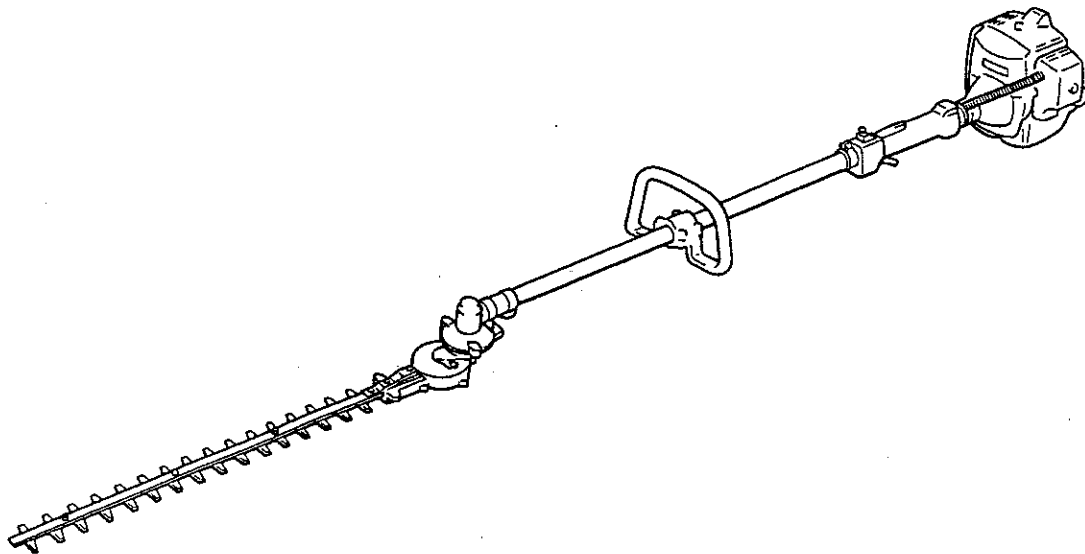





INSTRUCTION MANUAL

FOR POWER HEDGE TRIMMER: MODEL HT260D



It is essential that any operator of a MARUYAMA POWER Hedge Trimmer reads and understands the contents of this manual before the engine is started.

Important safety instructions will be identified by the safety symbol. 

Failure to comply with the instructions in this manual may result in serious injury.

FOREWORD

This instruction Manual is designed to familiarize the operator with the various features and component parts of the equipment and to assist you with the assembly, operation and maintenance of your new Power Hedge Trimmer.

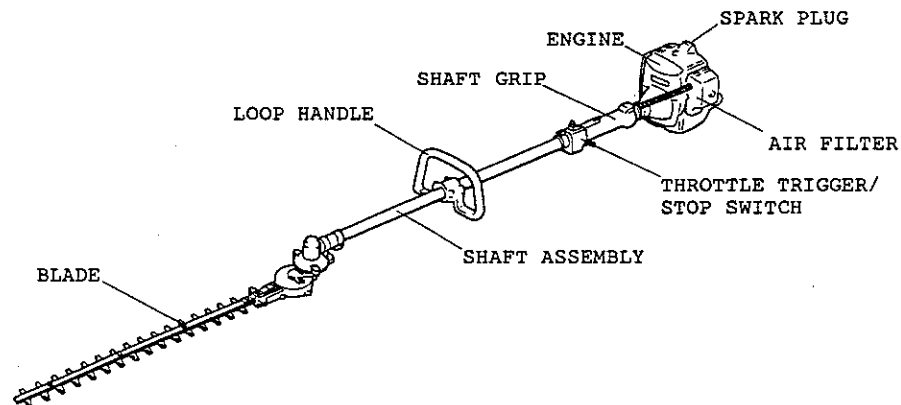
Special attention should be given to the SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS provided throughout the Instruction Manual.

Please read this Instruction Manual carefully before using the Power Hedge Trimmer and acquaint yourself thoroughly with the equipment. For additional assistance, contact any local authorized MARUYAMA dealer, or MARUYAMA U.S., Inc., 15436 N.E. 95th St., Redmond, WA 98073-2167.

