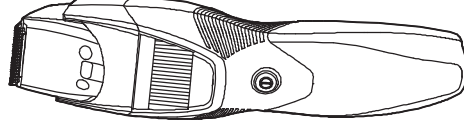


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Thank you for purchasing this Panasonic product.
Before operating this unit, please read these instructions completely and save them for future use.

Warning

English

- This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.
- The supply cord cannot be replaced. If the cord is damaged, the AC adaptor should be scrapped.

- This WET/DRY appliance can be used for wet trimming or for dry trimming. You can use this watertight appliance in the shower and clean with water. The following symbol means suitable for use in a bath or shower.



- Do not use anything other than the supplied AC adaptor for any purpose.
Also, do not use any other product with the supplied AC adaptor. (See page 11.)
- The following symbol indicates that a specific detachable power supply unit is required for connecting the electrical appliance to the supply mains. The type reference of power supply unit is marked near the symbol.



Safety precautions

To reduce the risk of injury, loss of life, electric shock, fire, and damage to property, always observe the following safety precautions.

Explanation of symbols

The following symbols are used to classify and describe the level of hazard, injury, and property damage caused when the denotation is disregarded and improper use is performed.



DANGER

Denotes a potential hazard that will result in serious injury or death.



WARNING

Denotes a potential hazard that could result in serious injury or death.



CAUTION

Denotes a hazard that could result in minor injury or property damage.

The following symbols are used to classify and describe types of instructions to be observed.



This symbol is used to alert users to a specific operating procedure that must not be performed.



This symbol is used to alert users to a specific operating procedure that must be followed in order to operate the unit safely.

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WARNING

► Power supply

Do not connect or disconnect the power plug to a household outlet with a wet hand.

- Doing so may cause electric shock or injury.



Do not immerse the AC adaptor in water or wash with water.

Do not place the AC adaptor over or near water filled sink or bathtub.

Never use the appliance if the AC adaptor is damaged or if the power plug fits loosely in a household outlet.



Do not damage the cord or power plug.

- Do not deface, modify, forcefully bend or pull the cord or power plug.

Also, do not place anything heavy on, twist or pinch the cord.

- Doing so may cause burn, electric shock or fire due to a short circuit.

Do not use in a way exceeding the rating of the household outlet or the wiring.

- Exceeding the rating by connecting too many plugs to one household outlet may cause fire due to overheating.



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	WARNING
	Never disassemble except when disposing of the product. - Doing so may cause fire, electric shock, or injury.
	► Preventing accidents Do not store within the reach of children or infants. Do not let them use it. - Putting parts or accessories in the mouth may cause an accident or injury.
	If the oil is consumed accidentally, do not induce vomiting, drink a large amount of water, and contact a physician. If the oil comes into contact with eyes, immediately wash thoroughly with running water, and contact a physician. - Failure to do so may result in physical problems.

	CAUTION
	► Protecting the skin Do not press the blade strongly on your lip or skin. Do not use this product for any purpose other than trimming beard. - Doing so may cause skin injury.
	Do not directly apply the blades on ears or rough skin (such as swellings, injuries or blemishes). - Doing so may cause injury to ears or uneven skin.
	Check that the blades are not damaged or deformed before use. - Failure to do so may cause skin injury.
	► Note the following precautions Do not allow metal objects or trash to adhere to the power plug or the charging plug. - Doing so may cause electric shock or fire due to a short circuit.
	Do not drop or hit against other objects. - Doing so may cause injury.

CAUTION

Do not wrap the cord around the AC adaptor and main body when storing.

- Doing so may cause the wire in the cord to break with the load, and may cause fire due to short circuit.



Disconnect the power plug from the household outlet when not charging.

- Failure to do so may cause electric shock or fire due to electrical leakage resulting from insulation deterioration.



Disconnect the power plug by holding onto the power plug instead of the cord.

- Failure to do so may cause electric shock or injury.



Handling of the removed battery when disposing

DANGER

The rechargeable battery is exclusively for use with this appliance. Do not use the battery with other products.

Do not charge the battery after it has been removed from the product.

