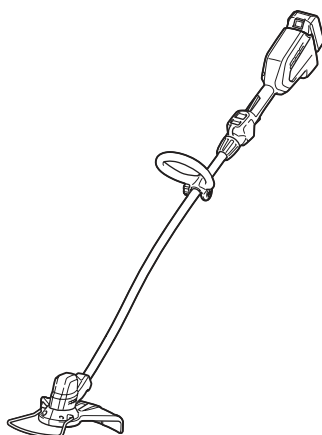


## INSTRUCTION MANUAL



# Cordless Grass Trimmer

## DUR189



Read before use.



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# SPECIFICATIONS

Model:		DUR189
Maximum speed (at each rotation speed level)		4,000/5,000/6,000 min <sup>-1</sup>
Overall length (without cutting tool)		1,510 - 1,610 mm
Nylon cord diameter		2.0 - 2.4 mm
Applicable cutting tool and cutting diameter	Nylon cutting head (P/N 198971-4 / 198972-2)	300 mm
	Plastic blade (P/N 198383-1 / 198384-9)	255 mm
Rated voltage		D.C. 18 V
Net weight	*1	2.7 kg
	*2	3.0 - 3.3 kg

- Due to our continuing program of research and development, the specifications herein are subject to change without notice.
- Specifications may differ from country to country.

\*1: Weight without the batteries, cutting tool, blade cover, and harness.

\*2: The lightest and heaviest combination of weight, according to EPTA-Procedure 01/2014. The weight may differ depending on the attachment(s), including the battery cartridge(s).

## Applicable battery cartridge and charger

Battery cartridge	BL1815N / BL1820B / BL1830B / BL1840B / BL1850B / BL1860B
Charger	DC18RC / DC18RD / DC18RE / DC18SD / DC18SE / DC18SF / DC18SH / DC18WC

- Some of the battery cartridges and chargers listed above may not be available depending on your region of residence.

**⚠ WARNING: Only use the battery cartridges and chargers listed above.** Use of any other battery cartridges and chargers may cause injury and/or fire.

## Recommended cord connected power source

Portable power pack	PDC01
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- The cord connected power source(s) listed above may not be available depending on your region of residence.
- Before using the cord connected power source, read instruction and cautionary markings on them.

## Symbols

The followings show the symbols which may be used for the equipment. Be sure that you understand their meaning before use.

	Take particular care and attention.
	Read instruction manual.
	Danger; be aware of thrown objects.
	Keep distance at least 15 m.
	Never use metal blade.
	Wear eye and ear protection.



Warning: Disconnect battery before maintenance.



Do not expose to rain.



Wear slip-resistant foot wear.



Only for EU countries

Due to the presence of hazardous components in the equipment, waste electrical and electronic equipment, accumulators and batteries may have a negative impact on the environment and human health. Do not dispose of electrical and electronic appliances or batteries with household waste!

In accordance with the European Directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment and on accumulators and batteries and waste accumulators and batteries, as well as their adaptation to national law, waste electrical equipment, batteries and accumulators should be stored separately and delivered to a separate collection point for municipal waste, operating in accordance with the regulations on environmental protection.

This is indicated by the symbol of the crossed-out wheeled bin placed on the equipment.



Guaranteed sound power level according to EU Outdoor Noise Directive.



Sound power level according to Australia NSW Noise Control Regulation.

## SAFETY WARNINGS

### General power tool safety warnings

**⚠ WARNING** Read all safety warnings, instructions, illustrations and specifications provided with this power tool. Failure to follow all 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.

#### Work area safety

1. **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
2. **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.
3. **Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

#### Electrical safety

1. **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.
2. **Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces, such as pipes, radiators, ranges and refrigerators.** There is an increased risk of

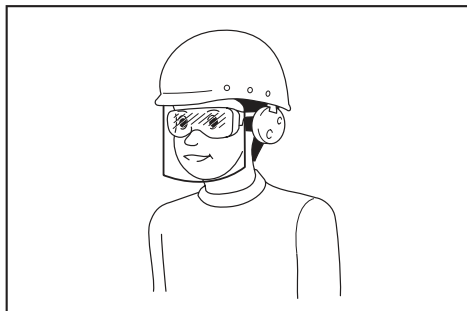
electric shock if your body is earthed or grounded.

3. **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **Power tools can produce electromagnetic fields (EMF) that are not harmful to the user.** However, users of pacemakers and other similar medical devices should contact the maker of their device and/or doctor for advice before operating this power tool.

#### Personal safety

1. **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.
2. **Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Protective equipment such as a dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.
6. **Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair and clothing away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **Always wear protective goggles to protect your eyes from injury when using power tools. The goggles must comply with ANSI Z87.1 in**

the USA, EN 166 in Europe, or AS/NZS 1336 in Australia/New Zealand. In Australia/New Zealand, it is legally required to wear a face shield to protect your face, too.



It is an employer's responsibility to enforce the use of appropriate safety protective equipments by the tool operators and by other persons in the immediate working area.

#### Power tool use and care

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or remove the battery pack, if detachable, 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.
4. **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.
5. **Maintain power tools and accessories. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tool's operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.
6. **Keep cutting tools sharp and clean.** Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.
7. **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.
8. **Keep handles and grasping surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease.** Slippery handles and grasping surfaces do not allow for safe handling and control of the tool in unexpected situations.

9. **When using the tool, do not wear cloth work gloves which may be entangled.** The entanglement of cloth work gloves in the moving parts may result in personal injury.

#### Battery tool use and care

1. **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.
2. **Use power tools only with specifically designed battery packs.** Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **Do not expose a battery pack or tool to fire or excessive temperature.** Exposure to fire or temperature above 130 °C may cause explosion.
7. **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.

#### Service

1. **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.
2. **Never service damaged battery packs.** Service of battery packs should only be performed by the manufacturer or authorized service providers.
3. **Follow instruction for lubricating and changing accessories.**

### Cordless grass trimmer safety warnings

1. **Do not use the machine in bad weather conditions, especially when there is a risk of lightning.** This decreases the risk of being struck by lightning.
2. **Thoroughly inspect the area for wildlife where the machine is to be used.** Wildlife may be injured by the machine during operation.
3. **Thoroughly inspect the area where the machine is to be used and remove all stones, sticks, wires, bones, and other foreign objects.** Thrown objects can cause personal injury.
4. **Before using the machine, always visually inspect to see that the cutter or blade and the**

**cutter or blade assembly are not damaged.**

Damaged parts increase the risk of injury.

