Kobalt B0868ZD5ZX

Kobalt 40-Volt Max 15-inch Straight Cordless String Trimmer User Manual

Model: B0868ZD5ZX

1. Introduction

The Kobalt 40-Volt Max 15-inch Straight Cordless String Trimmer is designed to provide efficient and reliable trimming performance for your lawn care needs. This bare tool operates on Kobalt's 40V Max battery system, offering the convenience of cordless operation without the need for gas. Its straight shaft design enhances reach for various trimming tasks, and the dual-line bump feed head ensures continuous operation. This manual provides essential information for safe and effective use, setup, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your string trimmer.

2. Safety Information

Important Safety Instructions:

- Always wear eye protection, long pants, and sturdy shoes when operating the trimmer.
- Maintain a safe distance from others, pets, and objects to prevent injury or damage.
- Never operate the trimmer without proper safety gear.
- Ensure the battery is removed before performing any maintenance, cleaning, or when the tool is not in use.
- Keep hands and feet away from the cutting line at all times.

3. Product Overview



Figure 1: Kobalt 40-Volt Max 15-inch Straight Cordless String Trimmer

This image displays the Kobalt 40-Volt Max 15-inch Straight Cordless String Trimmer. The tool is predominantly blue and black, featuring a long straight shaft, a circular auxiliary handle, and the trimmer head at the bottom. A blue battery pack is visible near the top of the shaft, indicating its cordless nature.

4. Setup

4.1 Assembly

Your Kobalt string trimmer requires some assembly before first use. Follow these steps carefully:

1. Carefully remove all components from the packaging.
2. Attach the auxiliary handle to the shaft. Ensure it is securely fastened at a comfortable operating position.
3. Connect the guard to the trimmer head assembly. Make sure it clicks into place or is tightened with the provided hardware.
4. Verify all connections are tight and secure before proceeding.

4.2 Battery Installation

This string trimmer is a bare tool and requires a Kobalt 40V Max battery (sold separately). Ensure the battery is fully charged before use.

1. Align the battery pack with the battery port on the trimmer.
2. Slide the battery into the port until it clicks securely into place.
3. To remove the battery, press the release button (if applicable) and slide the battery out.

5. Operating Instructions

5.1 Starting the Trimmer

Before starting, ensure you are wearing appropriate safety gear.

1. Hold the trimmer firmly with both hands.
2. Press the safety lock-out button (if present) and then squeeze the trigger to start the motor.
3. Release the safety lock-out button once the motor starts.

5.2 Trimming Techniques

- For best results, hold the trimmer at a slight angle to the cutting surface.
- Use a sweeping motion, moving the trimmer from side to side.
- Avoid hitting hard surfaces like concrete or rocks, as this can damage the line and the trimmer head.

5.3 Line Feed

This trimmer features a dual-line bump feed head. To advance the cutting line:

- While the trimmer is running at full speed, gently tap the trimmer head on a firm, flat surface.
- The line will automatically extend. The cutting-off blade on the guard will trim the line to the correct length.

6. Maintenance

6.1 Replacing Trimmer Line

When the trimmer line becomes too short or breaks, it needs to be replaced. Always remove the battery before performing this task.

1. Ensure the trimmer is off and the battery is removed.
2. Locate the spool cap on the trimmer head.
3. Follow the instructions provided with your replacement line or refer to the detailed diagram in the full product manual for specific spool winding and installation steps.
4. Ensure the line is properly seated and the spool cap is securely reattached.

6.2 Cleaning and Storage

- After each use, clean the trimmer head and guard to remove grass clippings and debris. Use a damp cloth; do not use harsh chemicals.
- Store the trimmer in a dry, secure location, out of reach of children and away from direct sunlight or extreme temperatures.
- Remove the battery from the trimmer before storing for extended periods.

7. Troubleshooting

Refer to the table below for common issues and their potential solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Trimmer does not start.	Battery not inserted correctly or not charged.	Ensure battery is fully charged and properly seated.
Trimmer line does not advance.	Line is tangled or too short; spool is empty.	Tap the head firmly while running; replace trimmer line if necessary.
Reduced cutting performance.	Dull or worn trimmer line.	Advance new line or replace the spool.

If issues persist, please contact customer support.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Kobalt
Model Number	B0868ZD5ZX
Power Source	Battery Powered (40-Volt Max)
Cutting Swath	15 Inches
Item Weight	11.53 pounds (5.24 Kilograms)
Product Dimensions	38"L x 12"W
Assembly Required	Yes

9. Warranty and Support

For warranty information, product registration, or technical support, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official Kobalt website. You may also contact Kobalt customer service directly for assistance with your string trimmer.
Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

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