

DEWALT®



**Instruction Manual
Guide D'utilisation
Manual de instrucciones**

DCST970

60V Max* Lithium String Trimmer

Taille-bordure au lithium-ion de 60 V max.*

Podadora de cuerda con batería de iones de litio de 60 V Máx*

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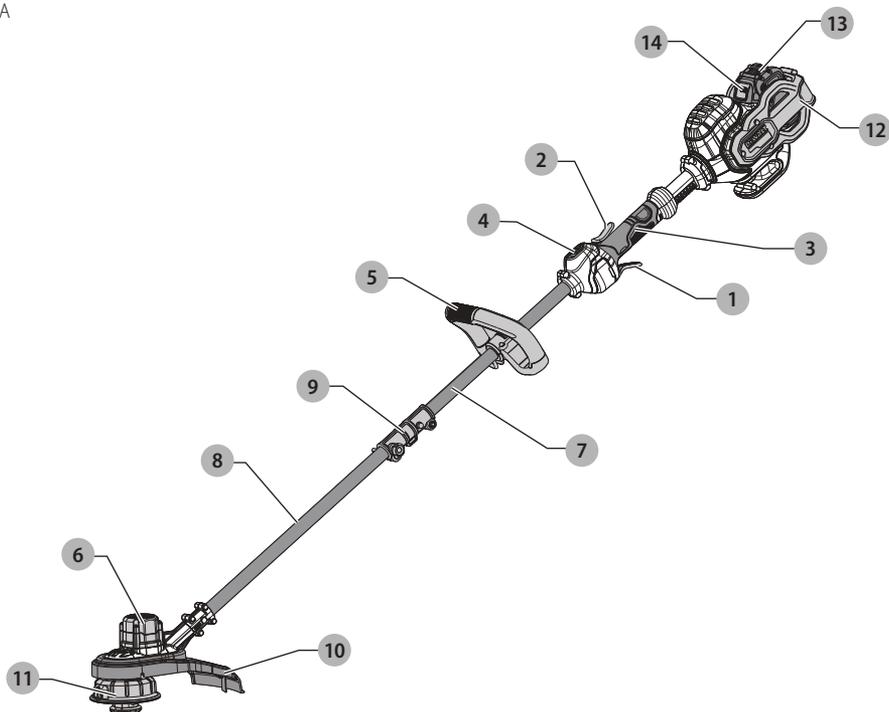
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Definitions: Safety Alert Symbols and Words

This instruction manual uses the following safety alert symbols and words to alert you to hazardous situations and your risk of personal injury or property damage.

-  **DANGER:** Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **will** result in **death or serious injury**.
-  **WARNING:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **could** result in **death or serious injury**.
-  **CAUTION:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **may** result in **minor or moderate injury**.
-  (Used without word) Indicates a safety related message.
-  **NOTICE:** Indicates a practice **not related to personal injury** which, if not avoided, **may** result in **property damage**.

Fig. A



- 1 Variable speed trigger
- 2 Lock-off lever
- 3 Handle
- 4 Speed control switch
- 5 Auxiliary handle
- 6 Motor housing
- 7 Upper trimmer pole
- 8 Lower trimmer pole
- 9 Pole bracket
- 10 Guard
- 11 Spool housing
- 12 Battery housing
- 13 Battery pack
- 14 Battery release button



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.



WARNING: To reduce the risk of injury, read the instruction manual.

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KEY INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW

 **WARNING:** Do not remove guard. The guard must be attached when trimming. Operating this trimmer without the guard will violate the product warranty.

Use DeWALT replacement line use .080 inch and .095 inch line.

- For optimal performance, use Dewalt .080 inch line. DeWALT .095 inch line can also be use, but may degrade runtime of the trimmer. Using any other line with the trimmer can degrade performance and/or cause damage to the trimmer.
- For use only with DeWALT 60V batteries.

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Important Safety Warnings

 **WARNING:** When using electric gardening appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury, including the following.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

- **ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION** – Wear safety spectacles or goggles at all times when battery is installed. These items are available for purchase.
- **DRESS PROPERLY** – Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Gloves and substantial rubber soled footwear are recommended when working outdoors. Don't operate the appliance when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Wear **heavy long pants** to protect your legs. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
- **NYLON LINE** – Keep face, hands and feet clear of rotating nylon line at all times.
- **THE ROTATING LINE PERFORMS A CUTTING FUNCTION** – Use care when trimming around screens and desirable plantings.
- **DO NOT USE** materials not recommended, such as metal wire, rope, and the like.
- **KEEP ALL BYSTANDERS AWAY** – at a safe distance from work area, especially children.
- **MAKE SURE** that other persons and pets are at least 100 feet (30 m) away.
- **TO REDUCE THE RISK** of rebound (ricochet) injury, work going away from any nearby solid object such as wall, steps, large stone, tree, etc. Use great care when working close to solid objects and where necessary, do trimming by hand.
- **AVOID ACCIDENTALLY STARTING** – Don't carry with finger on trigger when battery is installed.
- **USE THE RIGHT APPLIANCE** – Do not use this appliance for any job except that for which it is intended.
- **DON'T OVERREACH** – Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
- **DON'T FORCE APPLIANCE** – It will do the job better and with less likelihood of a risk of injury at the rate for which it was designed