5. **Follow instructions for changing accessories.** Improperly tightened blade securing nuts or bolts may either damage the blade or result in it becoming detached.
6. **Wear eye, ear, head and hand protection.** Adequate protective equipment will reduce personal injury by flying debris or accidental contact with the cutting line or blade.
7. **While operating the machine, always wear non-slip and protective footwear. Do not operate the machine when barefoot or wearing open sandals.** This reduces the chance of injury to the feet from contact with the moving cutters or lines.
8. **While operating the machine, always wear long trousers.** Exposed skin increases the likelihood of injury from thrown objects.
9. **Keep bystanders away while operating the machine.** Thrown debris can result in serious personal injury.
10. **Always use two hands when operating the machine.** Holding the machine with both hands will avoid loss of control.
11. **Hold the machine by the insulated gripping surfaces only, because the cutting line or blade may contact hidden wiring.** Cutting line or blades contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the machine "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.
12. **Always keep proper footing and operate the machine only when standing on the ground.** Slippery or unstable surfaces may cause a loss of balance or control of the machine.
13. **Do not operate the machine on excessively steep slopes.** This reduces the risk of loss of control, slipping and falling which may result in personal injury.
14. **When working on slopes, always be sure of your footing, always work across the face of slopes, never up or down and exercise extreme caution when changing direction.** This reduces the risk of loss of control, slipping and falling which may result in personal injury.
15. **Keep all parts of the body away from the cutter, line or blade when the machine is operating. Before you start the machine, make sure the cutter, line or blade is not contacting anything.** A moment of inattention while operating the machine may result in injury to yourself or others.
16. **Do not operate the machine above waist height.** This helps prevent unintended cutter or blade contact and enables better control of the machine in unexpected situations.
17. **When cutting brush or saplings that are under tension, be alert for spring back.** When the tension in the wood fibres is released, the brush or sapling may strike the operator and/or throw the machine out of control.
18. **Use extreme caution when cutting brush and saplings.** The slender material may catch the blade and be whipped toward you or pull you off balance.

19. **Maintain control of the machine and do not touch cutters, lines or blades and other hazardous moving parts while they are still in motion.** This reduces the risk of injury from moving parts.
20. **Carry the machine with the machine switched off and away from your body.** Proper handling of the machine will reduce the likelihood of accidental contact with a moving cutter, line or blade.
21. **Only use replacement cutters, lines, cutting heads and blades specified by the manufacturer.** Incorrect replacement parts may increase the risk of breakage and injury.
22. **When clearing jammed material or servicing the machine, make sure the switch is off and the battery pack is removed.** Unexpected starting of the machine while clearing jammed material or servicing may result in serious personal injury.

## Additional safety warnings

1. When the machine strikes a hard object or if there appears to be excessive vibration, inspect the machine for damage.
2. When wearing a harness, make sure that no other wearable interferes with the release and removal of the harness.
3. Always ensure that the ventilation openings are kept clear of debris.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**⚠ WARNING:** Read all safety warnings and all instructions. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

## Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

1. Be familiar with the controls and proper use of the equipment.
2. Cutting elements continue to rotate after the motor is switched off.
3. Never allow children or people unfamiliar with the instructions to use the machine. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
4. Stop using the machine while people, especially children, or pets are nearby.
5. Only use the machine in daylight or good artificial light. Avoid using the machine in bad weather conditions especially when there is a risk of lightning.
6. Before using the machine and after any impact, check for signs of wear or damage and repair as necessary.
7. Take care against injury from any device fitted for trimming the filament line length. After extending new cutter line always return the machine to its normal operating position before switching on.
8. Never fit metal cutting elements.
9. This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced

physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

10. Use the tool with the utmost care and attention.
11. Operate the tool only if you are in good physical condition. Perform all work calmly and carefully. Use common sense and keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.
12. Never operate the tool when tired, feeling ill or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
13. The tool should be switched off immediately if it shows any signs of unusual operation.
14. Keep fingers away from switch trigger when not operating the tool and when moving from one operating position to another.

#### Intended use of the tool

1. Use right tool. The cordless grass trimmer is only intended for cutting grass, light weeds. It should not be used for any other purpose such as hedge cutting as this may cause injury.

#### Personal protective equipment

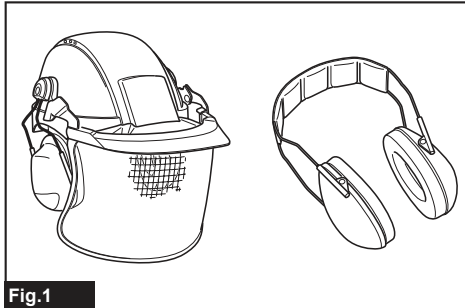


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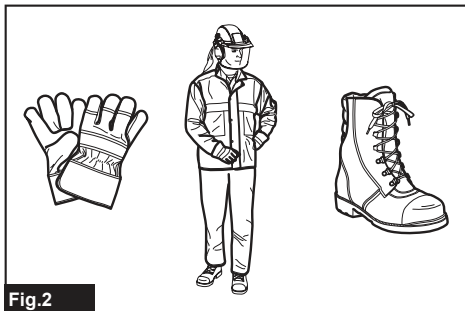
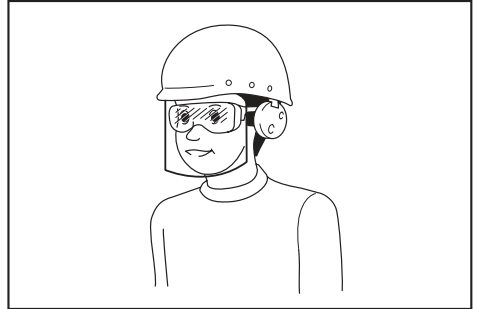


Fig.2

1. Dress Properly. The clothing worn should be functional and appropriate, i.e. it should be tight-fitting but not cause hindrance. Do not wear either jewelry or clothing which could become entangled with high grass. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.

2. When using the tool, always wear sturdy shoes with a non-slip sole. This protects against injuries and ensures a good footing.
3. Always wear protective goggles to protect your eyes from injury when using power tools. The goggles must comply with ANSI Z87.1 in the USA, EN 166 in Europe, or AS/NZS 1336 in Australia/New Zealand. In Australia/New Zealand, it is legally required to wear a face shield to protect your face, too.



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#### Electrical and battery safety

1. Avoid dangerous environment. Don't use the tool in damp or wet locations or expose it to rain. Water entering the tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
2. 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.
3. Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs. Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
4. 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.
5. Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery; avoid contact. If contact accidentally occurs, flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, seek medical help. Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.
6. Do not dispose of the battery(ies) in a fire. The cell may explode. Check with local codes for possible special disposal instructions.
7. Do not open or mutilate the battery(ies). Released electrolyte is corrosive and may cause damage to the eyes or skin. It may be toxic if swallowed.
8. Do not charge battery in rain, or in wet locations.

