

Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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ELECTRIC

22" HEDGE TRIMMER



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⚠ WARNING

Read this material before using this product. Failure to do so can result in serious injury.
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WARNING SYMBOLS AND DEFINITIONS

	This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.
 DANGER	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
 WARNING	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
 CAUTION	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
NOTICE CAUTION	Addresses practices not related to personal injury.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING

When using electric gardening appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury, including the following:

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

Power Cord Safety



WARNING! - To reduce the risk of electric shock, use only with an extension cord intended for outdoor use, such as an extension cord of cord type

SW-A, SOW-A, STW-A, STOW-A, SJW-A, SJOW-A, SJTW-A, or SJTOW-A.

1. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protection should be provided on the circuit(s) or outlet(s) to be used for the gardening appliance. Receptacles are available having built-in GFCI protection and may be used for this measure of safety.
2. Do not Abuse Cord - Do not carry appliance by cord or yank it to disconnect from receptacle. Keep cord from heat, oil, and sharp edges.

3. To reduce the risk of electric shock, this appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other) and will require the use of a polarized extension cord. The appliance plug will fit into a polarized extension cord only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the extension cord, reverse the plug. If the plug still does not fit, obtain a correct polarized extension cord. A polarized extension cord will require the use of a polarized wall outlet. This plug will fit into the polarized wall outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the wall outlet, reverse the plug. If the plug still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper wall outlet. Do not change the equipment plug, extension cord receptacle, or extension cord plug in any way. This design is referred to as double-insulated, indicated by .

4. **Extension Cord** - Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized extension cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating.

Extension Cord Size

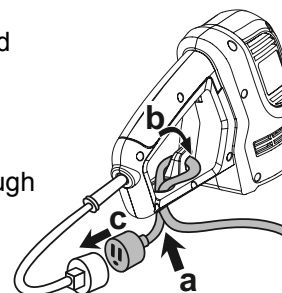
The following table shows the correct cord size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the heavier the cord.

TABLE A – MINIMUM WIRE GAUGE FOR EXTENSION CORDS (120 VOLT)				
Ampere Rating (at full load)	EXTENSION CORD LENGTH			
	25'	50'	100'	150'
0 – 6	18	16	16	14
6 – 10	18	16	14	12
10 – 12	16	16	14	12
12 – 16	14	12	Not recommended	

Connecting Cord

To reduce the risk of the cord pulling out during operation:

- Make a loop in the extension cord, and press that cord loop through the hole in the handle.
- Hook that cord loop around the cord hook.
- Make sure the Trigger is released, then plug the cord into the connector.



Personal Safety

- Dress Properly** - Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Use of rubber gloves and substantial footwear is recommended when working outdoors. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
-  **Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles and heavy-duty work gloves. Use face or dust mask if operation is dusty.**
- Avoid Unintentional Starting** - Do not carry plugged-in appliance with finger on switch. Be sure switch is off when plugging in.
- Do not Overreach** - Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
- Stay Alert** - Watch what you are doing. Use common sense. Do not operate appliance when you are tired.
- People with pacemakers** should consult their physician(s) before use. Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure. In addition, people with pacemakers should:
 - Avoid operating alone.
 - Don't use with power switch locked on.
 - Properly maintain and inspect to avoid electrical shock.
 - Any power cord must be properly grounded. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) should also be implemented – it prevents sustained electrical shock.
- Keep hands and feet away from cutting area.**

Gardening Appliance Use and Care

SAFETY

1. **Avoid Dangerous Environment - Do not use appliances in damp or wet locations.**
2. **Do not Use In Rain.**
3. **Keep Children Away - All visitors should be kept at a distance from work area.**
4. When servicing use only identical replacement parts.
5. Use Right Appliance - Do not use appliance for any job except that for which it is intended.
6. Do not Force Appliance - It will do the job better and with less likelihood of injury at the rate for which it was designed.
7. Store Idle Appliances Indoors - When not in use, appliances should be stored indoors in dry, and high or locked-up place - out of reach of children.
8. Maintain Appliance With Care - Keep cutting edge sharp and clean for best performance and to reduce the risk of injury. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories. Inspect appliance cord periodically, and if damaged, have it repaired by an authorized service facility. Inspect extension cords periodically and replace if damaged. Keep handles dry, clean, and free from oil and grease.
9. Check Damaged Parts - Before further use of the appliance, a guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function. Check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting, and any other condition that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by a qualified technician unless indicated elsewhere in this manual.
10. **Disconnect Appliance - Disconnect the appliance from the power supply when not in use, before servicing, when changing accessories such as blades, and the like.**
11. **Keep guards in place and in working order.**
12. **Keep blades sharp.**