- **DAMAGE TO UNIT** – If you strike or become entangled with a foreign object, stop appliance immediately, remove battery, check for damage and have any damage repaired before further operation is attempted. Do not operate with a broken hub or spool.
- **REMOVE BATTERY** – when not in use, when replacing line, or prior to cleaning.
- **AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS** – Do not use electric appliances in damp or wet locations. Follow all instructions in this Instruction Manual for proper operation of your appliance. Don't use the appliance in the rain.
- **DO NOT OPERATE** portable electric appliances in gaseous or explosive atmospheres. Motors in these appliances normally spark, and the sparks might ignite fumes.
- **STORE IDLE APPLIANCES INDOORS** – When not in use, appliances should be stored indoors in a dry, locked-up place out of reach of children.
- **STAY ALERT** – Do not operate this unit when you are tired, ill, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- **MAINTAIN APPLIANCES WITH CARE** – Follow instructions in maintenance section. Keep handles dry, clean and free from oil and grease.
- **CHECK DAMAGED PARTS** – Before further use of the appliance, 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 an authorized service center unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in this manual.
- **DO NOT** immerse appliance in water or squirt it with a hose. DO NOT allow any liquid to get inside it.
- **DO NOT** store the appliance on or adjacent to fertilizers or chemicals.
- **DO NOT** clean with a pressure washer.
- Keep guards in place and in working order.
- Keep hands and feet away from cutting area.
- Do not charge appliance in rain, or in wet locations

 **WARNING:** Do not use appliance if the switch trigger does not turn the appliance on or off. Any appliance that can not be controlled with the switch trigger is dangerous and must be repaired.

 **WARNING:** Some dust created by this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:

- compounds in fertilizers
- compounds in insecticides, herbicides and pesticides
- arsenic and chromium from chemically treated lumber

To reduce your exposure to these chemicals, wear approved safety equipment such as dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

 **WARNING:** This product is not an edger and is not intended to be used for edging.

The label on your appliance may include the following symbols. The symbols and their definitions are as follows:

V	volts		or AC/DC... alternating or direct current
Hz	hertz		direct current
min	minutes		Class II Construction (double insulated)
— or DC	direct current		
	Class I Construction (grounded)	n_0	no load speed
.../min	per minute	n	rated speed
BPM	beats per minute		earthing terminal
IPM	impacts per minute		safety alert symbol
RPM	revolutions per minute		visible radiation
sfpm	surface feet per minute		wear respiratory protection
SPM	strokes per minute		wear eye protection
A	amperes		wear hearing protection
W	watts		read all documentation
	or AC.....alternating current		

BATTERIES AND CHARGERS

The battery pack is not fully charged out of the carton. Before using the battery pack and charger, read the safety instructions below and then follow charging procedures outlined. When ordering replacement battery packs, be sure to include the catalog number and voltage.

Your appliance uses a DeWALT charger. Be sure to read all safety instructions before using your charger. Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of chargers and battery packs.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

Important Safety Instructions for All Battery Packs

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

- **Do not charge or use the battery pack in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust.** Inserting or removing the battery pack from the charger may ignite the dust or fumes.
- **NEVER force the battery pack into the charger. DO NOT modify the battery pack in any way to fit into a non-compatible charger as battery pack may rupture causing serious personal injury.** Consult the chart at the end of this manual for compatibility of batteries and chargers.
- Charge the battery packs only in designated DeWALT chargers.
- **DO NOT splash or immerse in water or other liquids.**
- **Do not store or use the appliance and battery pack in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 104 °F (40 °C) (such as outside sheds or metal buildings in summer).** For best life store battery packs in

a cool, dry location.

NOTE: Do not store the battery packs in a appliance with the trigger switch locked on. Never tape the trigger switch in the ON position.

