



Troubleshooting

Problem	Action
Machine won't start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the machine is plugged in to a live supply. - Check that the collection box is correctly attached, remove and refit to be sure. - Check that you are pressing both main switch and one of the three front switches. - Check fuse. - Contact helpline. - Return to dealer.
Machine does not collect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check collection box is not full. - Check volume bag hose (accessory) is not blocked. - Check exhaust is not blocked. <p>Note: The percentage of collection will vary on the condition and type of hedge being cut.</p>
Damage to static or rotary blade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unplug the machine immediately. - Call the Garden Groom Helpline for spare parts/servicing.

Explanation of Safety Symbols

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Read operators manual.	
Remove plug from the mains before maintenance or if cable is damaged or cut.	
Keep bystanders away.	
Keep hands and feet away from the cutting blades.	
Do not use in the rain or in wet conditions.	

Model no. GG01
 Input Voltage 230V ~ 50Hz
 Rated Power (Watts) 430W
 No Load Speed (rpm) 2400/min
 Class II Appliance
 Complies with European and British safety and EMC regulations
 Noise levels : Sound pressure level: 82 dB(A), Sound power level:
 95 dB(A), Vibration level is 4.04 m/s².

CONTAINS NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS

Defects

Please retain your receipt! If this product is, or becomes defective, please return it to the place of purchase along with your till receipt.

Contacting Us

If you experience any difficulties in using this product, please write to us at the address below.

For G.B.:
 HANDY DISTRIBUTION, HOBLEY DRIVE, STRATTON ST MARGARET, SWINDON SN3 3LF. HELPLINE No - 01793 333 220
For N.I. & Republic of Ireland:
 CYRIL JOHNSTON & CO. LTD., BALLYNAHINCH ROAD, CARRYDUFF, BELFAST, BT8 8DJ N. IRELAND
 HELPLINE No (NI)- 028 9081 3121 (Eire)- 048 9081 3121



Garden **GR00M** Safety Hedge Trimmer



Instruction Manual



History and background

Several years ago, Graham Wilson, a retired engineer, was cutting hedges in his garden. After a long hard day, he said to himself, there must be an easier and safer way to do this job!!

So he set about trying to solve the problems that all gardeners face when they venture out to cut their hedges.

At first it started out as a hobby, but the more Graham got closer to solving the problems, the more determined he was to see the job through. In 2000, he received a number of UK government grants for safety and innovation, which helped him fund the initial stages of the project. He then approached a number of leading garden tool manufacturers, with a view to them taking on his invention. Without exception they all rejected his concept.

Graham however, was determined to see his vision through. He was convinced he had a concept that would dramatically benefit gardeners around the world, that concept would change a potentially dangerous and time consuming chore, into a far more pleasant and safe gardening function.

To achieve his goal, Graham needed to raise substantial funds and in 1999,



Graham Wilson - Inventor and Chairman of Garden Groom

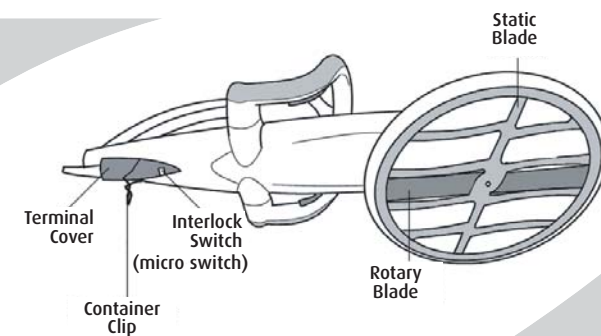
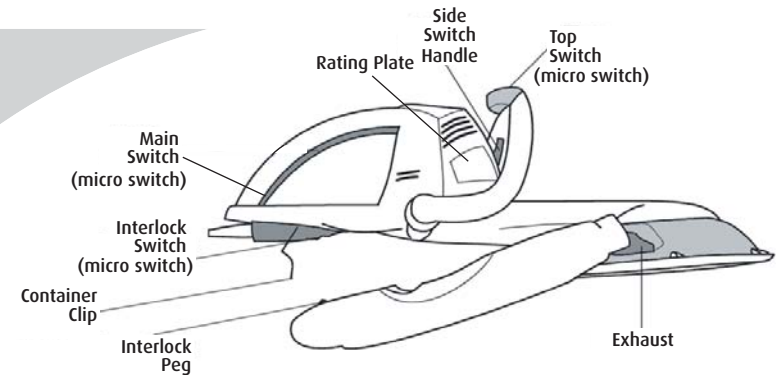
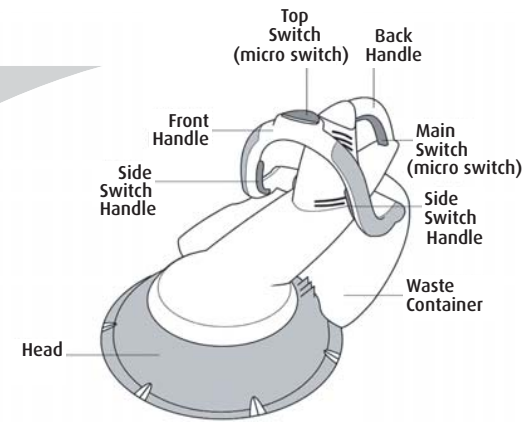
at the age of 53, he re-mortgaged his home and ploughed all of his savings into the development of his invention.