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MODEL IDENTIFICATION



SPECIFICATIONS

DRY WEIGHT	15.0 lbs	HANDLE CONFIGURATION	LOOP HANDLE
MAXIMUM R.P.M.	9700	CARBURETOR	WALBRO DIAPHRAGM TYPE WYK
ENGINE DISPLACEMENT	25.4cc	IGNITION	SOLID STATE SYSTEM
FUEL TANK CAPACITY	0.85Qts		
SPARK PLUG	NGK BPM6Y SET GAP 0.024-0.028 INCHES		
FUEL MIXTURE	USE ONLY NON-LEADED REGULAR GASOLINE. MARUYAMA 2-CYCLE OIL MIX 50:1 RATIO * OTHER 2-CYCLE OIL MIX 25:1 RATIO * MUST BE APPROVED FOR AIR-COOLED ENGINES		



SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



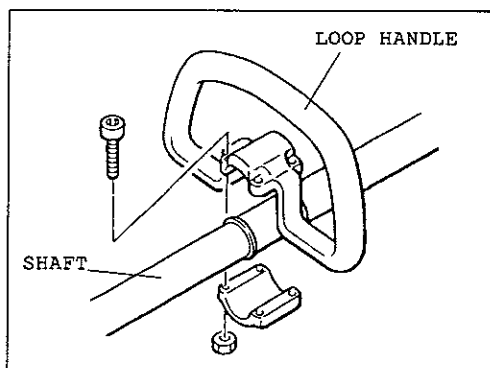
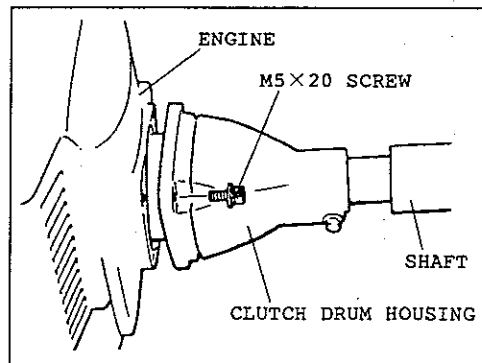
1. Read and understand this Instruction Manual before using the equipment. Be thoroughly familiar with the proper use of the Power Hedge Trimmer.
2. Never allow children to operate the Power Hedge Trimmer. It is not a toy. Never allow adults to operate the unit without first reading the Instruction Manual.
3. Become familiar with the controls and know how to stop the engine quickly.
4. ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES or other suitable eye protection, and hearing protection.
5. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children and pets.
6. Never operate a Power Hedge Trimmer when you are fatigued.
7. Never operate a Power Hedge Trimmer without proper guards or other protective safety devices in place.
8. Dress properly; do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Always wear substantial footwear, long pants, and long sleeved shirt.
9. Gasoline is highly flammable; handle it carefully. Fill the fuel tank with the correct mixture of gasoline and oil before trying to start the engine.
 - A. Use an approved fuel container for storing the gasoline/oil mixture.
 - B. Do not fill the tank when the engine is hot or running.
 - C. Do not smoke while handling gasoline.
 - D. Fill the fuel tank outdoors and up to about one-half inch from the top of the tank, not the top of the filler neck.
 - E. Wipe any spilled gasoline before starting the engine.
10. Always be sure of your footing; keep a firm hold of the handles with both hands, and walk, never run.
11. Use the right tool for the job. Do not use the Power Hedge Trimmer for any job that is not recommended by the manufacturer.
12. Keep all fasteners tight to be sure the Power Hedge Trimmer is in safe working condition. Follow the maintenance instructions provided on page 9 to 11 of this manual.
13. Do not put hands or feet near or under any moving parts. Keep clear at all times.
14. If the Power Hedge Trimmer should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
15. Avoid using the Power Hedge Trimmer near rocks, fencing, cable/wires and similar material that would cause harmful damage.
16. Use the Power Hedge Trimmer only in daylight or good artificial light.
17. Shut off the engine and be certain the cutting blades have completely stopped moving before servicing the machine.

The MARUYAMA Power Hedge Trimmer includes a Tool Kit, Instruction Manual, and a Warranty Registration Card.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

ENGINE AND DRIVESHAFT ASSEMBLY

The shaft and clutch drum housing assembly are already connected. Attach the shaft to the engine with the four M5×20 screws (packed with the engine).