Do not throw into fire or apply heat.

Do not solder, disassemble, or modify the battery.

Do not let the positive and negative terminals of the battery get in contact with each other through metallic objects.

Do not carry or store the battery together with metallic jewellery such as necklaces and hairpins.

Never peel off the tube.

- Doing so may cause fluid leak, overheating, or explosion.



The battery contains alkaline fluid. If it comes in contact with the eyes, do not rub the eyes, and thoroughly rinse with clean water, such as tap water.



- Failure to do so may cause loss of vision.
- Consult a physician immediately.

**WARNING**

After removing the rechargeable battery, do not keep it within reach of children and infants.

- The battery will harm the body if accidentally swallowed.
→ If this happens, consult a physician immediately.

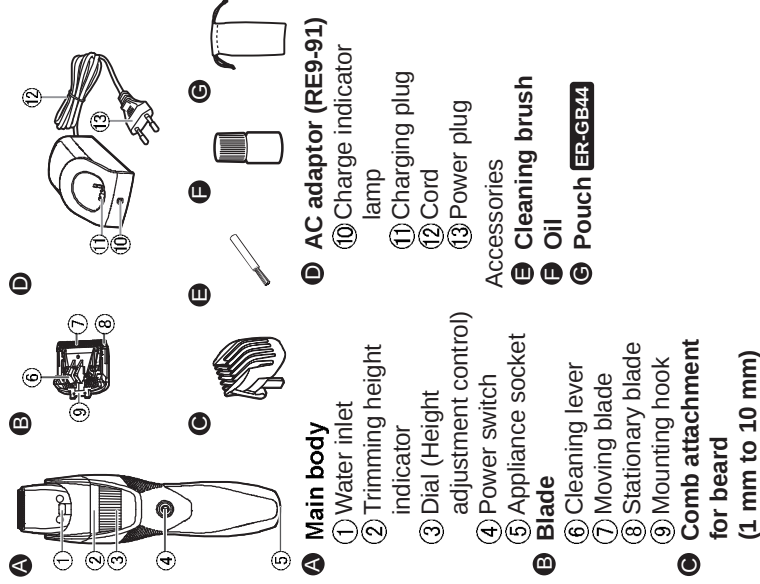
The battery contains alkaline fluid. If it comes in contact with the skin or clothes, rinse off with clean water, such as tap water.

- Failure to do so may cause skin injury.

Important information

- Be sure to mount the attachment after each use. Otherwise, infants may remove the blade and accidentally swallow it, or the blade may be deformed.
- Apply the oil to the blade before and after each use. (See page 17.) Failure to apply the oil may cause the following problems.
 - The blade has become blunt.
 - Shorter operating time.
 - Louder sound.
- The appliance may become warm during operation and/or charging. This is normal.
- Before using an attachment, check that it has been installed correctly. Failure to do so may cause beard to be cut too short.
- Store the main body in a place with low humidity after use. Failure to do so may cause malfunction due to condensation or rust.
- The appliance should not be used on animals.
- Charge the appliance correctly according to these Operating Instructions. (See page 11 "Charging".)
- This appliance contains battery that is only replaceable by skilled persons. Please contact an authorized service centre for the details of repair.

Parts identification



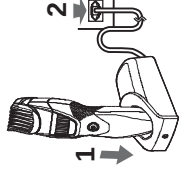
Preparation

Charging

- Wipe off any water droplets or dirt on the appliance socket.
- Make sure that the main body is turned off.

1 Place the main body on the AC adaptor.

- Plug the main body into the AC adaptor until it clicks into place.
- Remove the main body with one hand while pressing the AC adaptor with the other hand.
- If you charge the appliance with power switch turned on, it will start working when you remove from the AC adaptor.



2 Insert the power plug into a household outlet.

- The charging time differs depending on the rated voltage. (See page 20.)
- Check that the charge indicator lamp glows.

3 Disconnect the power plug after charging is completed.

- (for safety and to reduce energy usage)
- The charge indicator lamp continues to glow after charging is complete. There is no indication to show that "charging is complete".