## Starting up the tool

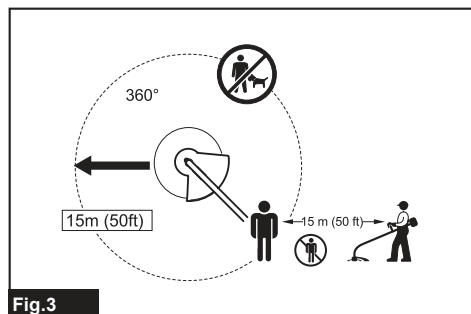


Fig.3

1. Make sure that there are no children or other people within a working range of 15 meters (50 ft), also pay attention to any animals in the working vicinity. Otherwise stop using the tool.
2. Before use always check that the tool is safe for operation. Check the security of the cutting tool and the guard and the switch trigger/lever for easy and proper action. Check for clean and dry handles and test the on/off function of the switch.
3. Check damaged parts before further use of the tool. 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 our authorized service center unless indicated elsewhere in this manual.
4. Switch on the motor only when hands and feet are away from the cutting tool.
5. Before starting make sure that the cutting tool has no contact with hard objects such as branches, stones etc. as the cutting tool will revolve when starting.
6. Make sure there are no electrical cables, water pipes, gas pipes etc. that could cause a hazard if damaged by use of the tool.

### Method of operation

1. Never operate the machine with damaged guards or without the guards in place.
2. Only use the tool in good light and visibility. During the winter season beware of slippery or wet areas, ice and snow (risk of slipping). Always ensure a safe footing.
3. Take care against injury to feet and hands from the cutting tool.
4. Keep hands and feet away from the cutting means at all times and especially when switching on the motor.
5. Never cut above waist height.
6. Never stand on a ladder and run the tool.
7. Never work on unstable surfaces.
8. Don't overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.

9. Remove sand, stones, nails etc. found within the working range. Foreign particles may damage the cutting tool and can cause to be thrown away, resulting in a serious injury.
10. Should the cutting tool hit stones or other hard objects, immediately switch off the motor and inspect the cutting tool.
11. Before commencing cutting, the cutting tool must have reached full working speed.
12. During operation always hold the tool with both hands. Never hold the tool with one hand during use. Always ensure a safe footing.
13. All protective equipment such as guards supplied with the tool must be used during operation.
14. Except in case of emergency, never drop or cast the tool to the ground or this may severely damage the tool.
15. Never drag the tool on the ground when moving from place to place, the tool may become damaged if moved in this manner.
16. Always remove the battery cartridge from the tool:
  - whenever leaving the tool unattended;
  - before clearing a blockage;
  - before checking, cleaning or working on the tool;
  - before making any adjustments, changing accessories or storing;
  - whenever the tool starts vibrating unusually;
  - whenever transporting the tool.
17. Don't force the tool. It will do the job better and with less likelihood of a risk of injury at the rate for which it was designed.
18. 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.
19. Take a rest to prevent loss of control caused by fatigue. We recommend to take a 10 to 20-minute rest every hour.
20. Do not use the tool on steep slopes.
21. The shoulder harness must be used during operation, if supplied with the tool.

### Maintenance instructions

1. The condition of the cutting tool, protective devices and shoulder harness must be checked before commencing work.
2. Turn off the motor and remove the battery cartridge before carrying out maintenance, replacing the cutting tool and cleaning the tool.
3. After use, disconnect the battery cartridge from the tool and check for damage.
4. Check for loose fasteners and damaged parts such as nearly halfway cut-off state in the cutting tool.
5. When not in use store the equipment in a dry location that is locked up or out of children's reach.
6. Use only the manufacturer's recommended replacement parts and accessories.



7. Always ensure that ventilation openings are kept clear of debris.
8. Inspect and maintain the tool regularly, especially before/after use. Have the tool repaired only by our authorized service center.
9. Keep handles dry, clean and free from oil and grease.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

**⚠WARNING:** DO NOT let comfort or familiarity with product (gained from repeated use) replace strict adherence to safety rules for the subject product. MISUSE or failure to follow the safety rules stated in this instruction manual may cause serious personal injury.

### Important safety instructions for battery cartridge

1. Before using battery cartridge, read all instructions and cautionary markings on (1) battery charger, (2) battery, and (3) product using battery.
2. Do not disassemble or tamper with the battery cartridge. It may result in a fire, excessive heat, or explosion.
3. If operating time has become excessively shorter, stop operating immediately. It may result in a risk of overheating, possible burns and even an explosion.
4. If electrolyte gets into your eyes, rinse them out with clear water and seek medical attention right away. It may result in loss of your eyesight.
5. Do not short the battery cartridge:
  - (1) Do not touch the terminals with any conductive material.
  - (2) Avoid storing battery cartridge in a container with other metal objects such as nails, coins, etc.
  - (3) Do not expose battery cartridge to water or rain.

A battery short can cause a large current flow, overheating, possible burns and even a breakdown.

6. Do not store and use the tool and battery cartridge in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 50 °C (122 °F).
7. Do not incinerate the battery cartridge even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out. The battery cartridge can explode in a fire.
8. Do not nail, cut, crush, throw, drop the battery cartridge, or hit against a hard object to the battery cartridge. Such conduct may result in a fire, excessive heat, or explosion.
9. Do not use a damaged battery.
10. The contained lithium-ion batteries are subject to the Dangerous Goods Legislation requirements.

For commercial transports e.g. by third parties, forwarding agents, special requirement on packaging and labeling must be observed.

For preparation of the item being shipped, consulting an expert for hazardous material is required.

Please also observe possibly more detailed national regulations.

Tape or mask off open contacts and pack up the battery in such a manner that it cannot move around in the packaging.

11. When disposing the battery cartridge, remove it from the tool and dispose of it in a safe place. Follow your local regulations relating to disposal of battery.
12. Use the batteries only with the products specified by Makita. Installing the batteries to non-compliant products may result in a fire, excessive heat, explosion, or leak of electrolyte.
13. If the tool is not used for a long period of time, the battery must be removed from the tool.
14. During and after use, the battery cartridge may take on heat which can cause burns or low temperature burns. Pay attention to the handling of hot battery cartridges.
15. Do not touch the terminal of the tool immediately after use as it may get hot enough to cause burns.
16. Do not allow chips, dust, or soil stuck into the terminals, holes, and grooves of the battery cartridge. It may cause heating, catching fire, burst and malfunction of the tool or battery cartridge, resulting in burns or personal injury.
17. Unless the tool supports the use near high-voltage electrical power lines, do not use the battery cartridge near high-voltage electrical power lines. It may result in a malfunction or breakdown of the tool or battery cartridge.
18. Keep the battery away from children.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

**⚠CAUTION:** Only use genuine Makita batteries. Use of non-genuine Makita batteries, or batteries that have been altered, may result in the battery bursting causing fires, personal injury and damage. It will also void the Makita warranty for the Makita tool and charger.

