







Intended use

Your BLACK+DECKER™ BDHT18 hedgetrimmer has been designed for trimming hedges, shrubs and brambles. This tool is intended for consumer use only.

Safety instructions

General power tool safety warnings



Warning! Read all safety warnings and all instructions. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

The term "power tool" in the warnings refers to your mains operated (corded) power tool or battery operated (cordless) power tool.

1. Work area safety

- a. **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- b. **Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust.** Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
- c. **Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

2. Electrical safety

- a. **Power tool plugs must match the outlet. Never modify the plug in any way. Do not use any adapter plugs with earthed (grounded) power tools.** Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce risk of electric shock.
- b. **Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators.**

There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is earthed or grounded.

c. Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.

Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.

d. Do not abuse the cord. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the power tool. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts. Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electric shock.

e. When operating a power tool outdoors, use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use. Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.

f. If operating a power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a residual current device (RCD) protected supply. Use of an RCD reduces the risk of electric shock.

3. Personal safety

- a. **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication.** A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.
- b. **Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Protective equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
- c. **Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before connecting to power source and/or battery pack, picking up or carrying the tool.** Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or energising power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.

- d. **Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on.** A wrench or a key left attached to a rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury.
- e. **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
- f. **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- g. **If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facilities, ensure these are connected and properly used.** Use of dust collection can reduce dust-related hazards.
- h. **Do not let familiarity gained from frequent use of tools allow you to become complacent and ignore tool safety principles.** A careless action can cause severe injury within a fraction of a second.

4. Power tool use and care

- a. **Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application.** The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- b. **Do not use the power tool if the switch does not turn it on and off.** Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- c. **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or the battery pack from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools.** Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.
- d. **Store idle power tools out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool.** Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- e. **Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tools operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.
- f. **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
- g. **Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc. in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed.** Use of the power tool for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.
- h. **Keep handles and grasping surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease.**

Slippery handles and grasing surfaces do not allow for safe handling and control of the tool in unexpected situations.

5. Battery tool use and care

- a. **Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer.** A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another battery pack.
- b. **Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs.** Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
- c. **When battery pack is not in use, keep it away from other metal objects, like paper clips, coins, keys, nails, screws, or other small metal objects, that can make a connection from one terminal to another.** Shorting the battery terminals together may cause burns or a fire.
- d. **Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery; avoid contact. If contact accidentally occurs, flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, additionally seek medical help.** Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.
- e. **Do not use a battery pack or tool that is damaged or modified.** Damaged or modified batteries may exhibit unpredictable behaviour resulting in fire, explosion or risk of injury.
- f. **Do not expose a battery pack or tool to fire or excessive temperature.** Exposure to fire or temperature above 130 °C may cause explosion.
- g. **Follow all charging instructions and do not charge the battery pack or tool outside the temperature range specified in the instructions.** Charging improperly or at temperatures outside the specified range may damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.

6. Service

- a. **Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts.** This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.
- b. **Never service damaged battery packs.** Service of battery packs should only be performed by the manufacturer or authorised service providers.

Additional power tool safety warnings



Warning! Additional safety warnings for hedge trimmers

- ◆ **Keep all parts of the body away from the cutter blade. Do not remove cut material or hold material to be cut when blades are moving. Make sure the switch is off when clearing jammed material.** A moment of inattention while operating the tool can result in serious personal injury.

◆ **Carry the hedge trimmer by the handle with the cutter blade stopped. When transporting or storing the hedge trimmer always fit the cutting device cover.**

Proper handling of the hedge trimmer will reduce possible personal injury from the cutter blades.

- ◆ **Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surfaces only, because the cutter blade may contact hidden wiring.** Cutter blades contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
- ◆ The intended use is described in this instruction manual. The use of any accessory or attachment or performance of any operation with this tool other than those recommended in this instruction manual can present a risk of personal injury and/or damage to property.
- ◆ Do not carry the tool with your hands on the front handle, switch or the trigger switch unless the battery has been removed.
- ◆ If you have not used a hedge trimmer before, preferably seek practical instruction by an experienced user in addition to studying this manual.
- ◆ Never touch the blades while the tool is running.
- ◆ Never attempt to force the blades to come to a standstill.
- ◆ Do not put the tool down until the blades have come to a complete standstill.
- ◆ Regularly check the blades for damage and wear. Do not use the tool when the blades are damaged.
- ◆ Take care to avoid hard objects (e.g. metal wire, railings) when trimming. Should you accidentally hit any such object, immediately switch the tool off and check for any damage.
- ◆ Should the tool start to vibrate abnormally, immediately switch it off and remove the battery then check for any damage.
- ◆ If the tool stalls, immediately switch it off. Remove the battery before attempting to remove any obstructions.
- ◆ After use, place the blade sheath supplied over the blades. Store the tool, making sure that the blade is not exposed.
- ◆ Always ensure that all guards are fitted when using the tool. Never attempt to use an incomplete tool or a tool with unauthorised modifications.
- ◆ Never allow children to use the tool.
- ◆ Be aware of falling debris when cutting the higher sides of a hedge.
- ◆ Always hold the tool with both hands and by the handles provided.