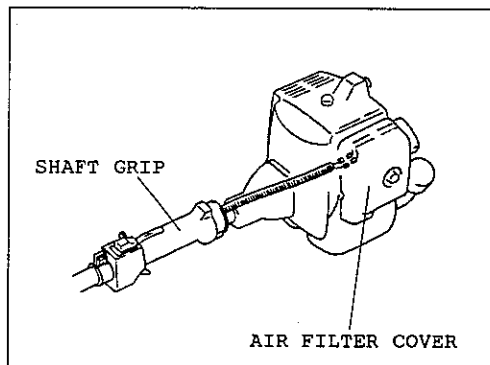
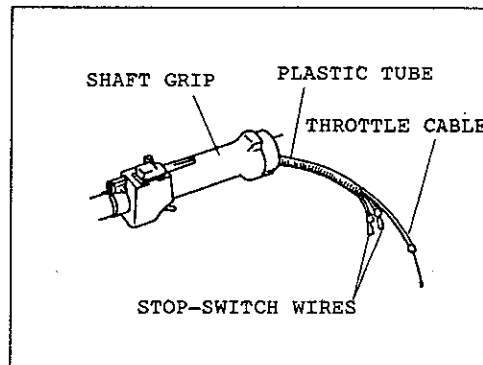


LOOP HANDLE

The loop handle attaches to the shaft with four screws, as shown.

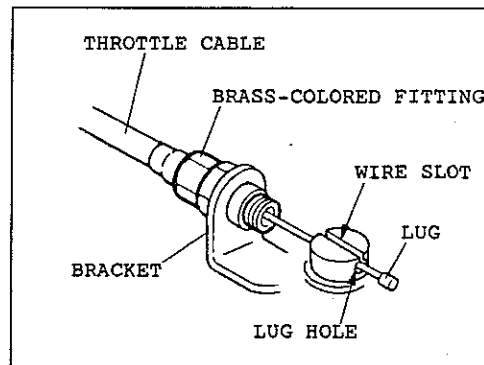
THROTTLE CABLE AND WIRING

Install the plastic tube (packed with the shaft assembly) around the throttle cable and stop-switch wires, as shown.



Remove the air filter cover to connect the stop-switch wires, as shown. (Connections are near the carburetor on the engine.)

The throttle cable end must be inserted into and through the brass-colored fitting held by the bracket on top of the carburetor. The wire-end lug fits into the slotted holder (as shown) on top of the carburetor. A HOLE IS PROVIDED FOR THE LUG AT ONE END OF THE WIRE SLOT.



ADJUSTING THE CUTTING BLADES

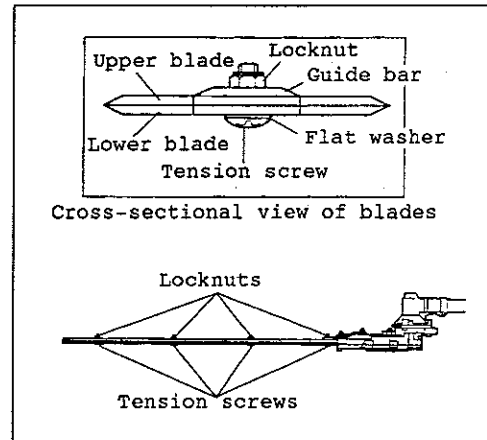
Before operating the power Hedge Trimmer it is necessary to check the adjustment of the cutting blades. Blades that are too loose may vibrate, and will not provide a clean, smooth cut.



CAUTION-BLADES THAT ARE TOO TIGHT CAN CAUSE OVERLOADING WHICH MAY DAMAGE THE EQUIPMENT.

To adjust the cutting blades, refer to the illustrations and locate the tension screws.

Loosen the tension screw locknuts. Gently turn the tension screws in until snug, then turn the tension screws back out 1/4 turn. While holding the screws in place, tighten the locknuts. Liberally coat the cutting blades with light oil. Start the engine and operate the Hedge Trimmer at full speed for at least one minute. Stop the engine, and when the blades are motionless, touch the blades with your hand.



CAUTION-DO NOT TOUCH THE SHARPENED EDGES OF THE CUTTING BLADES. THE CUTTING BLADES ARE EXTREMELY SHARP AND DANGEROUS AT ALL TIMES!!