- **Do not incinerate the battery pack even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out.** The battery pack can explode in a fire. Toxic fumes and materials are created when lithium ion battery packs are burned.
- **If battery contents come into contact with the skin, immediately wash area with mild soap and water.** If battery liquid gets into the eye, rinse water over the open eye for 15 minutes or until irritation ceases. If medical attention is needed, the battery electrolyte is composed of a mixture of liquid organic carbonates and lithium salts.
- **Contents of opened battery cells may cause respiratory irritation.** Provide fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.



WARNING: Burn hazard. Battery liquid may be flammable if exposed to spark or flame.



WARNING: Fire hazard. Never attempt to open the battery pack for any reason. If the battery pack case is cracked or damaged, do not insert into the charger. Do not crush, drop or damage the battery pack. Do not use a battery pack or charger that has received a sharp blow, been dropped, run over or damaged in any way (e.g., pierced with a nail, hit with a hammer, stepped on). Damaged battery packs should be returned to the service center for recycling.

Transportation



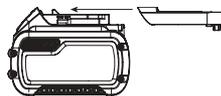
WARNING: Fire hazard. Do not store or carry the battery pack so that metal objects can contact exposed battery terminals. For example, do not place the battery pack in aprons, pockets, tool boxes, product kit boxes, drawers, etc., with loose nails, screws, keys, etc. **Transporting batteries can possibly cause fires if the battery terminals inadvertently come in contact with conductive materials such as keys, coins, hand tools and the like.** The US Department of Transportation Hazardous Material Regulations (HMR) actually prohibit transporting batteries in commerce or on airplanes in carry-on baggage UNLESS they are properly protected from short circuits. So when transporting individual battery packs, make sure that the battery terminals are protected and well insulated from materials that could contact them and cause a short circuit.

Shipping the DeWALT FLEXVOLT™ Battery

The DeWALT FLEXVOLT™ battery has two modes: **Use** and **Shipping**.

Use Mode: When the FLEXVOLT™ battery stands alone or is in a DeWALT 20V Max* product, it will operate as a 20V Max* battery. When the FLEXVOLT™ battery is in a 60V Max* or a 120V Max* (two 60V Max* batteries) product, it will operate as a 60V Max* battery.

Shipping Mode: When the cap is attached to the FLEXVOLT™ battery, the battery is in Shipping Mode.



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Strings of cells are electrically disconnected within the pack resulting in three batteries with a lower Watt hour (Wh) rating as compared to one battery with a higher Watt hour rating. This increased quantity of three batteries with the lower Watt hour rating can exempt the pack from certain shipping regulations that are imposed upon the higher Watt hour batteries.

The battery label indicates two Watt hour ratings (see example). Depending on how the battery is shipped, the appropriate Watt hour rating must be used to determine the applicable shipping requirements. If utilizing the shipping cap, the pack will be considered 3 batteries at the Watt hour rating indicated for "Shipping". If shipping without the cap or in a tool, the pack will be considered one battery at the Watt hour rating indicated next to "Use".

Example of Use and Shipping Label Marking

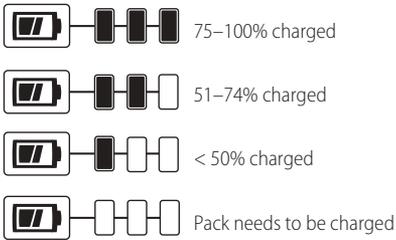
USE: 120 Wh Shipping: 3 x 40 Wh

Shipping Watt hour rating indicates 3 x 40 Wh, meaning 3 batteries of 40 Watt hours each. The Use Watt hour rating indicates 120 Watt hour (1 battery implied).

Fuel Gauge Battery Packs (Fig. B)

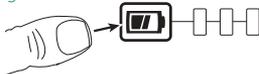
Some DeWALT battery packs include a fuel gauge which consists of three LED lights that indicate the level of charge remaining in the battery pack.

The fuel gauge is an indication of approximate levels of charge remaining in the battery pack according to the following indicators:



To actuate the fuel gauge, press and hold the fuel gauge button. A combination of the three green LED lights will illuminate designating the level of charge left. When the level of charge in the battery is below the usable limit, the fuel gauge will not illuminate and the battery will need to be recharged.

Fig. B



NOTE: The fuel gauge is only an indication of the charge left on the battery pack. It does not indicate appliance functionality and is subject to variation based on product components, temperature and end-user application.

For more information regarding fuel gauge battery packs, please contact call 1-800-4-DeWALT (1-800-433-9258) or visit our website www.dewalt.com.

The RBRC® Seal

The RBRC® (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation) Seal on the nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries (or battery packs) indicates that the costs to recycle these batteries (or battery packs) at the end of their useful life have already been paid by DeWALT. In some areas, it is illegal to place spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries in the trash or municipal solid waste stream and the Call 2 Recycle® program provides an environmentally conscious alternative.