Safety of others

- ◆ This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concern-

ing use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved.

- ◆ Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.

Residual risks

Additional residual risks may arise when using the tool which may not be included in the enclosed safety warnings. These risks can arise from misuse, prolonged use etc.

Even with the application of the relevant safety regulations and the implementation of safety devices, certain residual risks can not be avoided. These include:

- ◆ Injuries caused by touching any rotating/moving parts.
- ◆ Injuries caused when changing any parts, blades or accessories.
- ◆ Injuries caused by prolonged use of a tool. When using any tool for prolonged periods ensure you take regular breaks.
- ◆ Impairment of hearing.
- ◆ Health hazards caused by breathing dust developed when using your tool (example:- working with wood, especially oak, beech and MDF.)

Vibration

The declared vibration emission values stated in the technical data and the declaration of conformity have been measured in accordance with a standard test method provided by EN 60745 and may be used for comparing one tool with another. The declared vibration emission value may also be used in a preliminary assessment of exposure.

Warning! The vibration emission value during actual use of the power tool can differ from the declared value depending on the ways in which the tool is used. The vibration level may increase above the level stated.

When assessing vibration exposure to determine safety measures required by 2002/44/EC to protect persons regularly using power tools in employment, an estimation of vibration exposure should consider, the actual conditions of use and the way the tool is used, including taking account of all parts of the operating cycle such as the times when the tool is switched off and when it is running idle in addition to the trigger time.

Labels on tool

The following pictograms are shown on the tool along with the date code:



Warning! To reduce the risk of injury, the user must read the instruction manual.



Wear safety glasses or goggles when operating this tool.



Wear ear protection when operating this tool.



Do not expose the tool to rain or high humidity.



Directive 2000/14/EC guaranteed sound power.

Additional safety instructions for batteries and chargers

Batteries

- ◆ Never attempt to open for any reason.
- ◆ Do not expose the battery to water.
- ◆ Do not expose the battery to heat.
- ◆ Do not store in locations where the temperature may exceed 40 °C.
- ◆ Charge only at ambient temperatures between 10 °C and 40 °C.
- ◆ Charge only using the charger provided with the appliance/tool. Using the wrong charger could result in an electric shock or overheating of the battery.
- ◆ When disposing of batteries, follow the instructions given in the section "Protecting the environment".
- ◆ Do not damage/deform the battery pack either by puncture or impact, as this may create a risk of injury and fire. Do not charge damaged batteries.
- ◆ Under extreme conditions, battery leakage may occur. When you notice liquid on the batteries Carefully wipe the liquid off using a cloth. Avoid skin contact.
- ◆ In case of skin or eye contact, follow the instructions below.

Warning! The battery fluid may cause personal injury or damage to property. In case of skin contact, immediately rinse with water. If redness, pain or irritation occurs seek medical attention. In case of eye contact, rinse immediately with clean water and seek medical attention.



Do not attempt to charge damaged batteries.

Chargers

Your charger has been designed for a specific voltage. Always check that the mains voltage corresponds to the voltage on the rating plate.

Warning! Never attempt to replace the charger unit with a regular mains plug.

- ◆ Use your BLACK+DECKER charger only to charge the battery in the appliance/tool with which it was supplied. Other batteries could burst, causing personal injury and damage.
- ◆ Never attempt to charge non-rechargeable batteries.
- ◆ If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or an authorised BLACK+DECKER Service Centre in order to avoid a hazard.
- ◆ Do not expose the charger to water.
- ◆ Do not open the charger.

- ◆ Do not probe the charger.
- ◆ The appliance/tool/battery must be placed in a well ventilated area when charging.



The charger is intended for indoor use only.



Read the instruction manual before use.

Electrical safety



Your charger is double insulated; therefore no earth wire is required. Always check that the mains voltage corresponds to the voltage on the rating plate. Never attempt to replace the charger unit with a regular mains plug.

- ◆ If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or an authorised BLACK+DECKER Service Centre in order to avoid a hazard.

Features

This tool includes some or all of the following features.