### Tips for maintaining maximum battery life

1. Charge the battery cartridge before completely discharged. Always stop tool operation and charge the battery cartridge when you notice less tool power.
2. Never recharge a fully charged battery cartridge. Overcharging shortens the battery service life.
3. Charge the battery cartridge with room temperature at 10 °C - 40 °C (50 °F - 104 °F). Let a hot battery cartridge cool down before charging it.
4. When not using the battery cartridge, remove it from the tool or the charger.
5. Charge the battery cartridge if you do not use it for a long period (more than six months).



# PARTS DESCRIPTION

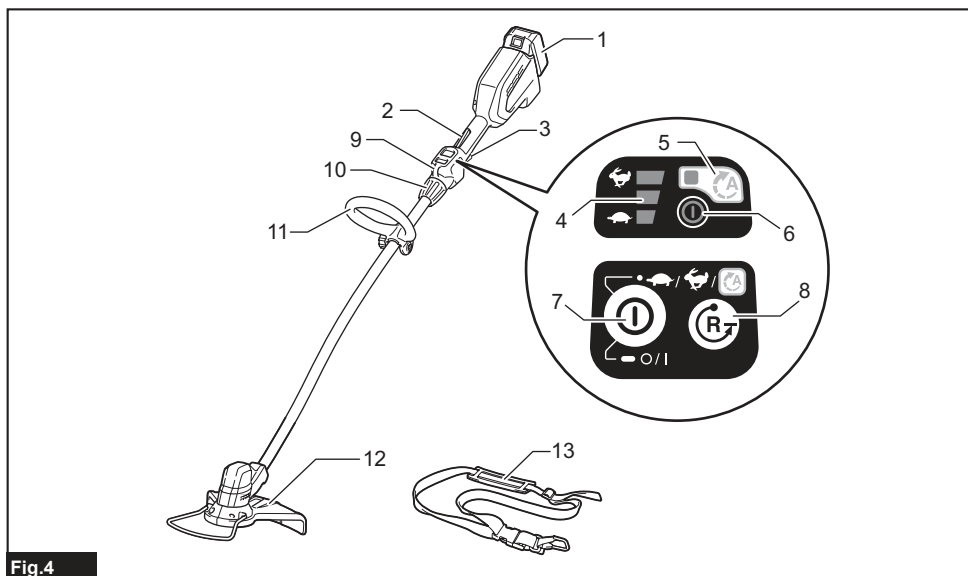


Fig.4

1	Battery cartridge	2	Lock-off lever	3	Switch trigger	4	Speed indicator
5	Auto speed control indicator	6	Power lamp	7	Main power button	8	Reverse button
9	Hanger	10	Lock sleeve	11	Handle	12	Protector (cutting tool guard)
13	Shoulder harness	-	-	-	-	-	-

## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

**⚠WARNING:** Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before adjusting or checking function on the tool. Failure to switch off and remove the battery cartridge may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.

### Installing or removing battery cartridge

**⚠CAUTION:** Always switch off the tool before installing or removing of the battery cartridge.

**⚠CAUTION:** Hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly when installing or removing battery cartridge. Failure to hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly may cause them to slip off your hands and result in damage to the tool and battery cartridge and a personal injury.

To install the battery cartridge, align the tongue on the battery cartridge with the groove in the housing and slip it into place. Insert it all the way until it locks in place with a little click. If you can see the red indicator as shown in the figure, it is not locked completely.

To remove the battery cartridge, slide it from the tool while sliding the button on the front of the cartridge.

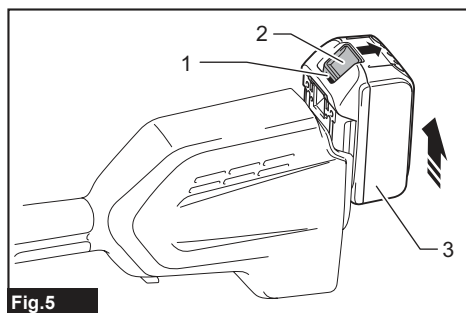


Fig.5










► 1. Red indicator 2. Button 3. Battery cartridge

**⚠CAUTION:** Always install the battery cartridge fully until the red indicator cannot be seen. If not, it may accidentally fall out of the tool, causing injury to you or someone around you.


**⚠CAUTION:** Do not install the battery cartridge forcibly. If the cartridge does not slide in easily, it is not being inserted correctly.

## Tool / battery protection system

The tool is equipped with a tool/battery protection system. This system automatically cuts off power to the motor to extend tool and battery life. The tool will automatically stop during operation if the tool or battery is placed under one of the following conditions:


Status	Indicator lamps		
	■ On	□ Off	▨ Blinking
Overload			
Overheat			
Over discharge			

## Overload protection

If the tool is overloaded by entangled weeds or other debris,  and the middle indicators start blinking and the tool automatically stops.


In this situation, turn the tool off and stop the application that caused the tool to become overloaded. Then turn the tool on to restart.

## Overheat protection for tool or battery

There are two types of overheating; tool overheating and battery overheating. When the tool over heating occurs, all speed indicators blink. When the battery over heating occurs,  indicator blinks.

If the overheating occurs, the tool stops automatically. Let the tool and/or battery cool down before turning the tool on again.

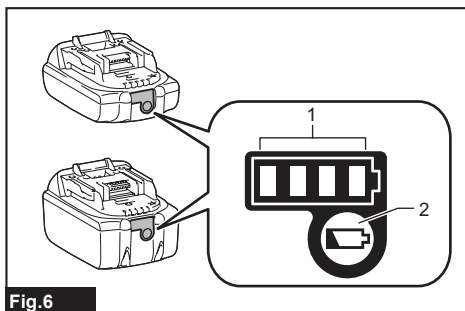
## Overdischarge protection

When the battery capacity becomes low, the tool stops automatically and  indicator blinks. If the tool does not operate even when the switches are operated, remove the batteries from the tool and charge the batteries.



















## Indicating the remaining battery capacity

### Only for battery cartridges with the indicator

Press the check button on the battery cartridge to indicate the remaining battery capacity. The indicator lamps light up for a few seconds.



► 1. Indicator lamps 2. Check button

Indicator lamps			Remaining capacity
 Lighted	 Off	 Blinking	
			75% to 100%
			50% to 75%
			25% to 50%
			0% to 25%
			Charge the battery.
			The battery may have malfunctioned.
			

**NOTE:** Depending on the conditions of use and the ambient temperature, the indication may differ slightly from the actual capacity.

