.
- **Top Trimming:** Hold the hedge trimmer with both hands, keeping the blades slightly angled towards the top of the hedge. Use a wide, sweeping motion to achieve an even cut.
- **Avoid Overloading:** Do not force the trimmer through thick branches. If the blades bind, release the trigger, remove the battery, and clear the obstruction.
- **Maintain a Safe Distance:** Keep a safe distance from the blades and any objects that could be struck.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your hedge trimmer. Always remove the battery pack before performing any maintenance.

Blade Care

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean the blades with a stiff brush to remove debris, sap, and dirt.
- **Lubrication:** Apply a light machine oil or blade lubricant along the cutting edge of the blades after cleaning to prevent rust and ensure smooth operation.
- **Sharpening:** If the blades become dull, they can be sharpened by a qualified service technician. Do not attempt to sharpen them yourself unless you have proper training and tools.

General Cleaning and Storage

- Wipe down the exterior of the tool with a clean, damp cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.

- Store the hedge trimmer in a dry, well-ventilated area, out of reach of children.
- Always install the blade cover before storing the tool to prevent accidental injury and protect the blades.
- Remove the battery pack from the tool before storing for extended periods.

Troubleshooting

Refer to this section for common issues and their solutions. If you encounter a problem not listed here, contact customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Hedge trimmer does not start.	Battery not installed correctly or discharged. Safety lock-out button not pressed.	Ensure battery is fully charged and properly seated. Press and hold the safety lock-out button before squeezing the trigger.
Reduced cutting performance.	Dull or dirty blades. Overloading the tool.	Clean and lubricate blades. Have blades sharpened if necessary. Avoid cutting branches thicker than 3/4 inch.
Excessive vibration.	Damaged or bent blades. Loose components.	Inspect blades for damage; replace if necessary. Check for any loose screws or parts and tighten them.

Specifications

Feature	Specification
Brand	Kobalt
Model Number	RM
Power Source	Battery Powered (80-Volt Max)
Blade Length	26 Inches
Cutting Width	26 Inches
Cut Capacity	3/4 Inch
Blade Material	Alloy Steel
Item Weight	10.88 pounds
Product Dimensions	40"L x 10"W x 10"H
UPC	841821029869

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