Call 2 Recycle, Inc., in cooperation with DeWALT and other battery users, has established the program in the United States and Canada to facilitate the collection of spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries. Help protect our environment and conserve natural resources by returning the spent nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride or lithium-ion batteries to an authorized DeWALT service center or to your local retailer for recycling. You may also contact your local recycling center for information on where to drop off the spent battery. RBRC® is a registered trademark of Call 2 Recycle, Inc.

Important Safety Instructions for All Battery Chargers

! WARNING: Read all safety warnings and all instructions for the battery pack, charger and appliance. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

- **DO NOT attempt to charge the battery pack with any chargers other than the ones in this manual.**
The charger and battery pack are specifically designed to work together.
- **These chargers are not intended for any uses other than charging DeWALT rechargeable batteries.**
Any other uses may result in risk of fire, electric shock or electrocution.
- **Do not expose the charger to rain or snow.**
- **Pull by the plug rather than the cord when disconnecting the charger.** *This will reduce the risk of damage to the electric plug and cord.*
- **Make sure that the cord is located so that it will not be stepped on, tripped over or otherwise subjected to damage or stress.**
- **Do not use an extension cord unless it is absolutely necessary.** *Use of improper extension cord could result in risk of fire, electric shock or electrocution.*
- **When operating a charger outdoors, always provide a dry location and use an extension cord suitable for outdoor use.** *Use of a cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.*
- **An extension cord must have adequate wire size (AWG or American Wire Gauge) for safety.** *The smaller the gauge number of the wire, the greater the capacity*

of the cable, that is, 16 gauge has more capacity than 18 gauge. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. When using more than one extension to make up the total length, be sure each individual extension contains at least the minimum wire size. The following table shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The lower the gauge number, the heavier the cord.

Minimum Gauge for Cord Sets

Volts		Total Length of Cord in Feet (meters)			
120 V		25 (7.6)	50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	150 (45.7)
240 V		50 (15.2)	100 (30.5)	200 (61.0)	300 (91.4)
Ampere Rating		American Wire Gauge			
More Than	Not More Than				
0	6	18	16	16	14
6	10	18	16	14	12
10	12	16	16	14	12
12	16	14	12	Not Recommended	

- **Do not place any object on top of the charger or place the charger on a soft surface that might block the ventilation slots and result in excessive internal heat.** Place the charger in a position away from any heat source. The charger is ventilated through slots in the top and the bottom of the housing.
- **Do not operate the charger with a damaged cord or plug.**
- **Do not operate the charger if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped or otherwise damaged in any way.** Take it to an authorized service center.
- **Do not disassemble the charger; take it to an authorized service center when service or repair is required.** Incorrect reassembly may result in a risk of electric shock, electrocution or fire.
- **Disconnect the charger from the outlet before attempting any cleaning. This will reduce the risk of electric shock.** Removing the battery pack will not reduce this risk.
- **NEVER attempt to connect 2 chargers together.**
- **The charger is designed to operate on standard 120V household electrical power. Do not attempt to use it on any other voltage.** This does not apply to the vehicular charger.

 **WARNING:** Shock hazard. Do not allow any liquid to get inside the charger. Electric shock may result.

 **WARNING:** Burn hazard. Do not submerge the battery pack in any liquid or allow any liquid to enter the battery pack. Never attempt to open the battery pack for any reason. If the plastic housing of the battery pack breaks or cracks, return to a service center for recycling.

 **CAUTION:** Burn hazard. To reduce the risk of injury, charge only DeWALT rechargeable battery packs. Other types of batteries may overheat and burst resulting in personal injury and property damage.

NOTICE: Under certain conditions, with the charger plugged into the power supply, the charger can be shorted by foreign material. Foreign materials of a conductive nature, such as, but not limited to, grinding dust, metal chips, steel wool, aluminum foil or any buildup of metallic particles should be kept away from the charger cavities. Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug the charger before attempting to clean.

Charging a Battery

1. Plug the charger into an appropriate outlet before inserting battery pack.
2. Insert the battery pack  into the charger, making sure the battery pack is fully seated in the charger. The red (charging) light will blink continuously indicating that the charging process has started.
3. The completion of charge will be indicated by the red light remaining ON continuously. The battery pack is fully charged and may be used at this time or left in the charger. To remove the battery pack from the charger, push the battery release button (?) on the battery pack.

NOTE: To ensure maximum performance and life of lithium-ion battery packs, charge the battery pack fully before first use.

Charger Operation

Refer to the indicators below for the charge status of the battery pack.