The blades may be warm, but if they are too hot to touch, loosen the tension screws 1/8 turn.

BEFORE OPERATION

FUEL: MIXING GASOLINE AND OIL



CAUTION-READ SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING GASOLINE ON PAGE(2).

The two-cycle engine used on the MARUYAMA Power Hedge Trimmer requires a mixture of GASOLINE and OIL for lubrication of bearings and other moving parts. The correct fuel mixture ratio depends upon the type of two-cycle motor oil that is used. If MARUYAMA two-cycle oil is used, the proper fuel mixture ratio is 50:1, which is 2.5oz. of oil mixed with one gallon of gasoline. If other oil for two-cycle air cooled engines is used, the proper fuel mixture ratio is 25:1, which is 5.0 oz. of oil mixed with one gallon of gasoline.

NOTE: Gasoline and oil must be premixed in a clean gasoline container. Never mix gasoline and oil indoors or in the Power Hedge Trimmer fuel tank. Always use fresh gasoline.

Add a small quantity of unleaded regular gasoline to a gasoline container. Pour the proper amount of two-cycle oil into the gasoline container. Do not use multi-viscosity oils. Install the cap on the gasoline container before shaking. Shake the gasoline container vigorously so the oil mixes with the gasoline. Add the additional gasoline needed to complete the required amount (see the fuel mixture chart below).

IMPORTANT: Do not fill the fuel tank with gasoline that does not have oil mixed in it. Do not use gasoline additives because the engine could be damaged.



WARNING!!-NEVER USE GASOHOL OR ALCOHOL BLENDED FUELS IN MARUYAMA ENGINES.

Before filling the Power Hedge Trimmer fuel tank, clean around the fuel tank cap so dirt and debris does not enter the fuel tank. Always shake the fuel container before filling the fuel tank. Remove the fuel cap, then fill the fuel tank to within 1/4-1/2 inch from the top of the tank. Avoid filling the fuel tank filler neck. Install the cap securely onto the fuel tank.

FUEL MIXTURE CHART

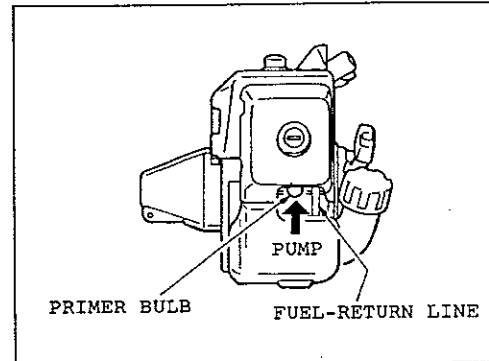
MARUYAMA 2-CYCLE OIL (50:1)	OTHER 2-CYCLE OIL (25:1)
WITH 1 GALLON GASOLINE MIX 2.5 OZ OIL	WITH 1 GALLON GASOLINE MIX 5.0 OZ OIL
2 GALLON GASOLINE MIX 5.0 OZ OIL	2 GALLON GASOLINE MIX 10.5 OZ OIL
5 GALLON GASOLINE MIX 12.5 OZ OIL	5 GALLON GASOLINE MIX 25.0 OZ OIL

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

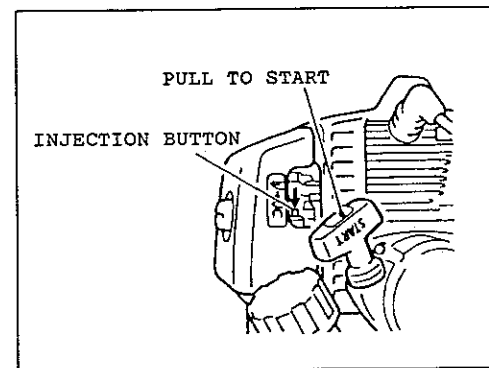
STARTING PROCEDURE

The carburetors on MARUYAMA engines do not contain a choke system and are designed to start at IDLE speed. A greater throttle setting will cause difficult starting. To properly start a "cold" engine, perform the following procedure.