**NOTE:** The first (far left) indicator lamp will blink when the battery protection system works.

## Power switch action

**⚠WARNING:** Before installing the battery cartridge on the tool, always check to see that the switch trigger actuates properly and returns to the "OFF" position when released. Operating a tool with a switch that does not actuate properly can lead to loss of control and serious personal injury.

**⚠CAUTION:** Never put your finger on the switch when carrying. The tool may start unintentionally and cause injury.

Press and hold the main power button for some seconds to turn on the tool.

To turn off the tool, press and hold the main power button again.

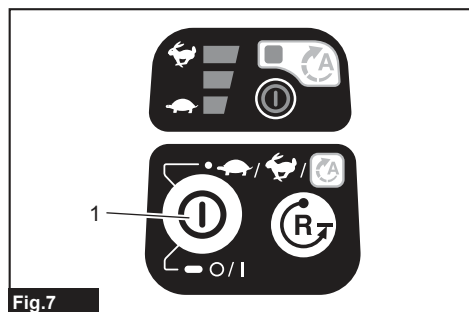


Fig.7

► 1. Main power button

To prevent the switch trigger from being accidentally pulled, a double lock-off switch is provided for safety. To start the tool, push the lock lever down forward past its normal position using the web of your hand (i.e., the part between thumb and index finger) and squeeze the lock-off lever with your palm. Then pull the switch trigger with the lock-off lever being held. Release the switch trigger to stop.

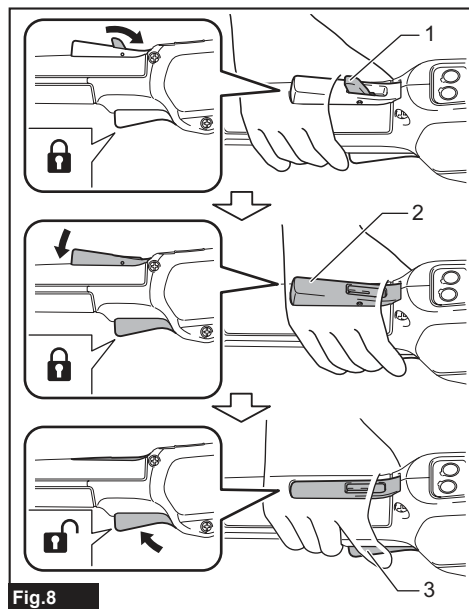


Fig.8

► 1. Lock lever 2. Lock-off lever 3. Switch trigger

**NOTE:** The tool is automatically turned off after the tool is left one minute without any operations.

## Speed adjusting

You can adjust the tool speed by tapping the main power button.

Each time you tap the main power button, the level of speed will change.

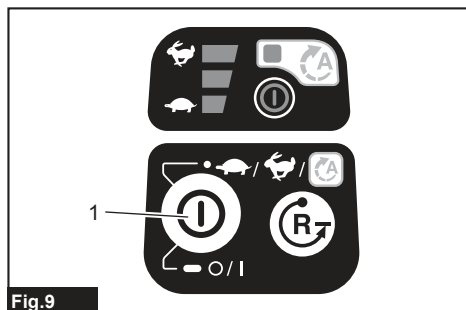


Fig.9

► 1. Main power button

Indicator	Mode	Rotation speed
	Auto	4,000 - 6,000 min <sup>-1</sup>
	High	6,000 min <sup>-1</sup>
	Medium	5,000 min <sup>-1</sup>
	Low	4,000 min <sup>-1</sup>

## Reverse button for debris removal

**⚠ WARNING:** Switch off the tool and remove the battery cartridge before you remove entangled weeds or debris which the reverse rotation function can not remove. Failure to switch off and remove the battery cartridge may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.

This tool has a reverse button to change the direction of rotation. It is only for removing weeds and debris entangled in the tool.

To reverse the rotation, tap the reverse button and pull the trigger when the tool's head is stopped. The power lamp starts blinking, and the tool's head rotates in reverse direction when you pull the switch trigger.

To return to regular rotation, release the trigger and wait until the tool's head stops.

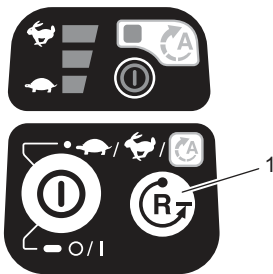


Fig.10

► 1. Reverse button

**NOTE:** During the reverse rotation, the tool operates only for a short period of time and then automatically stops.

**NOTE:** Once the tool is stopped, the rotation returns to regular direction when you start the tool again.

**NOTE:** If you tap the reverse button while the tool's head is still rotating, the tool comes to stop and to be ready for reverse rotation.

## Nylon cutting head

### Optional accessory

**NOTICE:** The bump feed will not operate properly if the head is not rotating.

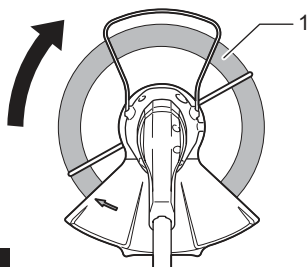


Fig.11

► 1. Most effective cutting area

The nylon cutting head is a dual string trimmer head provided with a bump & feed mechanism. To feed out the nylon cord, tap the cutting head against the ground while rotating.

**NOTE:** If the nylon cord does not feed out while tapping the head, rewind/replace the nylon cord by following the procedures described under "Maintenance".

## Adjusting the shaft length

**WARNING:** Before adjusting the shaft length, release the switch trigger and remove the battery cartridge from the tool. Failure to release the trigger and removing the battery cartridge may cause a personal injury.

**CAUTION:** Make sure to tighten the lock sleeve before operation. Otherwise the tool may lose control and result in personal injury.

To adjust the length of the shaft, turn the lock sleeve counterclockwise until the arrow mark on the lock sleeve indicates the unlock mark on the housing, and pull out or push in the shaft to the desired length. After adjustment, tighten the lock sleeve until the arrow mark on the lock sleeve indicates the lock mark on the housing.

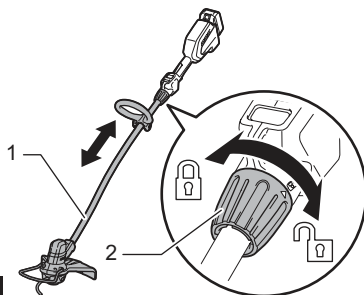


Fig.12

► 1. Shaft 2. Lock sleeve

## ASSEMBLY

**WARNING:** Always be sure that the tool is switched off and battery cartridge is removed before carrying out any work on the tool. Failure to switch off and remove the battery cartridge may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.

**WARNING:** Never start the tool unless it is completely assembled. Operation of the tool in a partially assembled state may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.