SETUP

Vibration Hazard

This appliance vibrates during use. Repeated or long-term exposure to vibration may cause temporary or permanent physical injury, particularly to the hands, arms and shoulders. To reduce the risk of vibration-related injury:

1. Anyone using vibrating appliances regularly or for an extended period should first be examined by a doctor and then have regular medical check-ups to ensure medical problems are not being caused or worsened from use. Pregnant women or people who have impaired blood circulation to the hand, past hand injuries, nervous system disorders, diabetes, or Raynaud's Disease should not use this appliance. If you feel any symptoms related to vibration (such as tingling, numbness, and white or blue fingers), seek medical advice as soon as possible.
2. Do not smoke during use. Nicotine reduces the blood supply to the hands and fingers, increasing the risk of vibration-related injury.
3. Wear suitable gloves to reduce the vibration effects on the user.
4. Use appliances with the lowest vibration when there is a choice between different processes.
5. Include vibration-free periods each day of work.
6. Grip appliance as lightly as possible (while still keeping safe control of it). Let the appliance do the work.
7. To reduce vibration, maintain the appliance as explained in this manual. If any abnormal vibration occurs, stop use immediately.

OPERATION

MAINTENANCE

General Safety

1. The blade will continue to move for a few seconds after use. Allow it to stop completely and unplug it before putting the appliance down, making any adjustments, or servicing the appliance.
2. Do not use in rain, snow, sprinklers, or wet grass. Do not rinse off the Trimmer.
3. Use only during daylight hours.
4. Carefully inspect the Blade Assembly before plugging in the Trimmer. Do not use Trimmer if any part of the Blade Assembly is bent, dull, or damaged.
5. Cover the Blade Assembly with the Sheath after every use.
6. The Trigger and Safety Switch are important safety devices. Do not disable or tie down either Trigger or Safety Switch.
7. Do not cut toward your body or face.
8. Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
9. Maintain labels and nameplates on the appliance. These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
10. The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.



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Specifications

Electrical Rating	120VAC / 60Hz / 4A
No Load Speed	3,500 SPM (Strokes Per Minute)
Branch Capacity	2/3" diameter



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Set Up Instructions



Read the **ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS** section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:

Make sure that the Power Switch/Trigger is in the off-position and unplug the tool from its electrical outlet before performing any procedure in this section.

Note: For additional information regarding the parts listed in the following pages, refer to the Assembly Diagram near the end of this manual.

Assembly

Install Guard

1. Slide tabs on Guard (32) into slots on the sides of the Housing.
2. Make sure Guard is aligned correctly, as shown in Figure A.

Note: Guard is designed to be permanently installed. It cannot be removed or repositioned after installation.