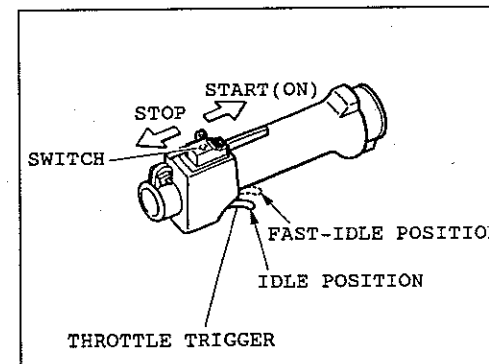
Step #1) Pump the primer-bulb at the bottom of the carburetor until fuel can be seen flowing through the fuel-return line to the fuel tank. (Flowing fuel should be clear, not foamy or full of bubbles.)



Step #2) Fully depress the black injection button, then release.



Step #3) With the ignition switch "ON", and the throttle trigger positioned at IDLE, pull the starter cord. The engine should start at IDLE within 5 to 6 pulls.



For starting an engine that is already warmed-up (hot restart), or if the ambient temperature exceeds 70°F (20°C), the injection button should not be used. Follow steps #1) and #3) only.

If the engine fails to start at the IDLE position, set the throttle trigger at the FAST-IDLE position (see sketch). Then repeat the starting procedure (prime, injection, and pull).

(If a MARUYAMA engine fails to start after following the above procedures, contact an authorized MARUYAMA dealer.)

ENGINE OPERATION

After starting, allow the engine to run a few minutes to warm it up before using.

NOTE: DO NOT have the engine under any load during this warm up period.

By squeezing the throttle trigger, increase the engine RPM to the speed required for operation before placing the Power Hedge Trimmer under load. ALWAYS reduce the engine speed to idle when it is not edging. Do not operate the engine at high RPM's with no load.

STOPPING THE ENGINE

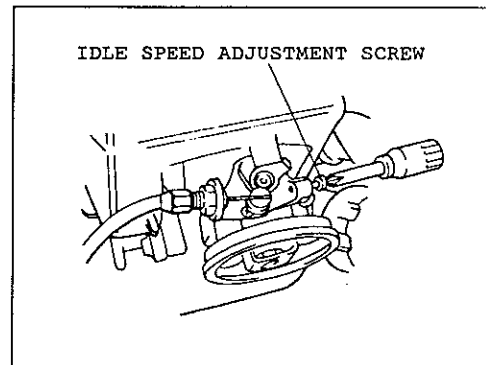
Always run the engine at idle speed for a few minutes to allow cooling before stopping. To stop the engine, move the stop-switch to the STOP position.



If the stop-switch fails to stop the engine, pump the primer-bulb at the bottom of the carburetor a few times, then depress the black injection button.
(Repair the stop-switch.)

CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT

The carburetor has been carefully adjusted at the factory and should not require any further adjustment. Only the idling speed can be adjusted by turning the idle speed adjustment screw (see sketch). The correct idle speed is 2800-3200RPM. Turning the adjustment screw clockwise will increase the idle speed.



If further adjustment is necessary, please contact a local authorized MARUYAMA dealer.

OPERATING THE POWER HEDGE TRIMMER



CAUTION—Read the SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS on page(2) concerning the proper use of the Power Hedge Trimmer.

The MARUYAMA Power Hedge Trimmer is designed for cutting and trimming foliage and small branches up to 1/4 inches in diameter. Although the MARUYAMA Power Hedge Trimmer is capable of cutting larger diameter branches, wear and tear of the machine would be proportionally increased.

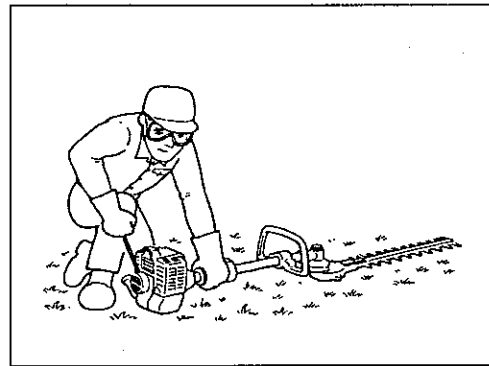
By adjusting the handle, the MARUYAMA Power Hedge Trimmer can be operated while positioned at either the right side or the left side of the operator. To adjust the loop handle, see the ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS on page (3).