Years on and after spending a small fortune on development, manufacturing and patent costs and with many disappointments and rejections along the way, Graham has succeeded in introducing the GARDEN GROOM to gardeners around the world.

He has truly solved the problems associated with hedge trimming and with the GARDEN GROOM has presented a unique product that cuts, shreds and captures the majority of waste material and with its concealed blade, makes it virtually impossible to cut the mains cable.

Great ideas are always worth fighting for!
Thanks Graham.

Location of rating plate and switches

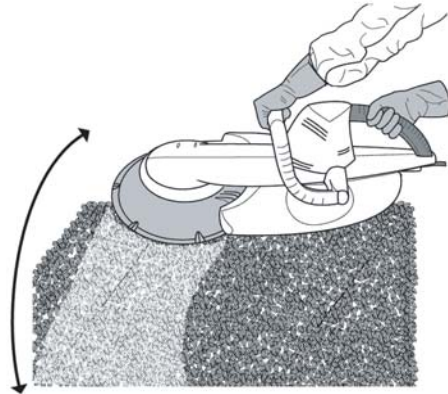
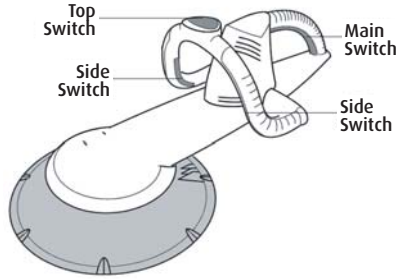




Use of your Garden Groom

1. SWITCH ARRANGMENT

Your Garden Groom will operate when the main switch and any other of the three switches located on the front handle are depressed.



2. HORIZONTAL TRIMMING (Top of Hedges)

Move the Garden Groom in a sweeping pendulum motion from side to side. The flat underside of the Garden Groom provides a natural guide, so the most inexperienced gardener can achieve excellent results. TIP: The Garden Groom has been designed to cut growth of up to 1 year in age, 10mm in diameter. Use on heavier material may result in damage to the machine.

3. VERTICAL TRIMMING (Side of Hedge)

Move the Garden Groom in a vertical sweeping action, ensuring the flat underside of the machine is level with the surface of the hedge. Tip: For a tighter professional finish, bury the head of the machine into the hedge, to the desired depth, working the machine upwards. See fig.2 (below). To trim long stalks growing parallel with the surface of the hedge, move the head down in the opposite direction to the growth (fig 3).

Please note: The capture rate of material is reduced using this angle of cut.

Fig.1

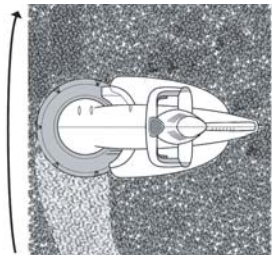


Fig.2

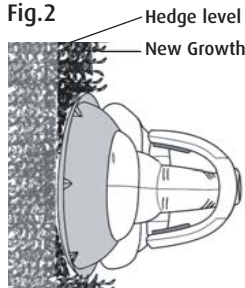
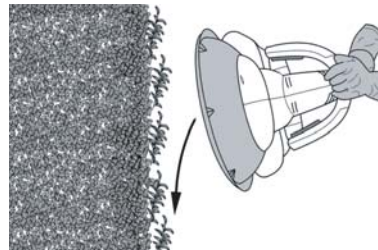