DCB107, DCB112, DCB113, DCB115, DCB118, DCB132	
 Charging	
 Fully Charged	
 Hot/Cold Pack Delay*	

The red light will continue to blink, but a yellow indicator light will be illuminated during this operation. Once the battery pack has reached an appropriate temperature, the yellow light will turn off and the charger will resume the charging procedure.

The compatible charger(s) will not charge a faulty battery pack. The charger will indicate faulty battery pack by refusing to light or by displaying a problem pack or charger blink pattern.

NOTE: This could also mean a problem with a charger.

If the charger indicates a problem, take the charger and battery pack to be tested at an authorized service center.

Hot/Cold Pack Delay

When the charger detects a battery pack that is too hot or too cold, it automatically starts a Hot/Cold Pack Delay, suspending charging until the battery pack has reached an appropriate temperature. The charger then automatically switches to the pack charging mode. This feature ensures maximum battery pack life.

A cold battery pack will charge at a slower rate than a warm battery pack. The battery pack will charge at that slower rate

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throughout the entire charging cycle and will not return to maximum charge rate even if the battery pack warms.

The DCB118 charger is equipped with an internal fan designed to cool the battery pack. The fan will turn on automatically when the battery pack needs to be cooled.

Never operate the charger if the fan does not operate properly or if ventilation slots are blocked. Do not permit foreign objects to enter the interior of the charger.

Electronic Protection System

Li-Ion appliances are designed with an Electronic Protection System that will protect the battery pack against overloading, overheating or deep discharge.

The appliance will automatically turn off if the Electronic Protection System engages. If this occurs, place the lithium-ion battery pack on the charger until it is fully charged.

Wall Mounting

These chargers are designed to be wall mountable or to sit upright on a table or work surface. If wall mounting, locate the charger within reach of an electrical outlet, and away from a corner or other obstructions which may impede air flow. Use the back of the charger as a template for the location of the mounting screws on the wall. Mount the charger securely using drywall screws (purchased separately) at least 1" (25.4 mm) long, with a screw head diameter of 0.28–0.35" (7–9 mm), screwed into wood to an optimal depth leaving approximately 7/32" (5.5 mm) of the screw exposed. Align the slots on the back of the charger with the exposed screws and fully engage them in the slots.

Charger Cleaning Instructions



WARNING: Shock hazard. Disconnect the charger from the AC outlet before cleaning. Dirt and grease may be removed from the exterior of the charger using a cloth or soft non-metallic brush. Do not use water or any cleaning solutions.

Important Charging Notes

1. Longest life and best performance can be obtained if the battery pack is charged when the air temperature is between 65 °F and 75 °F (18 ° – 24 °C). DO NOT charge the battery pack in an air temperature below +40 °F (+4.5 °C), or above +104 °F (+40 °C). This is important and will prevent serious damage to the battery pack.
2. The charger and battery pack may become warm to the touch while charging. This is a normal condition, and does not indicate a problem. To facilitate the cooling of the battery pack after use, avoid placing the charger or battery pack in a warm environment such as in a metal shed or an uninsulated trailer.
3. If the battery pack does not charge properly:
 - a. Check operation of receptacle by plugging in a lamp or other appliance;
 - b. Check to see if receptacle is connected to a light switch which turns power off when you turn out the lights;

- c. Move the charger and battery pack to a location where the surrounding air temperature is approximately 65 °F – 75 °F (18 ° – 24 °C);
 - d. If charging problems persist, take the battery pack and charger to your local service center.
4. The battery pack should be recharged when it fails to produce sufficient power on jobs which were easily done previously. DO NOT CONTINUE to use under these conditions. Follow the charging procedure. You may also charge a partially used pack whenever you desire with no adverse effect on the battery pack.
 5. Foreign materials of a conductive nature such as, but not limited to, grinding dust, metal chips, steel wool, aluminum foil, or any buildup of metallic particles should be kept away from charger cavities. Always unplug the charger from the power supply when there is no battery pack in the cavity. Unplug the charger before attempting to clean.
 6. Do not freeze or immerse the charger in water or any other liquid.

Storage Recommendations

1. The best storage place is one that is cool and dry, away from direct sunlight and excess heat or cold.
2. For long storage, it is recommended to store a fully charged battery pack in a cool dry place out of the charger for optimal results.

NOTE: Battery packs should not be stored completely depleted of charge. The battery pack will need to be recharged before use.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE

COMPONENTS (FIG. A)



WARNING: Never modify the appliance or any part of it. Damage or personal injury could result.

Refer to Figure A at the beginning of this manual for a complete list of components.

INTENDED USE

This string trimmer is designed for professional trimming applications **DO NOT** use under wet conditions or in presence of flammable liquids or gases.