1. Trigger switch
2. Front handle bail arm
3. Front handle
4. Lock-off button
5. Guard
6. Blade

Fig. A

7. Battery
8. Charger
9. Charge indicator
10. Battery release button

Assembly

Warning! Before assembly, remove the battery from the tool fit the blade sheath over the blades.

Warning! Before assembly, make sure that the tool is switched off and unplugged and that the blade sheath is fitted over the blades.

Warning! Never use the tool without the guard.

Fitting the guard (fig. B)

- ◆ To fit the battery (7), line it up with the receptacle on the tool. Slide the battery into the receptacle and push until the battery snaps into place.
- ◆ To remove the battery, push the release button (10) while at the same time pulling the battery out of the receptacle.

Use

Warning! Let the tool work at its own pace. Do not overload.

Charging the battery (fig. A)

The battery needs to be charged before first use and whenever it fails to produce sufficient power on jobs that were easily done before.

The battery may become warm while charging; this is normal and does not indicate a problem.

Warning! Do not charge the battery at ambient temperatures below 10 °C or above 40 °C. Recommended charging temperature: approx. 24 °C.

Note: The charger will not charge a battery if the cell temperature is below approximately 10 °C or above 40 °C. The battery should be left in the charger and the charger will begin to charge automatically when the cell temperature warms up or cools down.

- ◆ To charge the battery (7), insert it into the charger (8).
The battery will only fit into the charger in one way. Do not force. Be sure that the battery is fully seated in the charger.
- ◆ Plug in the charger and switch on at the mains.

The charging indicator (9) will blink.

The charge is complete when the charging indicator (9) switches to continuously on. The charger and the battery can be left connected indefinitely. The LED will switch on as the charger occasionally tops up the battery charge.

- ◆ Charge discharged batteries within 1 week. Battery life will be greatly diminished if stored in a discharged state.

Leaving the battery in the charger

The charger and battery pack can be left connected with the LED glowing indefinitely. The charger will keep the battery pack fresh and fully charged.

Warning! Do not charge the battery at ambient temperatures below 10 °C or above 40 °C. Recommended charging temperature: approx. 24 °C.

Note: The charger will not charge a battery if the cell temperature is below approximately 0 °C or above 40 °C. The battery should be left in the charger and the charger will begin to charge automatically when the cell temperature warms up or cools down.

Charger diagnostics

If the charger detects a weak or damaged battery, the charging indicator (9) will flash red at a fast rate. Proceed as follows.

- ◆ Re-insert the battery (7).
- ◆ If the charging indicators continues flashing red at a fast rate, use a different battery to determine if the charging process works properly.
- ◆ If the replaced battery charges correctly, the original battery is defective and should be returned to a service centre for recycling.
- ◆ If the new battery gives the same indication as the original battery, take the charger to be tested at an authorised services centre.

Note: It may take as long as 60 minutes to determine that the battery is defective. If the battery is too hot or too cold, the LED will alternately blink red, fast and slow, one flash at each speed and repeat.

Switching on and off

Note: For your safety, this tool is equipped with a double switching system. This system prevents starting the tool inadvertently and will only allow operation while holding the tool with both hands.

Switching on (fig. C)

- ◆ Take hold of the front handle (3) with one hand so that the front handle bail arm (2) is pushed into the body of the front handle.
- ◆ Pull the lock-off button (4) backwards using your thumb and at the same time squeeze the trigger switch (1) to start the tool.
- ◆ Release the lock-off button.

Switching off

- ◆ Release the handle switch (2) or the trigger switch (1).

Warning! Never attempt to lock a switch in the on position.

Hints for optimum use

- ◆ Start by trimming the top of the hedge. Slightly tilt the tool (up to 15° relative to the line of cut) so that the blade tips point slightly towards the hedge (fig. D). This will cause the blades to cut more effectively. Hold the tool at the desired angle and move it steadily along the line of cut. The double-sided blade allows you to cut in either direction.
- ◆ In order to obtain a very straight cut, stretch a piece of string along the length of the hedge at the desired height. Use the string as a guideline, cutting just above it. (fig. E).
- ◆ In order to obtain flat sides, cut upwards with the growth. Younger stems move outwards when the blade cuts downwards, causing shallow patches in the hedge (fig. F).
- ◆ Take care to avoid any foreign objects. Especially avoid hard objects such as metal wire and railings, as these could damage the blades (fig. G).
- ◆ Regularly oil the blades.

Guidelines for trimming (UK & Ireland)

- ◆ Trim hedges and shrubs with seasonal leaves (new leaves every year) in June and October.
- ◆ Trim evergreens in April and August.
- ◆ Trim conifers and other fast growing shrubs every six weeks from May until October.