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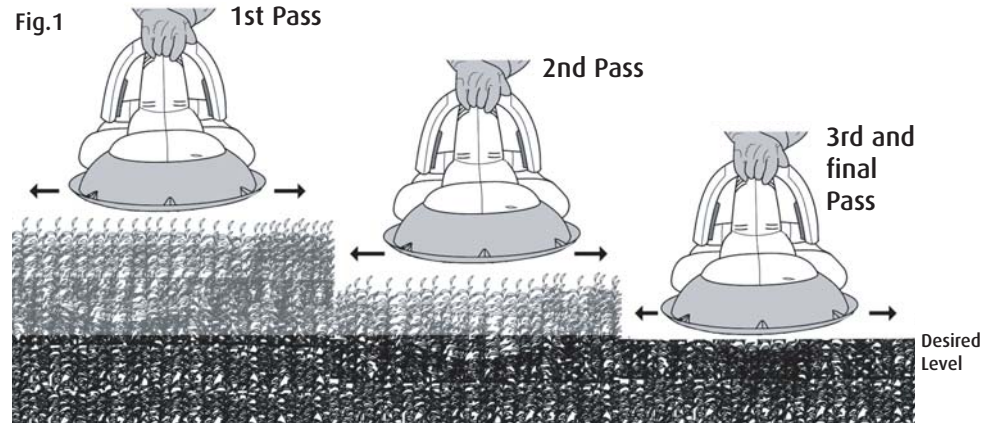


4. TRIMMING EXTRA LONG GROWTH

The Garden Groom has been designed to trim hedge growth of 150mm or less. However, it will trim exceptionally long growth, but this operation will inevitably result in a lower rate of capture (on vertical cuts only), due to the sheer dynamics and volume of material to be managed.

To trim exceptionally long growth (within the recommended cutting diameters), we advise the following techniques: Trim the growth in several stages (see fig.1 below) layering down, until you arrive at the desired level.

Fig.1



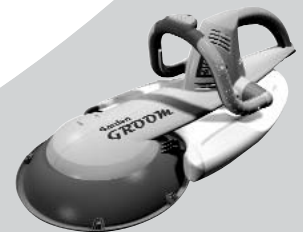
In some circumstances you may wish to adopt a vertical technique (see fig.2 below), bringing the Garden Groom down onto the growth in a vertical action.

Fig.2

Fig.2



Tip: We strongly recommend regular use of the Garden Groom, which will produce exceptional performance, speed of operation and ensure professional results.





5. EMPTYING CONTAINER

For speed of operation, simply hold the Garden Groom by the front handle, unclip and withdraw the container from the main body and deposit the waste material into an appropriate receptacle. To re-engage, push the front of the container over the exhaust, raise the rear of the container, ensuring alignment with clip, push clip forward with palm of hand to lock. Note: The interlock peg MUST be connected to the interlock switch for the machine to function.

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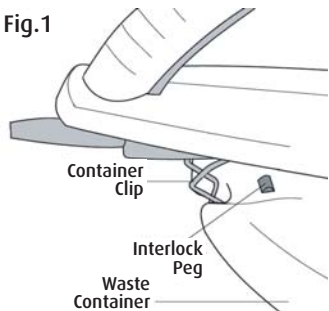
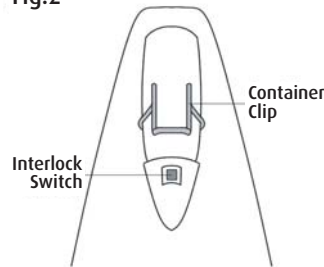


Fig.2



6. VOLUME BAG ATTACHMENT (Optional Accessory)

For larger areas of hedge growth, a volume bag attachment has been developed. This optional accessory has a specially refined container fixed to an exhaust hose and volume bag attachment and is fitted in the same manner as the standard container.

TIP: It is necessary to periodically shake the debris down the hose to ensure smooth conveyance of waste material into the volume bag. When full, detach/unzip from hose and empty into chosen receptacle.

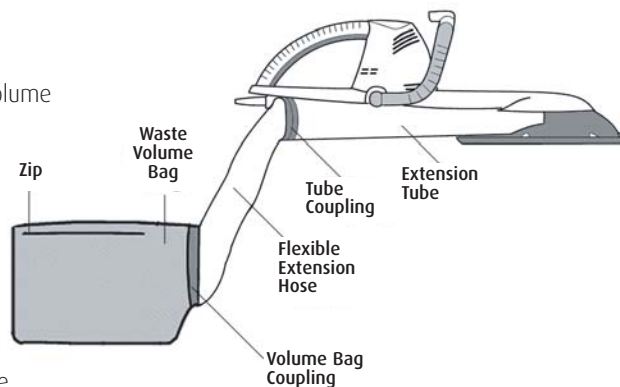
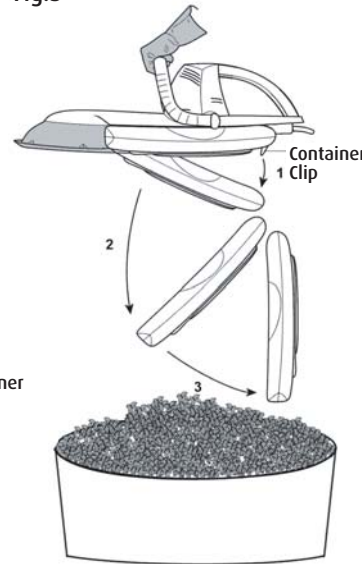