This is not an edger and is not intended to be used for edging.

This string trimmer is a professional appliance. **DO NOT** let children come into contact with the tool. Supervision is required when inexperienced operators use this appliance.

ASSEMBLY AND ADJUSTMENTS

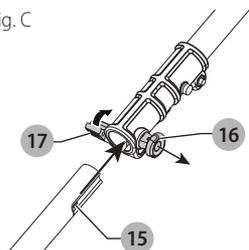


WARNING: To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, turn unit off and remove the battery pack before making any adjustments or removing/installing attachments or accessories. An accidental start-up can cause injury.

Assembling the Pole (FIG. A, C)

1. To assemble the pole, line up the hole **15** in the lower trimmer pole **8** with the pin **16** on the pole bracket **9**.
2. Pull the pin out and slide the lower trimmer pole into the upper trimmer pole **7** as shown in figure C.
3. Release the pin and ensure it fully engages the hole.
4. Secure the poles by tightening the bracket wingnut **17**.

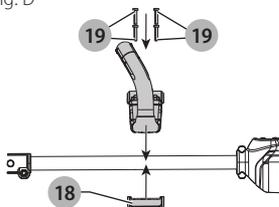
fig. C



Attaching the Auxiliary Handle (FIG. A, D)

1. Place the auxiliary handle **5** onto the top of the upper trimmer pole **7**.
2. Slide the bracket **18** of the auxiliary handle into the bottom of the handle.
3. Thread the handle bolts **19** through the bracket and into the handle.
4. Tighten the handle bolts. Ensure the handle is securely attached.

fig. D



If adjustment is necessary, loosen the handle bolts **19** and slide the auxiliary handle up or down the upper trimmer pole **7**. Then, retighten the bolts.

Adjustment

-  **WARNING:** To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, turn appliance off and remove battery before making any adjustments or removing/installing attachments or accessories.
-  **WARNING:** Never operate appliance without guard firmly in place. Damage or personal injury could result.

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-  **WARNING:** To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, turn unit off and remove the battery pack before making any adjustments or removing/installing attachments or accessories. An accidental start-up can cause injury.
-  **WARNING:** Always use proper eye protection that conforms to ANSI Z87.1 (CAN/CSA Z94.3) while operating this appliance.

-  **WARNING:** Remove the battery before making any assembly, adjustments, or changing accessories. Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the TRIMMER accidentally.
-  **CAUTION:** Before you begin trimming, only use the appropriate type of cutting line.
-  **CAUTION:** Inspect area to be trimmed and remove any wire, cord, or string-like objects which could become entangled in the rotating line or spool. Be particularly careful to avoid any wire which might be bent outwardly into the path of the appliance, such as bars at the base of a chain link fence.

Installing and Removing the Battery Pack (Fig. A, E, F)

NOTE: For best results, make sure your battery pack is fully charged.

-  **WARNING:** Before removing or installing battery, make certain the lock-off lever is not engaged to prevent trigger actuation.

To install battery pack: Insert battery pack **13** into battery housing **12** as shown in figure E until fully seated and an audible click is heard.

Make sure battery pack is fully seated and fully latched into position.

To remove battery pack: Depress the battery release button **14** on the battery and pull battery pack out of appliance as shown in figure F.

fig. E

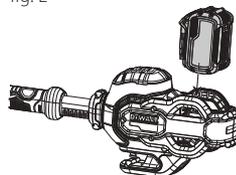
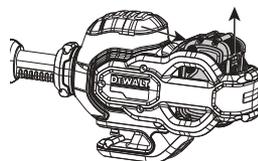


fig. F



Proper Hand Position (Fig. G)

-  **WARNING:** To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, ALWAYS use proper hand position as shown.
-  **WARNING:** To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, ALWAYS hold securely in anticipation of a sudden reaction.

Proper hand position requires one hand on the main handle **3** and one hand on the auxiliary handle **5**.

Switching Trimmer On and Off (Fig. A)

To turn the appliance on, squeeze the lock-off lever **2** and then the variable speed trigger **1**. To turn the appliance off, release the variable speed trigger and the lock-off lever.

WARNING: Never attempt to lock the trigger in the on position.

Speed Control Switch (Fig. A)

This string trimmer gives you the choice to operate at a more efficient speed to extend the runtime for larger jobs, or accelerate the trimmer speed for high-performance cutting.

To extend runtime, push the speed control switch **4** forward toward the auxiliary handle **5** into the "LO" position. This mode is best for larger projects that require more time to complete.

To accelerate the trimmer, pull the speed control switch back toward the battery housing **12** into the "HI" position. This mode is best to cut through heavier growth and for applications that need higher RPM.