### Installing the handle

Fit the handle onto the shaft and secure it with the bolt and the knob.

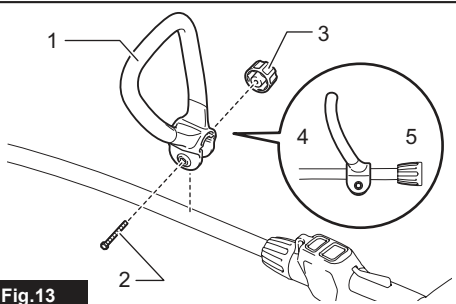


Fig.13

► 1. Handle 2. Bolt 3. Knob 4. Cutting tool side 5. Battery cartridge side

Make sure that the handle is located in the straight area of the shaft as shown in the figure.

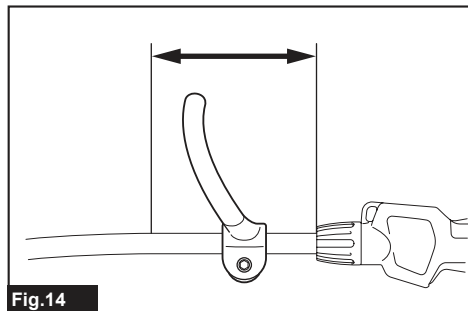


Fig.14

## Installing the protector

**⚠ WARNING:** Never use the tool without the protector illustrated in place. Failure to do so can cause serious personal injury.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Take care not to injure yourself on the cutter for cutting the nylon cord.

1. Attach the protector and the protector holder to the motor housing as illustrated. Be sure to fit the projections and grooves on them to their counter parts.

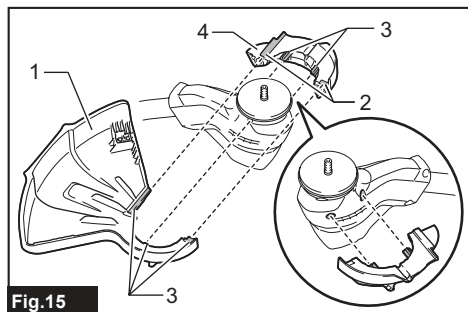


Fig.15

- 1. Protector 2. Groove 3. Projection 4. Protector holder

2. Tighten the hex socket head bolts securely to fasten the protector and the protector holder.

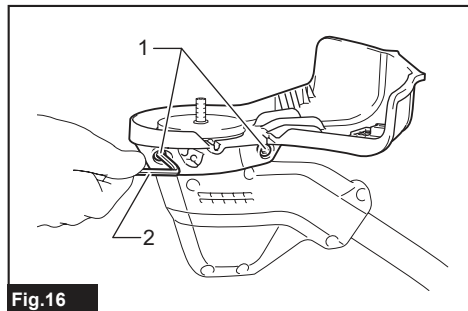


Fig.16

- 1. Hex socket head bolt 2. Hex wrench

## Installing the wire guard

**⚠ CAUTION:** Before adjusting the wire guard, wait for the cutting head comes to standstill. Do not adjust the wire guard with your foot.

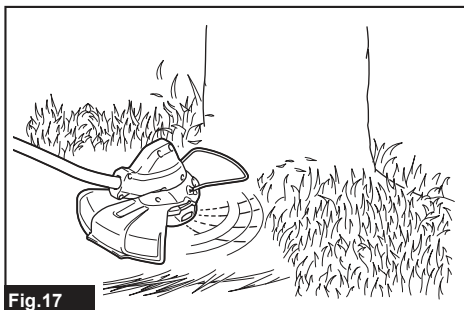


Fig.17

To reduce the risk damaging the objects in front of the cutting head, insert the wire guard so that it controls the cutting range of the mowing line.

Slightly expand the wire guard outward and then insert it into the holes on the protector.

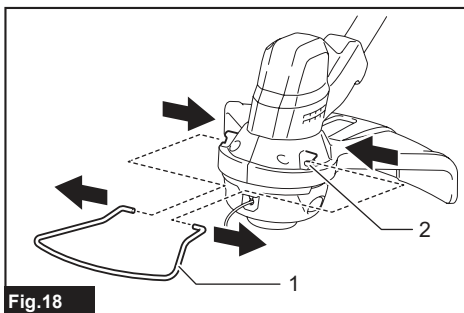


Fig.18

- 1. Wire guard 2. Hole (on both sides)

**NOTICE:** Do not expand the wire guard outward too much. Otherwise it may break.

When wire guard is not in use, lift it for the idle position.

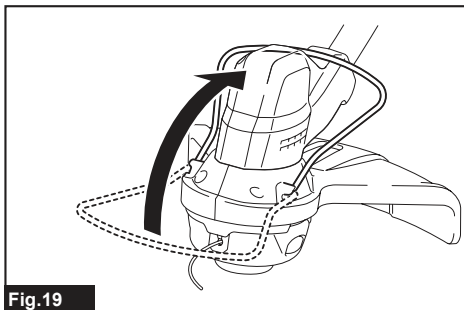


Fig.19

## Installing nylon cutting head

### Optional accessory

**CAUTION:** If the nylon cutting head accidentally impacts a rock or hard object during operation, stop the tool and inspect for any damage. If the nylon cutting head is damaged, replace it immediately. Use of a damaged cutting tool could result in serious personal injury.

**CAUTION:** Be sure to remove the hex wrench after installation.

**NOTICE:** Be sure to use genuine Makita nylon cutting head.

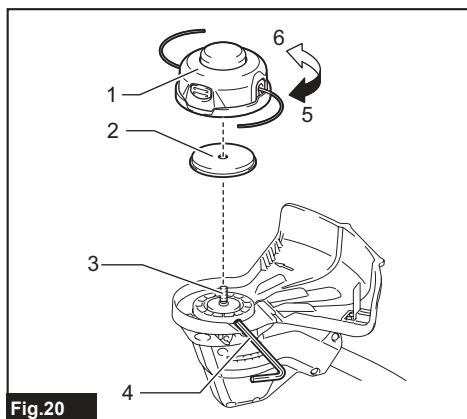


Fig.20

- 1. Nylon cutting head 2. Metal guard 3. Spindle  
4. Hex wrench 5. Tighten 6. Loosen

1. Turn the tool upside down so that you can replace the cutting tool easily.
2. Insert the hex wrench through the hole on the motor housing and rotate the spindle until the spindle is locked.
3. Place the nylon cutting head onto the threaded spindle directly and tighten it by turning in the tightening direction as shown in the figure.
4. Remove the hex wrench.

To remove the nylon cutting head, turn it in the opposite direction while locking the spindle with the hex wrench.