Notes

- To keep charging the battery will not affect battery performance.
- If there is noise from the radio or other sources while using or charging the appliance, move to a different location to use the appliance.
- You cannot operate the trimmer while charging.
- When the appliance is not used for 6 months or more, the battery will weaken (leak battery fluid, etc.). Fully charge the battery once every 6 months.
- You can charge the battery before it is completely discharged. However, it is recommended to charge when the battery is completely discharged. The battery life depends strongly on factors such as how it is used and stored.
- Recommended ambient temperature for charging is 0 °C-35 °C. Battery performance may decrease outside of the recommended temperature.
- A full charge supplies enough power for approximately 60 minutes of use. (ER-GB44)
A full charge supplies enough power for approximately 50 minutes of use. (ER-GB43)
(Based on dry using at 20 °C-30 °C.)
The operating time may differ depending on the frequency of use and the operating method.
- When the appliance is charged for the first time or it has not been in use for more than 6 months, the charging time may change or the charge indicator lamp may not glow in the first few minutes. In addition, the operating time may become shorter. Please charge it for more than 19 hours in such cases.

How to use

Using the trimmer

- Make sure that the main body is turned off.
- The appliance may not operate in an ambient temperature lower than approximately 0 °C.

1 Mount the comb attachment and adjust the trimming height as needed. (See page 13.)

- It can also be used without the comb attachment. (Trimming height: approx. 0.5 mm)
- Actual beard length will be a little longer than the height you set.

2 Press the power switch to turn on the power.



Using the comb attachment

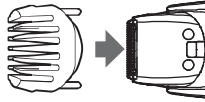
- Make sure that the main body is turned off.
- Be careful not to cut your hand with the blade when attaching or removing the comb attachment.



1 Turn the dial to the "1" position.

English

2 Mount the comb attachment to the main body until it clicks.



Trimming height (estimate)	Comb attachment									
1 mm to 10 mm	Comb attachment for beard									

3 Turn the dial to move the comb attachment to the desired trimming length (between 1 mm and 10 mm).

Trimming length (mm) (estimate)	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5
Indicator	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5
Trimming length (mm) (estimate)	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	
Indicator	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	

- Actual beard length will be a little longer than the height you set.

Removing the comb attachment

Remove the comb attachment from the main body.

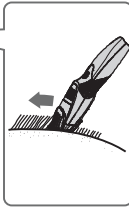


Trimming beard

Dry trimming

- Trimming with the comb attachment
Do not use with shaving foam applied or when the beard is wet.

- Press the power switch to turn off the main body.
- Mount the comb attachment and adjust the dial.
(See this page.)
- Press the power switch to turn on the main body.
- Holding the main body with the power switch facing up, trim by bringing the blade in contact with the skin and moving the main body against the flow of the beard.



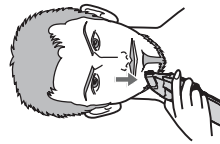
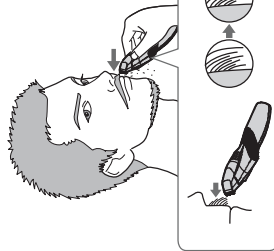
- Hair trimmings may collect inside the attachment when a large volume of beard is cut, so discard hair trimmings after each use.

► Trimming without the comb attachment

Beard shaping

■ **Above and below lips**

Holding the main body with the power switch facing down, cut across a line with the blade at a 90° angle to the skin.



■ **Ends of moustache**

Holding the main body with the power switch facing outside, trim gradually from the ends by bringing the blade in contact with the skin.



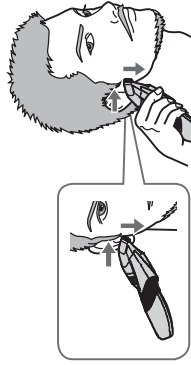
■ **Beard**

Holding the main body with the power switch facing outside, trim by bringing the blade in contact with the skin and cutting along a line while moving the main body forward.



■ **Sideburns**

Holding the main body with the power switch facing down, trim by moving the main body downward with the blade at a 90° angle to the sideburns.



Shaping the hair around your ears

Trim the hair around your ears by holding the main body sideways.