3. Attach Guard to Housing, using two One-way Screws (3).

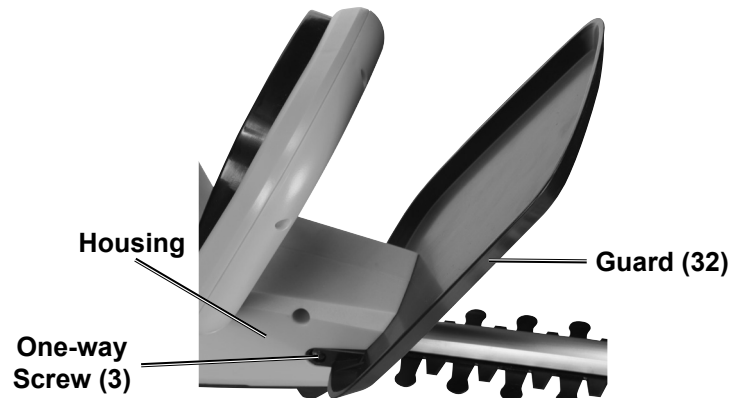
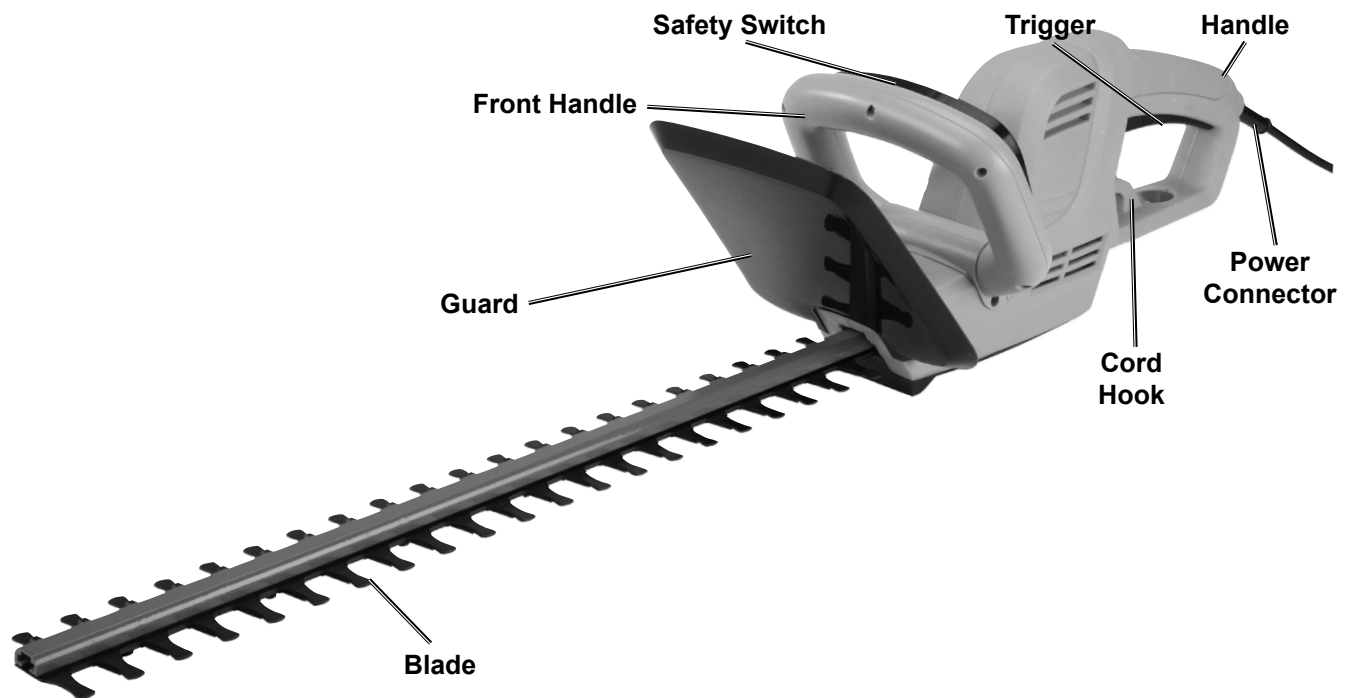


Figure A: Installing Guard

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Functions



Trigger and Safety Switch: To increase safety, these have to be used together to activate the Trimmer. The Safety Switch has to be squeezed first to allow the Trigger to operate. Keep your hands on the Handle and Front Handle at all times during operation. The Blade will coast to a stop after the Trigger is released.

Available Accessories/Attachments

⚠ WARNING

Use of any accessory or attachment other than those listed below may increase the risk of serious injury. Accessories and attachments are not available for this product.

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Operating Instructions



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Using Cord Hook

1. An extension cord (sold separately) will be required. Ensure that the extension cord is an outdoor type extension cord and that it is the correct design to accept this appliance's plug.

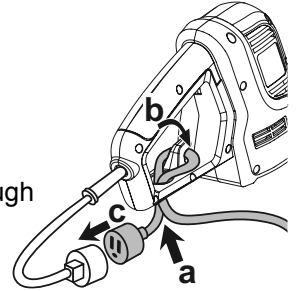
2.  **WARNING! TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK AND SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY:** The extension cord must remain secured to the appliance's plug.

3. Secure the extension cord using the cord hook as explained below.

- a. Make a loop in the extension cord, and press that cord loop through the hole in the handle.