Fig.3



Safe use of Your Garden Groom

1. Keep work area clean.

- Cluttered areas invite injuries.

2. Consider work area environment.

- Do not expose power tools to rain. Do not use power tools in damp or wet locations. Keep work area well lit. Do not use power tools where there is risk to cause fire or explosion.

3. Guard against electric shock.

- Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces (e.g. pipes, fence posts, electrical installations).
- We recommend the use of a Residual Current Device (RCD)
- Supply cable is of H05VV-F 2x1.0mm² with 16A VDE plug
- Use extension cable with a capacity of 16A or more
- plug in 230V~ 50Hz VDE socket only

4. Keep children away.

- Do not let visitors touch the tool or extension cord. All visitors should be kept away from area.

5. Store idle tools.

- When not in use, tools should be stored in a dry, high or locked up place, out of reach of children.

6. Do not force the tool.

- It will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it is intended.

7. Use the right tool.

- Do not force small tools or attachments to do the job of a heavy duty tool. Do not use tools for purposes not intended; for example do not use the Garden Groom to trim lawns.

8. Dress properly.

- Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery; they may be caught in moving parts. Gloves and non-skid footwear are recommended. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.

9. Use safety glasses.

- Also use face or dust mask if the cutting operation is dusty.

10. Do not abuse the cord.

- Never carry the tool by the cord or yank it to disconnect it from the socket. Keep the cord away from heat, oil and sharp edges.

11. Do not overreach.

- Keep proper footing and balance at all times.

12. Regular maintenance, replacement, sharpening:

- Keep cutting tools clean for better and safer performance. Inspect tool cord periodically and if damaged it must be replaced by the manufacturer, or its service agent, or a similar qualified person. Inspect extension cords periodically and replace if damaged. Keep handles dry, clean and free from oil and grease.

- Always ensure all handles and guards are fitted, when using the tool"

- Never attempt to use an incomplete machine, or one fitted with an unauthorised modification.

- Keep cord away from cutting area.

- When not in use, before servicing and when cleaning the blade ensure the Garden Groom is turned off and **UNPLUGGED FROM THE MAINS.**

- Check cutting blades regularly for damage, and if damaged repair immediately

13. Avoid unintentional starting.

- Do not carry a plugged-in tool with a finger on the switch. Ensure switch is off when plugging in.

14. Use outdoor extension leads.

- Use only extension cords intended for outdoor use.

15. Stay alert.

- Watch what you are doing. Use common sense.

- Do not operate tool when you are tired.

16. 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, free running of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting and any other conditions that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorized service centre unless otherwise indicated in this instruction manual. Have defective switches replaced by an authorized service facility. Do not use the tool if the switch does not turn it on and off.

- Check cable for damage before starting work and replace if necessary.

17. Warning

- The use of any accessory or attachment, other than those recommended in this instruction manual, may present a risk of personal injury.

18. Repair

- Have your tool repaired by a qualified person.

- This electric tool is in accordance with the relevant safety requirements. Repairs should only be carried out by qualified persons using original spare parts; otherwise this may result in considerable danger to the user.

- If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by a special cord or assembly available from the manufacturer or its service agent.

19. Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating blade.

- **Stop the tool when crossing surfaces other than hedges and when transporting the tool to and from the area to be cut.**

- **21. Never operate the Garden Groom without the container or fully assembled volume bag attachment.**

- **22. The operator is responsible for accidents and hazards occurring to other people or their property.**

- **23. Never tape switches.**

- **24. Never use the Garden Groom at eye level.**

- **25. Always use ladders or a platform when working over head height.**

- **26. Do not start the machine in situ. i.e buried in hedge.**

WARNING: Before operating the Garden Groom, read this manual and follow all safety and Operating Instructions.

SAVE THIS MANUAL for future reference.

 Always wear protective eyewear