NOTE: When in "HI" mode, runtime will be decreased as compared to when trimmer is in "LO" mode.

Trimming (Fig. G, H)

With the trimmer on, angle it and swing side to side as shown in Figure G.

Maintain a minimum distance of 24 inches (610 mm) between the guard and your feet as shown in Figure H.

WARNING: Keep the rotating string roughly parallel with the ground (tilted no more than 30 degrees). This trimmer is not an edger. DO NOT TILT the trimmer so that the string is spinning near a right angle to the ground. Flying debris can cause serious injury.

fig. G



fig. H



Bump Feed Trimmer Line Feed

Your trimmer uses 0.080 inches (2.032 mm) diameter nylon line. Cutting line will wear faster and require more feeding if the cutting is done along sidewalks or other abrasive surfaces or heavier weeds are being cut.

As you use the trimmer, the string will get shorter due to wear. Gently bump the trimmer on the ground while running at normal speed and the line will feed.

NOTE: Extending nylon line beyond the 13 inch (330 mm) swath will negatively affect performance, runtime, and the life of the trimmer due to potential of damaging motor. Doing so may void the warranty.

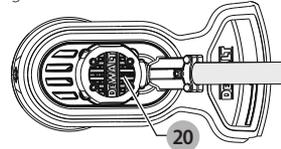
Helpful Cutting Tips

- Use the tip of the string to do the cutting; do not force string head into uncut grass.
- Wire and picket fences cause extra string wear, even breakage. Stone and brick walls, curbs, and wood may wear string rapidly.
- Do not allow spool cap to drag on ground or other surfaces.
- In long growth, cut from the top down and do not exceed 12 inches (304.8 mm) high.
- Keep trimmer tilted toward the area being cut; this is the best cutting area.
- The trimmer cuts when passing the unit from the left to right. This will avoid throwing debris at the operator.
- Avoid trees and shrubs. Tree bark, wood moldings, siding, and fence posts can easily be damaged by the string.

MAINTENANCE (FIG. I)

WARNING: To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, turn unit off and remove the battery pack before making any adjustments or removing/installing attachments or accessories. An accidental start-up can cause injury.

1. Keep the air intake slots **20** clean to avoid overheating.



2. Your trimmer line can dry out over time. To keep your line in top condition, store spare line in a plastic, sealable bag with a tablespoon of water.
3. Plastic parts may be cleaned by using a mild soap and a damp rag.
4. The line cutter on the edge of the guard can dull over time. It is recommended you periodically touch-up the sharpness of the blade with a file.

Cleaning

WARNING: Blow dirt and dust out of all air vents with clean, dry air at least once a week. To minimize the risk of eye injury, always wear ANSI Z87.1 approved eye protection when performing this.

! WARNING: Never use solvents or other harsh chemicals for cleaning the non-metallic parts of the tool. These chemicals may weaken the plastic materials used in these parts. Use a cloth dampened only with water and mild soap. Never let any liquid get inside the tool; never immerse any part of the tool into a liquid.

Accessories

! WARNING: Since accessories, other than those offered by DeWALT, have not been tested with this product, use of such accessories with this tool could be hazardous. To reduce the risk of injury, only DeWALT recommended accessories should be used with this product.

Recommended accessories for use with your tool are available at extra cost from your local dealer or authorized service center. If you need assistance in locating any accessory, please contact DeWALT Industrial Tool Co., 701 East Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21286, call 1-800-4-DeWALT (1-800-433-9258) or visit our website: www.dewalt.com.

Replacement Accessories

! WARNING: To reduce the risk of serious personal injury, turn appliance off and remove battery before making any adjustments or removing/installing attachments or accessories.

! WARNING: Do not use any blades, or any accessory or attachment other than those recommended by DeWALT on this trimmer. Serious injury or product damage may result.

An extended coverage guard is available (sold separately) for extra coverage if desired. Use DeWALT replacement guard Part Number 90624357.

Use DeWALT replacement .080 inch and .095 inch lines.

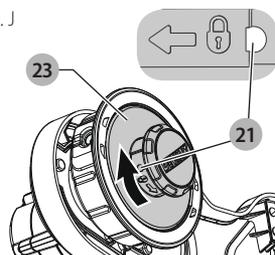
- For optimal performance use .080 inch line. DeWALT .095 inch line can also be used, but may degrade runtime of the trimmer. Using any other line with the trimmer can degrade performance and/or cause damage to the trimmer.

Replacing the Cutting Line (Fig. A, J–M)

! CAUTION: To avoid appliance damage, if the cutting line protrudes beyond the trimming blade, cut it off so that it just reaches the blade.