## Installing plastic blade

### Optional accessory

**CAUTION:** If the plastic blade accidentally impacts a rock or hard object during operation, stop the tool and inspect for any damage. If the plastic blade is damaged, replace it immediately. Use of a damaged cutting tool could result in serious personal injury.

**CAUTION:** Be sure to remove the hex wrench after installation.

**NOTICE:** Be sure to use genuine Makita plastic blade.

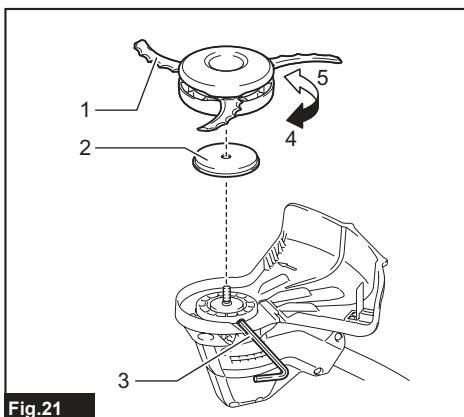


Fig.21

- 1. Plastic blade 2. Metal guard 3. Hex wrench  
4. Tighten 5. Loosen

1. Turn the tool upside down so that you can replace the cutting tool easily.
2. Insert the hex wrench through the hole on the motor housing and rotate the spindle until the spindle is locked.
3. Place the plastic blade onto the threaded spindle directly and tighten it by turning in the tightening direction as shown in the figure.
4. Remove the hex wrench.

To remove the plastic blade, turn it in the opposite direction while locking the spindle with the hex wrench.

## Hex wrench storage

**CAUTION:** Be careful not to leave the hex wrench inserted in the tool head. It may cause injury and/or damage to the tool.

When not in use, store the hex wrench as shown in the figure to keep it from being lost.

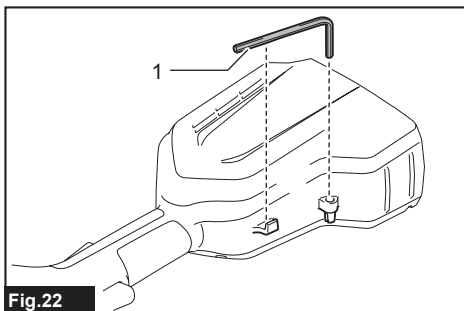


Fig.22

- 1. Hex wrench

# OPERATION

## Correct handling of tool

**⚠WARNING:** Always position the tool on your right-hand side. Correct positioning of the tool allows for maximum control and will reduce the risk of serious personal injury caused by kickback.

**⚠WARNING:** Be extremely careful to maintain control of the tool at all times. Do not allow the tool to be deflected toward you or anyone in the work vicinity. Failure to keep control of the tool could result in serious injury to the bystander and the operator.

**⚠WARNING:** To avoid accident, leave more than 15m (50 ft) distance between operators when two or more operators work in one area. Also, arrange a person to observe the distance between operators. If someone or an animal enter the working area, immediately stop the operation.

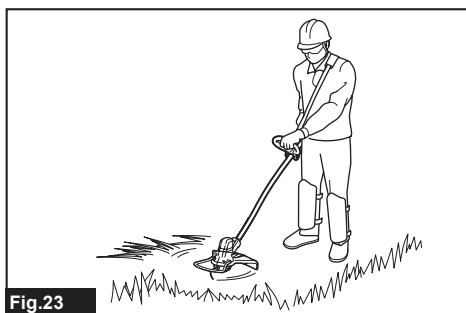


Fig.23

## Attachment of shoulder harness

**⚠CAUTION:** Always use the shoulder harness attached. Before operation, adjust the shoulder harness according to the user size to prevent fatigue.

**⚠CAUTION:** When you use the tool in combination of the backpack-type power supply such as portable power pack, do not use the shoulder harness included in the tool package, but use the hanging band recommended by Makita.

If you put on the shoulder harness included in the tool package and the shoulder harness of the backpack-type power supply at the same time, removing the tool or backpack-type power supply is difficult in case of an emergency, and it may cause an accident or injury. For the recommended hanging band, ask Makita Authorized Service Centers.

Connect the clasp of the shoulder harness to the hanger part of the housing. Put the shoulder harness on. Be sure that the buckles are locked completely in place.

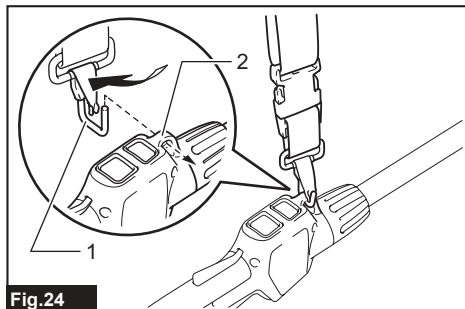


Fig.24

► 1. Clasp 2. Hanger

## Detachment

The buckle is provided with a means of quick release. Simply squeeze the sides of the buckle to release the tool.

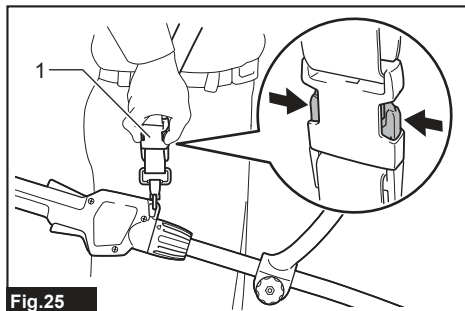


Fig.25

► 1. Buckle

# MAINTENANCE

**⚠WARNING:** Always be sure that the tool is switched off and battery cartridge is removed before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance on the tool. Failure to switch off and remove the battery cartridge may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.

**NOTICE:** Never use gasoline, benzine, thinner, alcohol or the like. Discoloration, deformation or cracks may result.



## Replacing the nylon cord

**⚠ WARNING:** Use nylon cord with diameter specified in "SPECIFICATIONS" only. Never use heavier line, metal wire, rope or the like. Use recommended nylon cord only, otherwise it may cause damage to the tool and result in serious personal injury.

**⚠ WARNING:** Make sure that the cover of the nylon cutting head is secured to the housing properly as described below. Failure to properly secure the cover may cause the nylon cutting head to fly apart resulting in serious personal injury.

1. Press on the housing latches inward to lift off the cover, then remove the spool.

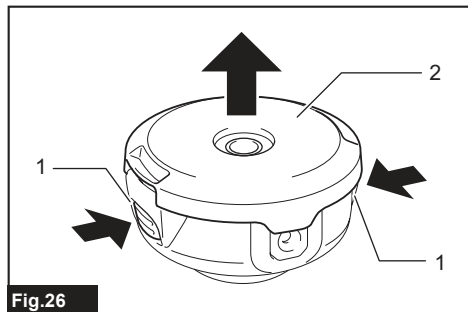


Fig. 26  
► 1. Latch 2. Cover

2. Prepare approximately 3 m (9 ft) of new nylon cord. Fold the new nylon cord with one end become approximately 80 mm (3-1/8") longer than the other end. Then hook the new nylon cord into the notch in the center of the spool.

