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Stihl HSA 26

Stihl HSA 26 Cordless Shrub Shears Instruction Manual

Model: HSA 26 | Brand: Stihl

1. Introduction

The Stihl HSA 26 is a versatile cordless shrub shear system designed for precision trimming and edging tasks in your garden. It features interchangeable attachments for shrub trimming and lawn edging, powered by a rechargeable AS2 battery. This manual provides essential information for safe and effective operation, maintenance, and care of your HSA 26 tool.

2. Safety Instructions

Always read and understand all safety warnings and instructions before operating the Stihl HSA 26. Failure to follow these instructions may result in electric shock, fire, and/or serious injury.

2.1 General Safety

- Keep children and bystanders away while operating the tool.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses, gloves, and sturdy footwear.
- Do not operate the tool in wet conditions or near flammable liquids or gases.
- Ensure the tool is switched off and the battery is removed before performing any adjustments, cleaning, or maintenance.

2.2 Battery Safety

- Use only Stihl AS2 batteries and AL1 chargers with this tool. Using other batteries or chargers may create a risk of injury and fire.
- Do not expose batteries to extreme heat, direct sunlight, or fire.
- Store batteries in a cool, dry place.
- If the battery is damaged, do not use it. Contact authorized Stihl service personnel.

2.3 Blade Safety

- The blades are sharp. Handle them with extreme care.
- Never touch the blades while the tool is running or the battery is inserted.
- Inspect blades for damage before each use. Do not use damaged blades.
- Keep hands and feet away from the cutting area.

3. Package Contents

Your Stihl HSA 26 package includes the following components:

- Stihl HSA 26 Main Unit
- Shrub Trimmer Blade
- Lawn Trimmer Blade

- AS2 Lithium-Ion Battery
- AL1 Charger
- Carrying Bag



Figure 3.1: Complete Stihl HSA 26 kit, showing the main unit, two interchangeable blades, the AS2 battery, AL1 charger, and a protective carrying bag.

4. Setup

4.1 Battery Charging

1. Insert the AS2 battery into the AL1 charger. Ensure it clicks securely into place.
2. Plug the AL1 charger into a suitable power outlet. The charging indicator light on the charger will illuminate to show charging status.
3. Once fully charged, the indicator light will change (refer to charger manual for specific light patterns). Disconnect the charger from the power outlet and remove the battery.

Note: The AS2 battery is specifically designed for the HSA 26 and is not compatible with the HSA 25 model.

4.2 Attaching Blades

The HSA 26 features a tool-free blade change system.

1. Ensure the tool is switched off and the battery is removed.
2. To remove a blade, press the release buttons (if present) or slide the locking mechanism, then carefully pull the blade away from the main unit.
3. To attach a blade, align the blade with the mounting points on the main unit.
4. Push the blade firmly until it clicks into place, indicating it is securely locked. Gently tug on the blade to confirm it is properly seated before use.



Figure 4.1: Illustrates the simple, tool-free method for attaching or detaching the cutting blades from the main unit of the HSA 26.

5. Operating Instructions

5.1 General Operation

1. Ensure the correct blade is securely attached and the battery is fully charged and inserted into the tool.
2. To start the tool, press and hold the safety switch (usually located on the side or top of the handle) and then press the trigger switch. Release the trigger to stop the tool.
3. The battery charge level indicator provides a visual reference of remaining battery capacity.

5.2 Shrub Trimmer Use

Use the shrub trimmer blade for shaping and maintaining small evergreen hedges and ornamental trees.

- The optimized Stihl cutting geometry allows for efficient cutting of branches up to 8 mm in thickness.
- Hold the tool firmly with both hands, if applicable, or with a secure grip on the rubber handle.
- Move the blade smoothly and evenly across the shrub, avoiding sudden movements.



Figure 5.1: An individual demonstrating the proper technique for trimming hedges using the Stihl HSA 26 shrub shears.



Figure 5.2: Detailed view of the shrub trimmer blade in action, showing its cutting capability on small branches.

5.3 Lawn Trimmer Use

Attach the lawn trimmer blade for precise edging around small lawns, porch areas, and flower beds.

- Hold the tool at an angle that allows the blade to effectively trim grass edges without digging into the soil.
- Move the tool along the edge, maintaining a consistent height for an even finish.



Figure 5.3: The lawn trimmer blade in use, demonstrating its effectiveness for neat and precise lawn edging.

6. Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Stihl HSA 26.

6.1 Cleaning

- Always remove the battery before cleaning.
- Use a brush or cloth to remove grass clippings, leaves, and debris from the blades and tool housing.
- Do not use solvents or abrasive cleaners.

6.2 Blade Care

- After each use, clean the blades and apply a thin layer of corrosion protection oil.
- Dull or damaged blades should be sharpened or replaced by an authorized Stihl service center to maintain cutting performance and safety.

6.3 Storage

- Store the HSA 26, blades, and battery in the provided carrying bag in a dry, secure location, out of reach of children.
- Ensure the battery is partially charged (not fully discharged or fully charged) for long-term storage.

7. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Stihl HSA 26, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Tool does not start	Battery not inserted correctly or discharged; Safety switch not engaged.	Ensure battery is fully inserted and charged. Press safety switch before trigger.
Poor cutting performance	Blades are dull or dirty; Incorrect blade for material.	Clean blades and apply oil. Sharpen or replace dull blades. Ensure correct blade is used (shrub for branches, lawn for grass).
Tool stops during operation	Battery discharged; Overload protection activated.	Recharge battery. Reduce cutting load; allow tool to cool down if overheated.

If the problem persists after attempting these solutions, please contact an authorized Stihl service dealer.

8. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Brand	Stihl
Model	HSA 26
Power Source	Battery Powered (Lithium-Ion)
Battery Type	AS2 (1 required, included)
Charger Type	AL1 (included)
Color	Orange / White
Item Weight	2 Kilograms (4.4 pounds)
Blade Length	7.9 Inches
Blade Material	Metal
Max. Cutting Width (Shrub)	8 Millimeters
Product Dimensions	15.75 x 7.87 x 9.84 inches
UPC	886661931804

9. Warranty and Support

For warranty information, service, or technical support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Stihl website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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