- b. Hook that cord loop around the cord hook.

- c. Make sure the Trigger is released, then plug the cord into the connector.



General Operation

1. Before operating the gardening appliance, put on ANSI-approved safety goggles and other safety gear. Safety goggles and other safety gear are sold separately.
2. Mark off the hedge you will trim using stakes and marking string (sold separately). Remove all decorations, lighting fixtures, and cords from the area. Search for all branches thicker than 2/3" diameter and cut to length using loppers (sold separately).

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ELECTRIC SHOCK: Keep Power Cord away from hedge and cutting area. If Power Cord is cut or damaged immediately disconnect it from outlet.

3. When the area is clear, hold the Blade near the hedge and squeeze the Safety Switch first, then the Trigger to start the Trimmer.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Keep your hands on the Handle and Front Handle at all times during operation.

NOTICE: Be careful to avoid contacting any chain-link or wire fence, they may damage the Blade.

4. Take off layers of plant material gradually, using multiple passes. This will help avoid damaging the hedge, and will help prevent accidentally cutting thick branches or other objects hidden within the hedge.
5. If the Trimmer gets stuck on a branch:
 - a. Unplug the Power Cord.
 - b. Remove the Blade from the branch.
 - c. Cut the branch to the desired length using a lopper (sold separately).

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Wait for the Blade to stop completely before putting down the Trimmer. The Blade will briefly keep moving, even after the Trigger has been released.

6. To prevent accidents, release the Trigger to turn off the Trimmer and unplug it after use. Clean and lubricate the Blade using a light machine oil, cover the Blade with the Sheath, then store the appliance indoors out of children's reach.

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Maintenance and Servicing



Procedures not specifically explained in this manual must be performed only by a qualified technician.

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TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM TOOL FAILURE:

Do not use damaged equipment. If abnormal noise or vibration occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

Cleaning, Maintenance, and Lubrication

1. **BEFORE EACH USE**, inspect the general condition of the tool. Check for:
 - loose hardware,
 - misalignment or binding of moving parts, especially Blade assembly,
 - damaged cord/electrical wiring,
 - cracked or broken parts, and
 - any other condition that may affect its safe operation.
2. **AFTER USE**, clean external surfaces of the appliance with clean, moist cloth. Lubricate Blade using a light machine oil.
3. Blade nicks that interfere with normal Blade movement can be removed after disconnecting the Power Cord using a file (sold separately).
4. **⚠️WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: If the supply cord of this appliance is damaged, it must be replaced only by a qualified service technician.**
5. Do not store near fertilizer or other gardening chemicals. They may accelerate corrosion, making the tool unsafe.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