Wind both ends firmly around the spool in the direction of the head rotation (right-hand direction indicated by RH on the side of the spool).

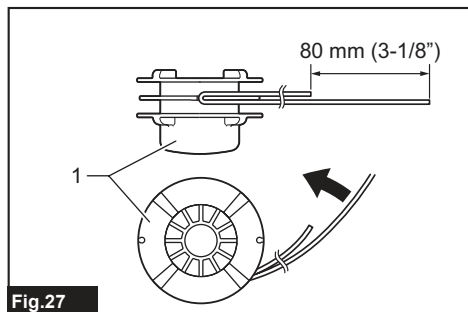


Fig. 27  
► 1. Spool

3. Wind all but about 100 mm (3 - 15/16") of the cords, leaving the ends temporarily hooked through a notch on the side of the spool.

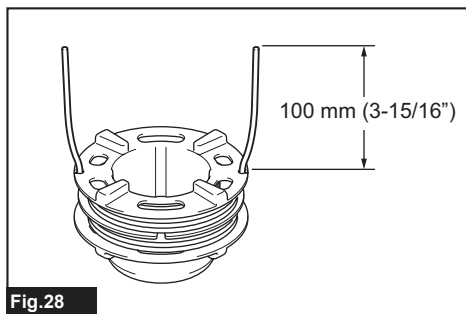


Fig. 28

4. Mount the spool in the housing so that the grooves and protrusions on the spool match up with those in the housing. Keep the side with letters on the spool visible on the top. Now, unhook the ends of the cord from their temporary position and feed the cords through the eyelets to come out of the housing.

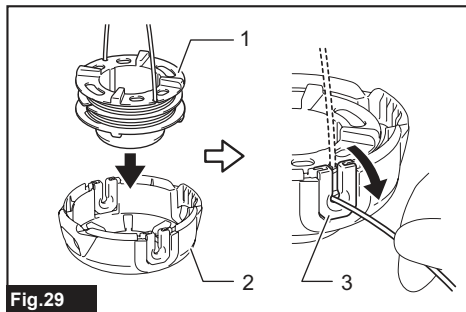


Fig. 29

- 1. Spool 2. Housing 3. Eyelet

5. Align the protrusion on the underside of the cover with the slots of the eyelets. Then push the cover firmly onto the housing to secure it.

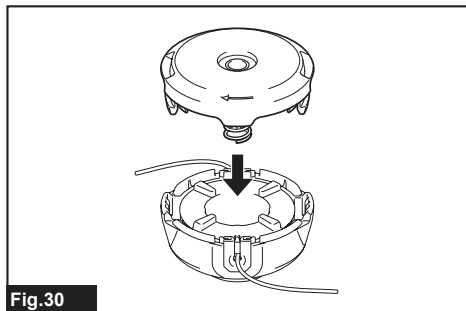


Fig. 30

## Replacing the plastic blade

Replace the plastic blade if it is worn out or broken.

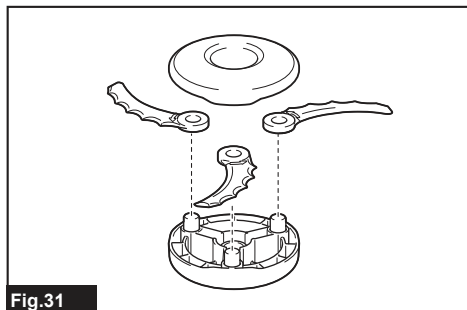


Fig.31

When installing the plastic blade, align the direction of the arrow on the blade with that of the protector.

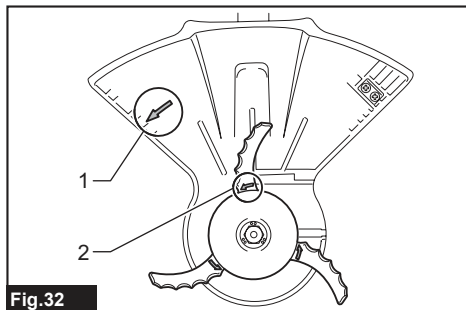


Fig.32

► 1. Arrow on the protector 2. Arrow on the blade

To maintain product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, any other maintenance or adjustment should be performed by Makita Authorized or Factory Service Centers, always using Makita replacement parts.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Before asking for repairs, conduct your own inspection first. If you find a problem that is not explained in the manual, do not attempt to dismantle the tool. Instead, ask Makita Authorized Service Centers, always using Makita replacement parts for repairs.

State of abnormality	Probable cause (malfunction)	Remedy
Motor does not run.	Battery cartridge is not installed.	Install the battery cartridge.
	Battery problem (under voltage)	Recharge the battery. If recharging is not effective, replace battery.
	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
Motor stops running after a little use.	Battery's charge level is low.	Recharge the battery. If recharging is not effective, replace battery.
	Overheating.	Stop using of tool to allow it to cool down.
It does not reach maximum RPM.	Battery is installed improperly.	Install the battery cartridge as described in this manual.
	Battery power is dropping.	Recharge the battery. If recharging is not effective, replace battery.
	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
Cutting tool does not rotate: ⇒ stop the machine immediately!	Foreign object such as a branch is jammed between the protector and the cutting tool.	Remove the foreign object.
	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
Abnormal vibration: ⇒ stop the machine immediately!	One end of the nylon cord has been broken.	Tap the nylon cutting head against the ground while it is rotating to cause the cord to feed.
	Plastic blade(s) is broken.	Replace broken plastic blade(s) with new one(s).
	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
Cutting tool and motor cannot stop: ⇒ Remove the battery immediately!	Electric or electronic malfunction.	Remove the battery and ask your local authorized service center for repair.

## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

**⚠ WARNING:** Do not mount a metal blade on this tool and only use the recommended accessories or attachments indicated in this manual. The use of a metal blade or any other accessory or attachment may result in serious personal injury.

**⚠ CAUTION:** These accessories or attachments are recommended for use with your Makita tool specified in this manual. The use of any other accessories or attachments might present a risk of injury to persons. Only use accessory or attachment for its stated purpose.

If you need any assistance for more details regarding these accessories, ask your local Makita Service Center.

- Nylon cutting head
- Nylon cord (cutting line)
- Plastic blade
- Makita genuine battery and charger

**NOTE:** Some items in the list may be included in the tool package as standard accessories. They may differ from country to country.



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