Guidelines for trimming (Australia & New Zealand)

- ◆ Trim hedges and shrubs with seasonal leaves (new leaves every year) in December and March.
- ◆ Trim evergreens in September and February.
- ◆ Trim conifers and other fast growing shrubs every six weeks from October until March.

Accessories

The performance of your tool depends on the accessory used.

BLACK+DECKER accessories are engineered to high quality standards and designed to enhance the performance of your tool. By using these accessories you will get the very best from your tool.

Maintenance

Your BLACK+DECKER corded/cordless appliance/tool has been designed to operate over a long period of time with a minimum of maintenance. Continuous satisfactory operation depends upon proper tool care and regular cleaning. Lubrication oil is available from your BLACK+DECKER dealer (cat. no. A6102-XJ).

Warning! Before performing any maintenance on corded/cordless power tools:

- ◆ Switch off and unplug the appliance/tool.
- ◆ Or switch off and remove the battery from the appliance/tool if the appliance/tool has a separate battery pack.
- ◆ Or run the battery down completely if it is integral and then switch off.
- ◆ Unplug the charger before cleaning it. Your charger does not require any maintenance apart from regular cleaning.
- ◆ Regularly clean the ventilation slots in your appliance/tool/charger using a soft brush or dry cloth.
- ◆ Regularly clean the motor housing using a damp cloth. Do not use any abrasive or solvent-based cleaner.
- ◆ After use, carefully clean the blades. After cleaning, apply a film of light machine oil to prevent the blades from rusting.

Mains plug replacement (U.K. & Ireland only)

If a new mains plug needs to be fitted:

- ◆ Safely dispose of the old plug.
- ◆ Connect the brown lead to the live terminal in the new plug.
- ◆ Connect the blue lead to the neutral terminal.

Warning! No connection is to be made to the earth terminal. Follow the fitting instructions supplied with good quality plugs. Recommended fuse: 5 A.

Protecting the environment



Separate collection. Products and batteries marked with this symbol must not be disposed of with normal household waste.

Products and batteries contain materials that can be recovered or recycled reducing the demand for raw materials. Please recycle electrical products and batteries according to local provisions. Further information is available at www.2helpU.com

Technical data

		BDHT18 (H1)
Voltage	V_{DC} V_{AC}	18
Blade strokes (no load)	min^{-1}	1300
Blade length	cm	45
Blade gap	mm	18
Blade brake time	s	<1
Weight	kg	2.6
Battery		BL2018
Voltage	V_{DC}	18
Capacity	Ah	2.0
Type		Li-Ion
Charger		905902** (typ. 1)
Input voltage	V_{AC}	100 - 240
Output voltage	V_{DC}	8 - 20
Current	A	0.4

Level of sound pressure according to EN 60745:

Sound pressure (L_{pA}) 81.5 dB(A), uncertainty (K) 3 dB(A)

Sound power (L_{wA}) 90 dB(A), uncertainty (K) 2 dB(A)

Vibration total values (triax vector sum) according to EN 60745:

Vibration emission value ($a_{h,v}$) < 2.5 m/s^2 , uncertainty (K) 1.5 m/s^2

EC declaration of conformity

MACHINERY DIRECTIVE
OUTDOOR NOISE DIRECTIVE



BDHT18 – Hedge Trimmer

Black & Decker declares that these products described under "technical data" are in compliance with:

EN60745-1:2009+A11:2010, EN60745-2-15:2009+A1:2010

2000/14/EC, Hedge trimmer, Annex V

Measured sound power (L_{pA}) 90 dB(A)

Uncertainty (K) 2 dB(A)

Guaranteed sound power (L_{pA}) 98 dB(A)

These products also comply with Directive 2006/42/EC, 2014/30/EU and 2011/65/EU.

For more information, please contact Black & Decker at the following address or refer to the back of the manual.

The undersigned is responsible for compilation of the technical file and makes this declaration on behalf of Black & Decker.



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Guarantee

Black & Decker is confident of the quality of its products and offers consumers a 24 month guarantee from the date of purchase. This guarantee is in addition to and in no way prejudices your statutory rights. The guarantee is valid within the territories of the Member States of the European Union and the European Free Trade Area.

To claim on the guarantee, the claim must be in accordance with Black&Decker Terms and Conditions and you will need to submit proof of purchase to the seller or an authorised repair agent. Terms and conditions of the Black&Decker 2 year guarantee and the location of your nearest authorised repair agent can be obtained on the Internet at www.2helpU.com, or by contacting your local Black & Decker office at the address indicated in this manual.

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