Trimming the downy hair

Holding the main body with the power switch facing outside, trim by bringing the blade in contact with the skin.



- Trimming your beard or moustache without an attachment will trim hair length to approx. 0.5 mm.

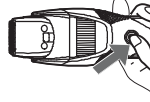
Wet trimming

► Trimming without the comb attachment

Cut your beard or downy hair with water or facial cleanser on your face.

Wet trimming will decrease the friction, allowing a smooth touch. Wet trimming is recommended to trim a fuller beard to a length of 0.5 mm without an attachment.

- 1 Remove the comb attachment.**
- 2 Apply water, soap, etc. to your face.**
- 3 Press the power switch to turn on the main body.**



- 4 Cut your beard slowly, moving upward from the bottom with the power switch facing outside.**



Notes

- Do not use any shaving creams as these may cause a decrease in cutting performance due to scoring of the blades.
- Make sure to rinse the main body with water and apply the oil to the blades after wet trimming.

Cleaning the trimmer

- Clean the main body and the blade after each use. (If not cleaned, the motion will become poor and the sharpness will worsen.)
- Do not use thinner, benzine, alcohol or other chemicals. Doing so may cause failure, cracking or discoloration of the main body.
Wipe the main body only with a soft cloth slightly dampened with tap water or soapy tap water.
- Make sure that the main body is turned off.

1. Remove the main body from the AC adaptor.

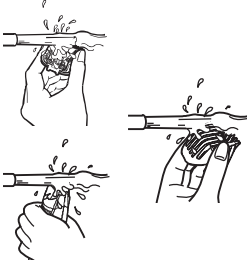
To remove light dirt

2. Remove the comb attachment and turn on the main body.
3. Run water down the water inlet at the front of the main body, rinse thoroughly for approximately 20 seconds, and then turn off the main body.



To remove heavy dirt

2. Remove the comb attachment and blade.
3. Clean the main body, the blade and the comb attachment with running water.



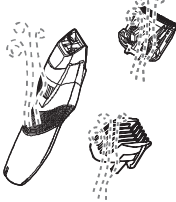
• Rinse with water and shake up and down several times to remove the water.

• Be careful not to hit the main body on the sink or any other object while draining the water. Failure to do so may cause malfunction.

4. Wipe off the water with a towel and let it dry naturally.
• It will dry faster with the blade removed.

5. Apply the oil to the blade after drying.

6. Attach the blade and comb attachment to the main body.



Cleaning with a brush

1. Remove the main body from the AC adaptor.

2. Remove the comb attachment and blade.

3. Brush off any hair trimmings from the main body and from around the blade.



4. Brush any hair trimmings out from between the stationary blade and the moving blade while pressing down the cleaning lever to raise the moving blade.

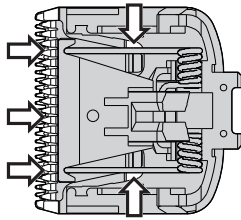
5. Apply the oil to the blade.

6. Attach the blade and comb attachment to the main body.



Lubrication

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- 1** Remove the blade. (See this page.)
- 2** Apply a drop of the oil to each indicated point.
- 3** Attach the blade to the main body, turn on the power and allow to run for approximately 5 seconds.



► Replacement parts

Replacement part is available at your dealer or Service Centre.

Replacement parts for ER-GB44/ER-GB43	Blade	WER9606
	Oil	WES003

- Do not use any blade other than the one dedicated as it may cause defect in performance.
- We recommend Panasonic oil WES003.

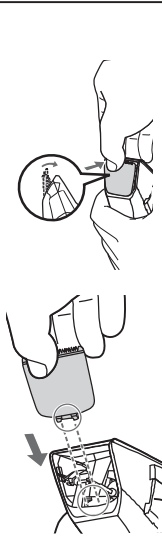
Removing the blade

Hold the main body, place your thumb against the blades, and then push them away from the main body.



Mounting the blade

Fit the mounting hook into the blade mounting on the main body, and then push in until you hear a click.