If it is necessary to reposition the throttle grip assembly, loosen the clamping screws at both ends of the assembly before moving the grip. Then use caution to prevent any damage to the throttle cable and stop-switch Wires.



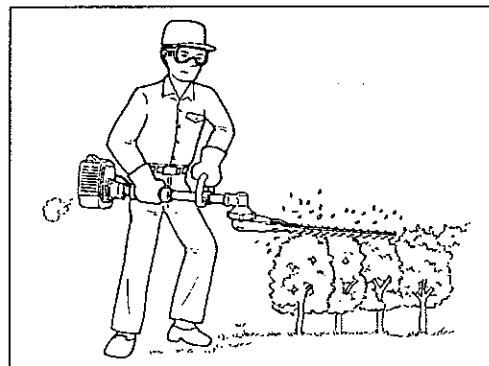
CAUTION—Always wear gloves and protective clothing when operating the Power Hedge Trimmer.

When starting the engine, use a safe procedure. Hold the Power Hedge Trimmer flat against the ground with the left hand while pulling the starter grip with the right hand.



Always grip the Power Hedge Trimmer with both hands while it is in operation. Be sure the cutting blades are moving (at least half-throttle) before actual cutting begins. The Power Hedge Trimmer works best at full throttle.

If the cutting blades become jammed, stop the engine immediately. Make certain all moving parts have stopped and disconnect the spark plug before inspecting the equipment for damage. Never use a Power Hedge Trimmer that has chipped, cracked, or broken cutting blades.

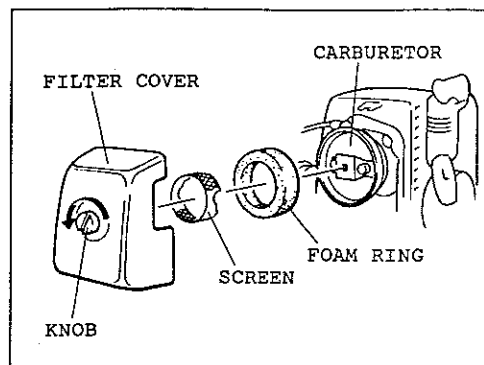


REGULAR MAINTENANCE

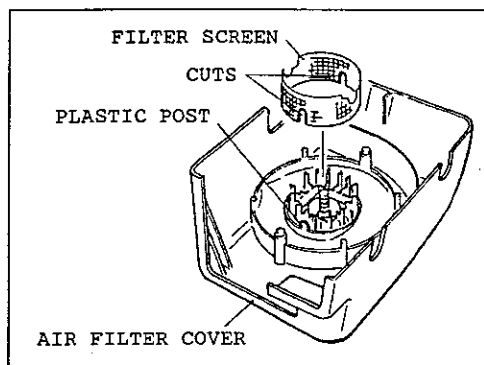
AIR FILTER

The air filter should be cleaned each time the power Hedge Trimmer is used. (or more often with extreme conditions.) The filter cover can be removed by unscrewing the single knob (see sketch).

Remove the screen from the foam ring, wash the foam in kerosene or warm detergent, then squeeze dry. Apply oil (#30 wt.) to foam, removing all excess oil. Assemble and re-install air filter on carburetor.



CAUTION—The air filter screen is designed to fit the filter cover **ONE WAY ONLY** ! It must not be reversed! Refer to the sketch and match the cuts in the screen to the plastic posts inside the filter cover. (The fit should be snug.)

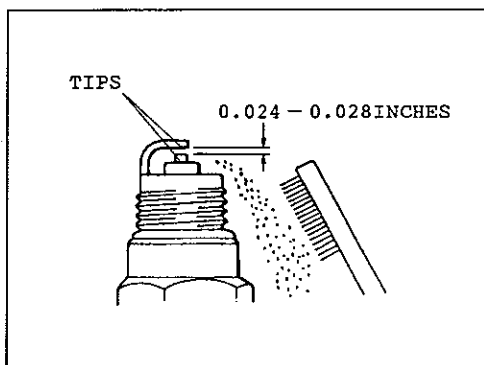


SPARK PLUG

The spark plug should be removed from the engine and checked after each 25 hours of operation. The tips can be cleaned with a stiff brush. Adjust the gap to 0.024–0.028 inches (see sketch). Replace the spark plug if it is oil-fouled or damaged. The average spark plug life is approximately 100 hours.