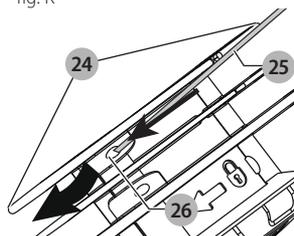
- Remove battery.
- Turn spool **21** clockwise to unlock as shown in figure J. The white nub **22** (figure M) inside the spool will rotate away from the spool window **23** to indicate it is unlocked.

fig. J



- Pull the spool straight out to remove.
- Remove any dirt and grass from the spool and housing.
- First, wind new line in the channel of the spool closest to the holding slots **24** as shown in figure K.
- Place the end of the cutting line **25** into the retaining hole **26**.

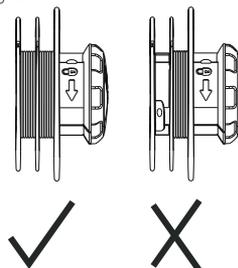
fig. K



- Wind the cutting line onto the spool in the direction of the arrow on the bottom of the spool. Make sure to wind the line on neatly and in layers. Do not crisscross (figure L).
- When the wound cutting line reaches the beginning of the holding slots **24**, cut the line approximately 4 inches (106 mm).
- Push the line in the holding slots on one side of the spool to hold the first line while you wind the second line.
- Repeat the above procedure for the second cutting line on the lower section of the spool.

! CAUTION: Before you begin trimming, only use the appropriate type of cutting line. Ensure that cutting line is present in both sections of the spool as shown in figure L.

fig. L

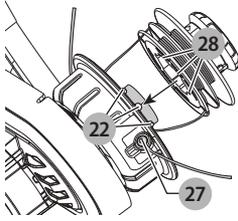


- Once both lines are wrapped around the spool **23**, place your thumb and finger on the holding slots to further secure the string and feed the end of each line through the two holes **27** on either side of the head in the spool housing **11** as shown in figure M.

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- Line up the white nubs **22** inside the spool housing with the recesses **28** of the spool. Align the holding slots **24** with the two holes **27** as close as possible.
- Push the spool into the spool housing and turn counterclockwise to lock the spool in place. Ensure the white nub **22** appears in the spool window **21**. Make sure the line doesn't unravel and wrap around the shaft below the spool.
- Pull both ends of the cutting line to release them from the holding slots. If the line extends past the cutting blade on the guard cut the line so it just reaches the blade.

fig. M



Replacing Spool Housing (Fig. N, O)

- Rotate the spool housing **11** until the hole **29** in the spindle **30** lines up with notch **31** in the guard **10**. A third hole in the motor housing **32** will be visible as shown in figure N. Insert screwdriver through each all three holes to prevent the spool housing from turning.
- Turn the spool housing clockwise as shown in figure O.
- Insert a screwdriver back through the three holes (**29**, **31**, and **32**) and thread the new spool housing counterclockwise and securely tighten onto the bolt **33** protruding from the trimmer.

fig. N

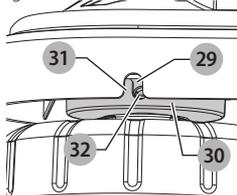
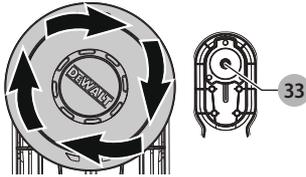


fig. O



Replacing Guard (Fig. P, Q)

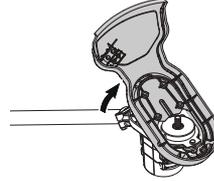
WARNING: Never operate appliance without guard firmly in place. Damage or personal injury could result.

- Remove the spool housing as described in the "Replacing Spool Housing" section.
- Remove the 4 guard screws **34** shown in figure P.
- Lift the guard off at an angle as shown in figure Q.

fig. P

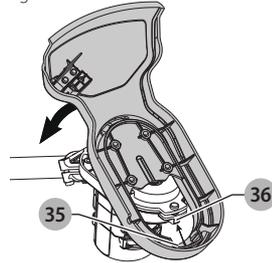


fig. Q



- To attached a new guard, slide the tab **35** of the new guard under the lip **36** of the motor housing **6**, then lower the back of the guard into place as shown in figure R.
- Replace and securely tighten the 4 guard screws **34**.
- Replace the spool housing as described in the "Replacing Spool Housing" section.

fig. R



Repairs

The charger and battery pack are not serviceable.

WARNING: To assure product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, maintenance and adjustment (including brush inspection and replacement) should be performed by a DeWALT factory service center or a DeWALT authorized service center. Always use identical replacement parts.

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