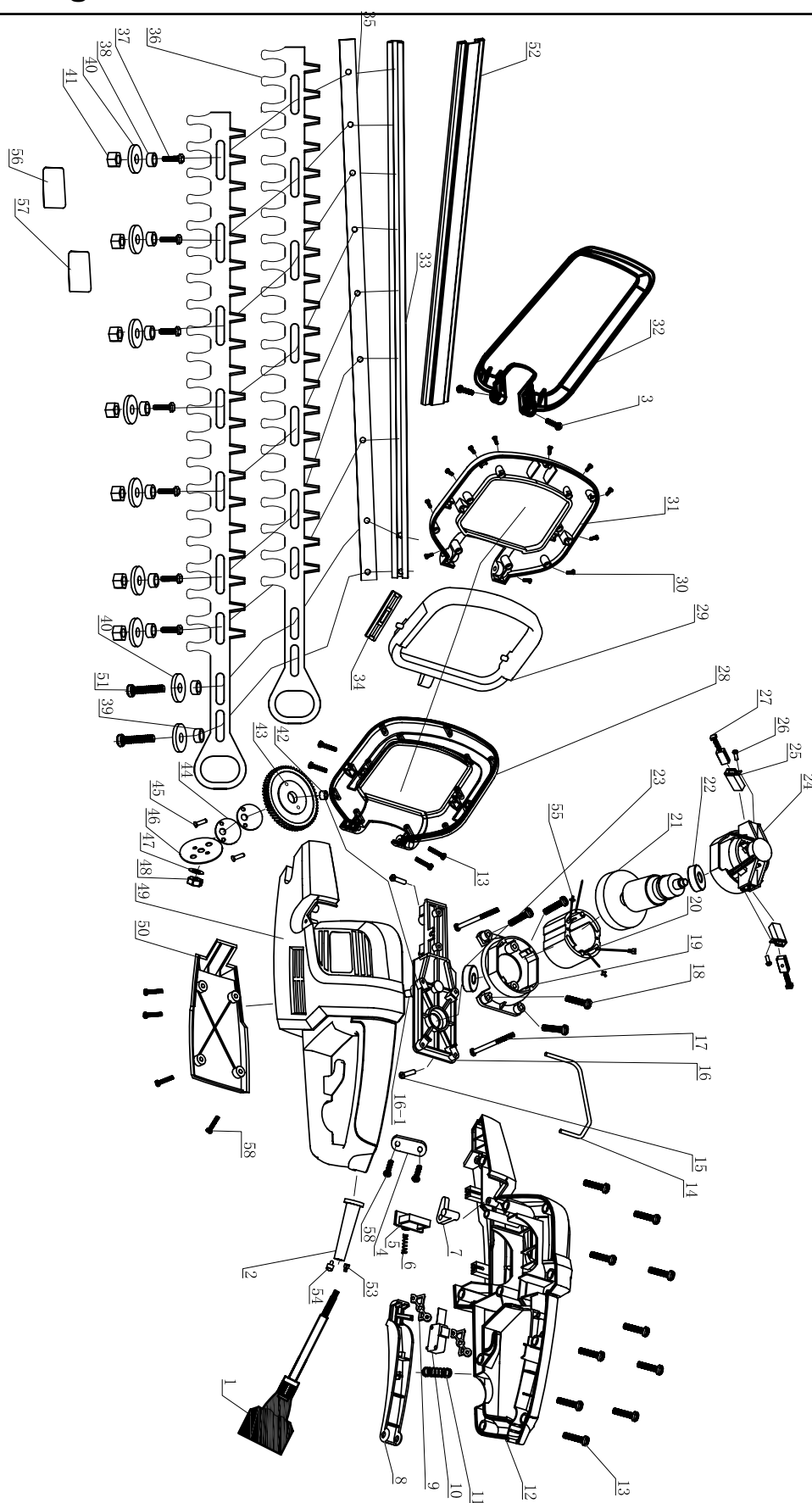
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Parts List

Part	Description	Qty
1	Power Cord	1
2	Power Cord Sheath	1
3	One-way Screw	2
4	Cord Holder	1
5	Slide Board	1
6	Slide Board Spring	1
7	Dial Board	1
8	Trigger	1
9	Switch Mat	2
10	Micro Switch	1
11	Trigger spring	1
12	Right Housing	1
13	Tapping Screw	14
14	Linkage Bar	1
15	Big Head Tapping Screw	2
16	Motor Support Assembly	1
17	Tapping Screw	2
18	Tapping Screw	4
19	Front Motor Cover	1
20	Stator	1
21	Rotor	1
22	Bearing	1
23	Bearing	1
24	Rear Motor Cover	1
25	Brush Support	2
26	Tapping Screw	2
27	Brush	2
28	Front Handle Front Cover	1
29	Safety Switch	1

Part	Description	Qty
30	Tapping Screw	11
31	Front Handle Rear Cover	1
32	Guard	1
33	Aluminum Support	1
34	Support Board	1
35	Fixing Bar	1
36	Blade	2
37	hex Bolt	14
38	Fixing Ring	7
39	Fixing Ring	2
40	Plain Washer	9
41	Cap Nut	7
42	Needle Bearing	1
43	Big Gear	1
44	Eccentric Block	2
45	Rivet	2
46	Eccentric Block Holder	1
47	Plain Washer	1
48	Left-hand Thread Nut	1
49	Left Housing	1
50	Black Board	1
51	Tapping Screw	2
52	Blade Sheath	1
53	Terminal	2
54	Umbrella Terminal	1
55	T Shape Adaptor	2
56	Brand Label	1
57	Specification Label	1
58	Tapping Screw	6

Assembly Diagram



Record Product's Serial Number Here: _____

Note: If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

Note: Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts. Specify UPC 193175337641 when ordering parts.

Limited 90 Day Warranty

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