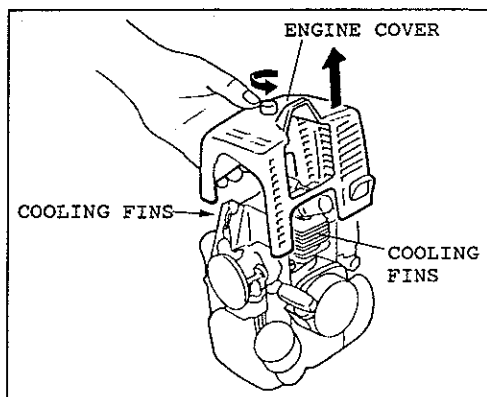


CAUTION—Do not over-tighten the spark plug. The correct torque is 10–12 Ft.Lbs.



COOLING FINS

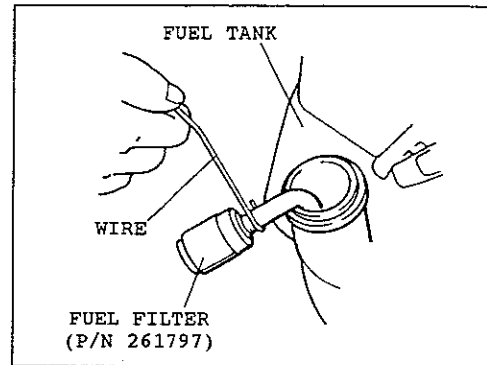
Free passage of air through the cylinder cooling fins is required to prevent poor engine performance and shortened engine life. Regularly check and clean all debris from the cooling fins by removing the engine cover (see sketch).



FUEL FILTER

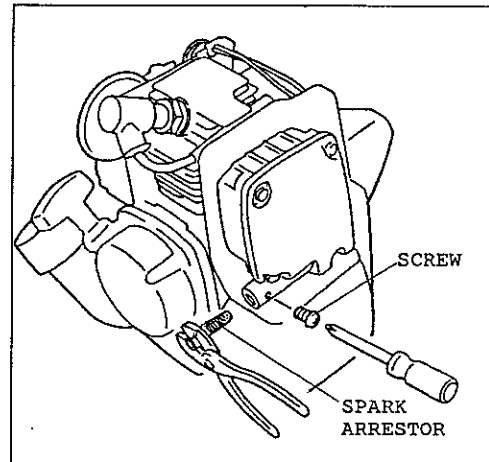
The fuel filter is attached to the fuel pick-up tube inside the fuel tank. After each 25 hours of use, it should be checked for dirt or damage, and replaced if necessary.

A wire with a hooked end aids in removing the filter from the tank. Avoid damaging the fuel line.



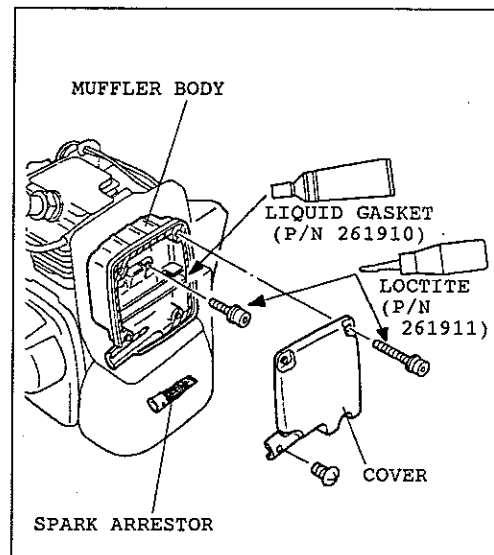
SPARK ARRESTOR

The spark arrestor should be inspected and cleaned after each 20 hours of use. The spark arrestor is installed inside the exhaust outlet of the muffler, and is secured by one screw through the side of the exhaust outlet (see sketch). Remove the screw, and pull the spark arrestor from inside the exhaust outlet tube. (If using pliers, care must be used to avoid crushing the spark arrestor flange.) Solvent and stiff brushing will usually be required for cleaning. Re-install the spark arrestor and the fastening screw.



