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MASKO® Splitting Axe User Manual

Model: 800g Splitting Axe

1. Introduction

Welcome to the user manual for your new MASKO® Splitting Axe. This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, maintenance, and care of your splitting axe. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the product and retain it for future reference.

The MASKO® splitting axe is designed for efficient and effortless chopping of firewood. It features a robust, hardened carbon steel axe head, a lightweight fiberglass handle with an anti-slip rubber coating, and is built for durability and comfort.



Figure 1: MASKO® Splitting Axe with included gloves and blade guard, ready for use on a log.

2. Safety Instructions

Using an axe can be dangerous if proper safety precautions are not followed. Always prioritize safety to prevent injury.

2.1 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Always wear safety glasses or goggles to protect your eyes from flying debris.
- Wear sturdy work gloves (included with your axe) to protect your hands and improve grip.
- Wear appropriate footwear, such as steel-toed boots, to protect your feet.
- Consider wearing long pants and sleeves to protect your skin.

2.2 Work Area Safety

- Ensure a clear work area free of obstacles, people, or pets. Maintain a safe distance from others.
- Work on a stable, level surface.
- Ensure adequate lighting if working indoors or at dusk.

2.3 Axe Handling and Storage

- Inspect the axe before each use for any damage to the head, handle, or blade. Do not use if damaged.
- Keep the blade sharp. A dull blade is more dangerous as it requires more force and can glance off wood.
- Always use the included blade guard when transporting or storing the axe.
- Store the axe in a secure location, out of reach of children and unauthorized users.
- Never throw the axe.
- Do not use the axe for purposes other than splitting wood, unless specifically designed (e.g., the hammer side for driving stakes).

3. Package Contents

Upon opening the package, please verify that all components are present and undamaged.

- 1 x MASKO® Splitting Axe (800g)
- 1 x Pair of Work Gloves
- 1 x Rubber Blade Guard
- 1 x User Manual (this document)



Figure 2: Included accessories: work gloves and blade guard.

4. Setup

The MASKO® Splitting Axe comes pre-assembled and ready for use.

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the axe and accessories from the packaging.
2. **Inspect:** Before first use, thoroughly inspect the axe head, handle, and blade for any signs of damage or manufacturing defects. Ensure the axe head is securely attached to the handle.
3. **Remove Blade Guard:** Carefully remove the rubber blade guard from the axe head. Always re-attach the guard when the axe is not in use.
4. **Wear PPE:** Put on your work gloves and safety glasses before proceeding.

5. Operating Instructions

Proper technique is crucial for effective and safe wood splitting.

5.1 Preparing the Wood

- Place the log to be split on a stable chopping block. The block should be sturdy and tall enough so that the axe head strikes the log at a comfortable height, ideally around waist level, allowing for a full swing without bending excessively.
- Ensure the log is free of nails, stones, or other foreign objects that could damage the blade or cause the axe to deflect.

5.2 Splitting Technique

1. **Grip:** Hold the axe firmly with both hands. One hand should be near the axe head for control during the backswing, and the other near the end of the handle. The ergonomic, anti-slip grip provides comfort and safety.
2. **Stance:** Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, slightly offset, providing a stable base. Position yourself so that if the axe misses the log, it will strike the chopping block, not your feet or legs.
3. **Swing:**
    - Raise the axe over your head, guiding it with the hand closer to the head.
    - As you begin the downward swing, slide your upper hand down the handle to meet your lower hand, maximizing leverage and power.
    - Aim for the center of the log. The sharp, polished blade and robust axe head are designed for efficient splitting.
    - Follow through with the swing, allowing the axe to do the work.
4. **Recovery:** After the strike, maintain your grip and control the axe. If the log does not split completely, reposition it and strike again.



Figure 3: Demonstrating the splitting technique with the MASKO® Splitting Axe, highlighting the anti-vibration grip.

5.3 Using the Hammer Side

The MASKO® Splitting Axe features a hammer side on the back of the axe head. This can be used for driving stakes or wedges, but should not be used for striking metal or other hard surfaces that could damage the axe head.



Figure 4: The hammer side of the axe head can be used for tasks like driving tent pegs.

6. Maintenance

Regular maintenance will extend the life of your MASKO® Splitting Axe and ensure its continued performance.

6.1 Cleaning

- After each use, clean any sap, dirt, or debris from the axe head and handle.
- Use a damp cloth to wipe down the surfaces. For stubborn sap, a small amount of solvent (e.g., mineral spirits) can be used, followed by wiping clean.
- Ensure the axe is completely dry before storage to prevent rust. The durable coating provides anti-corrosive protection.

6.2 Sharpening

- The axe blade will dull over time with use. A sharp blade is safer and more effective.
- The MASKO® axe blade can be re-sharpened. Use an appropriate axe sharpening stone or file, maintaining the

original bevel angle.

- Always wear protective gloves and eye protection when sharpening.

6.3 Storage

- Always re-attach the rubber blade guard before storing the axe.
- Store the axe in a dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- Keep out of reach of children and pets.

7. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Axe not splitting wood effectively.	Dull blade; incorrect technique; wood is too wet or knotty.	Sharpen the blade; review operating instructions for proper technique; try splitting drier wood or smaller pieces.
Axe head feels loose.	Wear and tear; improper storage.	Discontinue use immediately. Contact MASKO customer support for assistance. Do not attempt to repair yourself if unsure.
Handle feels slippery.	Dirt/sap on handle; worn grip.	Clean the handle thoroughly. If grip is worn, consider replacing the axe for safety.

8. Specifications

Key technical details of the MASKO® Splitting Axe.

Feature	Detail
Brand	MASKO®
Type	Splitting Axe / Wooden Hatchet
Head Weight	800 g
Overall Length	385 mm
Blade Material	C45 Carbon Steel (Hardened, Polished, Painted)
Handle Material	Fibreglass with Anti-slip Rubber Coating
Anti-Vibration Handle	Yes
Color	Black/Blue
Included Accessories	Work Gloves, Rubber Blade Guard



Figure 5: The axe head is made from hardened C45 carbon steel with a durable coating.

9. Warranty and Support

Specific warranty details for your MASKO® Splitting Axe may vary by region and retailer. Please refer to your purchase receipt or contact the retailer where you purchased the product for information regarding warranty coverage.
For technical support or inquiries not covered in this manual, please contact MASKO customer service through the contact information provided on the product packaging or the official MASKO website.

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