

Milwaukee 49-16-2738

Milwaukee Quik-LOK Brush Cutter Attachment

Model: 49-16-2738 User Manual

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your Milwaukee Quik-LOK Brush Cutter Attachment, Model 49-16-2738. This attachment is designed to connect to a compatible Milwaukee M18 Quik-LOK power head (sold separately) to efficiently cut through dense brush, weeds, and small saplings. Please read and understand all instructions before operation.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: Always wear appropriate safety gear, including eye protection and sturdy gloves. Be aware of flying debris and potential cut hazards. Keep hands and feet away from the cutting area. Do not operate in wet or icy conditions. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.

Familiarize yourself with the power head's safety features and controls before attaching and operating the brush cutter. Ensure all guards are properly installed and secured.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present before assembly. The package typically includes:

- Brush Cutter Attachment Shaft with Gear Head
- Brush Cutter Blade
- Blade Guard
- Shoulder Strap/Harness
- Auxiliary Handle
- Mounting Hardware (bolts, nuts, washers)
- Wrench/Tool for blade installation



Figure 3.1: Included components of the brush cutter attachment.

4. ASSEMBLY AND SETUP

4.1 Attaching to Power Head

1. Ensure the power head is turned off and the battery is removed.
2. Align the attachment shaft with the power head's receiver.
3. Push the attachment into the receiver until it clicks into place.
4. Tighten the locking knob on the power head to secure the attachment.

4.2 Blade Installation

1. Place the brush cutter attachment on a stable surface.
2. Locate the spindle lock button on the gear head. Press and hold it to prevent the spindle from rotating.
3. Position the brush cutter blade onto the spindle, ensuring it sits flush against the mounting plate.
4. Secure the blade with the provided washer and nut. Tighten firmly using the supplied wrench. Note: The nut may be reverse-threaded.



Figure 4.2: Gear head detail for blade installation.

4.3 Guard and Handle Installation

1. Attach the blade guard to the gear head housing using the provided bolts. Ensure it is securely fastened to protect against debris.
2. Mount the auxiliary handle to the shaft at a comfortable operating position. Tighten the handle clamp securely.
3. Attach the shoulder strap/harness to the designated mounting point on the shaft. Adjust for balance and comfort during operation.



Figure 4.3: Assembled brush cutter attachment.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Pre-Operation Check

- Inspect the blade for sharpness and damage. Replace if necessary.
- Ensure all fasteners are tight and guards are in place.
- Clear the work area of any obstacles, people, or animals.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including eye protection, hearing protection, gloves, long pants, and sturdy footwear.

5.2 Starting and Stopping

1. Insert a charged Milwaukee M18 battery into the power head.
2. Engage the power head's safety lock-off and then press the trigger to start the motor.
3. To stop, release the trigger.

5.3 Cutting Techniques

- Maintain a firm grip on the power head and auxiliary handle.
- Use a sweeping motion, cutting from right to left to direct debris away from you.
- Avoid striking hard objects like rocks, fences, or concrete.
- For thicker brush, approach slowly and allow the blade to reach full speed before engaging.
- Do not force the blade through material; let the tool do the work.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1 Cleaning

- Always remove the battery before cleaning or performing maintenance.
- Clean the attachment and blade guard after each use to remove debris, sap, and dirt. Use a damp cloth and mild soap.
- Ensure ventilation openings are clear of obstructions.

6.2 Blade Care

- Regularly inspect the blade for nicks, cracks, or excessive wear.
- A dull blade can reduce cutting efficiency and increase strain on the motor. Sharpen or replace the blade as needed.
- When replacing the blade, use only genuine Milwaukee replacement parts.

6.3 Storage

- Store the attachment in a clean, dry place, out of reach of children.
- Protect the blade with a blade cover if available.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Attachment does not start	Battery not charged or improperly inserted; Power head not engaged; Attachment not fully secured.	Charge battery and reinsert; Ensure power head is on and trigger is pressed; Check attachment connection and locking knob.
Poor cutting performance	Dull or damaged blade; Material too thick; Incorrect cutting technique.	Sharpen or replace blade; Reduce cutting load; Review operating instructions.
Excessive vibration	Damaged or unbalanced blade; Loose components.	Inspect and replace blade if damaged; Check all fasteners for tightness.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** Milwaukee
- **Model Number:** 49-16-2738
- **Item Weight:** 6.5 pounds
- **Cutting Width:** 9 inches
- **Speed:** 6200 rpm (when used with compatible power head)
- **UPC:** 045242635702
- **Manufacturer:** Milwaukee Electric

9. WARRANTY INFORMATION

This Milwaukee Quik-LOK Brush Cutter Attachment is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding warranty duration, coverage, and claims process, please refer to the warranty card included with your product packaging or visit the official Milwaukee website. Retain your proof of purchase for warranty purposes.

10. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

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