EXHAUST MUFFLER

The muffler should be inspected and cleaned after each 100 hours of use. The engine cover must be removed for access to the muffler. Four screws (see sketch) attach the muffler cover to the muffler body. When the cover is removed, the spark arrestor is revealed in the exhaust outlet tube of the muffler cover. Remove the one screw securing the spark arrestor to the muffler cover and separate them. Clean the cover and the spark arrestor. (see instructions-Spark Arrestor.) It is not necessary to remove the muffler body from the cylinder for cleaning, BUT special care should be taken to prevent any debris from entering the exhaust ports. Use liquid gasket P/N 261910 to form the gasket between the muffler body and cover. Use Loctite P/N 261911 on the four screws attaching the cover to the muffler body. Secure the spark arrestor into place with the fastening screw.



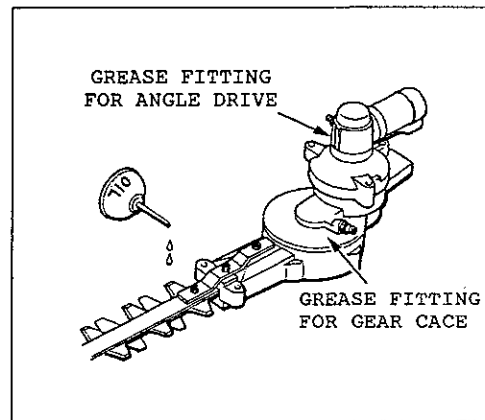
LUBRICATION: GEARCASE AND ANGLE DRIVE

The gearcase and angle drive should be checked for lubrication after each 10 to 20 hours of use. Grease fittings are installed into both components.

Use a good quality #2 lithium-base bearing lubricant.

Lubrication of the cutting blades should be maintained at all times.

Use a light oil(#10 wt.)



GENERAL CLEANING AND TIGHTENING

The MARUYAMA Power Hedge Trimmer will provide maximum performance for many, many hours if it is maintained properly. Good maintenance includes regular checking of all fasteners for correct tightness, and cleaning the entire machine. Pitch and gum deposits should be removed from the cutting blades daily. Adjustment of the cutting blade tension should be checked regularly. Refer to page four for instructions to adjust cutting blades.

STORAGE

ALL MODELS: For long-term storage of the Power Hedge Trimmer, perform all regular maintenance procedures and needed repairs. Empty the fuel tank. Disconnect the fuel-return tube from the carburetor, then continue to pump the primer bulb until fuel stops discharging from the fuel-return fitting. Start the engine and allow it to run until it stops. Pull the starter cord a few times to remove any excess fuel from the engine. Remove the spark plug and insert a small amount of oil. Pull the starter cord once and bring the piston to a position closest to the spark plug hole. Re-install the spark plug. Apply a thin coating of oil to the entire machine and store in a dry place.

MEMO



LIMITED WARRANTY STATEMENT

All Maruyama products are warranted to the original purchaser to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of two (2) years from the date of purchase when applied to residential use, or six (6) months from the date of purchase when applied to commercial use.

Any part(s) of Maruyama products found to be defective within the warranty period shall, at Maruyama's option, be repaired or replaced without charge. Warranty consideration is obtained by delivering any Maruyama product believed to be defective to an Authorized Maruyama Service Dealer within the applicable warranty period.

Warranty will not apply to conditions resulting from:

1. Damage(s) and/or costs associated with shipping and/or transportation.
2. Lack of normal maintenance, adjustments, or service required for regular use of the product.
3. Modifications, service/repairs, parts or components not authorized by Maruyama.
4. Normal wear, accident, abuse, neglect, misuse, negligence, improper fuels/fuel mixtures, or failure to operate or maintain the product in accordance with instructions approved by Maruyama.

Maruyama shall not be liable for any special, consequential, direct or indirect damages, and expressly states there are no implied warranties. Some states do not allow limitation of incidental or consequential damages, accordingly the above limitations and exclusions may not apply to you.

This warranty provides you with specific legal rights which may vary from state to state.

It is the owners responsibility to properly complete and mail the Warranty Registration Card. Proof of purchase and registration will be required in order to obtain warranty service.

For the name of the authorized Maruyama dealer nearest you.

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