Troubleshooting

Perform the following actions.
If the problems still cannot be solved, contact the store where you purchased the unit or a service centre authorized by Panasonic for repair.

English

Problem	Action
Until problems are solved, please follow each procedure as follows: 1. Charge the main body. (See page 11.) 2. Clean the blade and apply oil. (See pages 15 to 17.) 3. Replace the blade. (See page 17.) 4. Have the battery replaced by an authorized service centre.	
The main body has become blunt. The operating time is short. The main body stopped working.	Charge the battery for approximately 19 hours continuously to rejuvenate it. If few uses remain even after charging, the battery has reached the end of its life. (Fluid may be leaking due to degradation at the end of battery life.) Contact an authorized service centre for repair.

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Problem	Action
The main body cannot be charged. The main body cannot be properly cleaned even after water is poured from the water inlet. The main body makes a loud sound.	Push the main body into the charging plug all the way and make sure the charge indicator lamp glows. Charge within the recommended charging temperature of 0 °C to 35 °C. When the main body is very dirty, remove the blade and wash with water. (See pages 15 and 16.) Apply oil. (See page 17.) Confirm that the blade is properly attached.

Blade life

Blade life varies according to the frequency and period of use of the main body.

For example, the blade life is approximately 3 years when using the main body for 5 minutes 10 times a month. Replace the blades if cutting efficiency reduces substantially despite proper maintenance.

Battery life

Battery life will vary according to the frequency and length of use. If the battery is charged once a month, the service life will be approximately 3 years. If the operating time is significantly shorter even after a full charge, the battery has reached the end of its life.

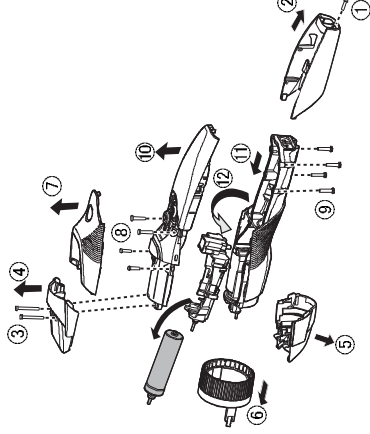
Removing the built-in rechargeable battery

Remove the built-in rechargeable battery before disposing of the main body.

The battery is to be disposed of safely. Please make sure that the battery is disposed of at an officially designated location if there is one.

This figure must only be used when disposing of the main body, and must not be used to repair it. If you dismantle the main body yourself, it will no longer be waterproof, which may cause it to malfunction.

- Remove the main body from the AC adaptor.
- Press the power switch to turn on the power and then keep the power on until the battery is completely discharged.
- Perform steps ① to ⑫ and lift the battery, and then remove it.
- Take care not to short-circuit the positive and negative terminals of the removed battery, and insulate the terminals by applying tape to them.



For environmental protection and recycling of materials

This main body contains a Nickel-Metal Hydride battery.

Please make sure that the battery is disposed of at an officially assigned location, if there is one in your country.

Specifications

Power source	See the name plate on the AC adaptor.			
Motor voltage	1.2 V 			
Charging time (RE9-91)	ER-GB44	230 V~	Approx. 10 hours	
		220 V~	Approx. 11 hours	
	ER-GB43	230 V~	Approx. 8 hours	
		220 V~	Approx. 9 hours	
Airborne Acoustical Noise	55 (dB(A) re 1 pW)			

This product is intended for household use only.

Disposal of Old Equipment and Batteries
Only for European Union and countries with
recycling systems



These symbols on the products, packaging, and/or accompanying documents mean that used electrical and electronic products and batteries must not be mixed with general household waste.



For proper treatment, recovery and recycling of old products and used batteries, please take them to applicable collection points in accordance with your national legislation.

By disposing of them correctly, you will help to save valuable resources and prevent any potential negative effects on human health and the environment.

For more information about collection and recycling, please contact your local authority.

Penalties may be applicable for incorrect disposal of this waste, in accordance with national legislation.

Note for the battery symbol
(bottom symbol)

This symbol might be used in combination with a chemical symbol. In this case it complies with the requirement set by the Directive for the chemical involved.

