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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE WORK AND TASKS

For cutting large areas of grass, weeds, lawn, and low-height vegetation.

## 2. RISK ASSESSMENT

### 2.1. Risk Identification

#### Cut and Amputation Hazards

- Possibility of serious cuts or amputations when handling blades, knives, or sharp edges, both during use and while transporting or maintaining the tool.
- Risk of cuts, punctures, or scrapes from contact with metal edges, points, thorns, or abrasive surfaces.
- Danger of injury when sharpening or changing components without proper protection.

#### Impact and Projection Hazards

- Accidental strikes to people or nearby objects with the handle, head, or moving tool.
- Projection of particles, wood fragments, or vegetation that may cause eye injuries.

#### Ergonomic, Postural, and Repetitive Movement Hazards

- Muscle fatigue or pain in arms, shoulders, back, or knees due to repetitive or prolonged use.
- Injuries from forced or uncomfortable postures.
- Rashes, irritations, or chafing from repeated friction or poorly fitted gloves.

#### Fall, Trip, and Loss of Control Hazards

- Falls or trips when working on uneven, wet, or sloped surfaces.
- Loss of control of the tool due to loose handles, worn heads, or material degradation.
- Slips caused by poor grip, wet or unsuitable gloves.

#### Hazards from Poor Condition or Incorrect Use

- Tools in poor condition (loose handles, detached heads, worn or dull blades) increase the risk of accidents.
- Incorrect use of the tool may cause harm to both the user and the equipment.

#### Chemical and Environmental Contact Hazards

- Skin irritations or reactions from contact with plants, moist soil, or chemicals.

### 2.2. Risk Assessment

Hazard	Consequence	Probability	Severity	Risk
Cut and amputation	Severe cuts / amputations	Medium	High	High

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Impact and projection	Bruises; projection of fragments	Medium	Medium	Medium
Ergonomic, postural, and repetitive	Pain/fatigue in back, shoulders, and arms	High	Medium	High
Falls, trips, and loss of control	Falls/trips; loss of control	Medium	Medium	Medium
Poor condition or incorrect use	Accidents due to damaged handle/head/blade	Medium	High	High
Chemicals / environment	Skin irritations; particles during sharpening	Low	Low	Low

### 2.3. Preventive Measures for Identified Risks

#### **Cut and Amputation Hazards**

- Wear protective gloves to reduce the risk of cuts, abrasions, or punctures to the hands.
- Keep feet protected with safety footwear to avoid injuries from contact with the blade.
- Always maintain a balanced posture and avoid sudden movements during use.
- Provide training on correct tool handling techniques.
- Keep cutting surfaces sharp and in good condition for safe operation.
- Do not use tools with defects, cracks, or excessive wear.

#### **Impact and Projection Hazards**

- Maintain a safe distance from other people during operation.

#### **Ergonomic, Postural, and Repetitive Movement Hazards**

- Take regular breaks to prevent muscle fatigue.
- Apply ergonomic techniques to reduce strain on shoulders, back, and joints.
- Alternate tasks to avoid prolonged repetitive movements.
- Use tools suited to the worker's size and strength.

#### **Fall, Trip, and Loss of Control Hazards**

- Maintain a stable posture with feet shoulder-width apart.
- Work on firm, clean, and obstacle-free surfaces.
- Avoid using the tool in adverse weather conditions.
- Keep the work area tidy and clean to reduce tripping hazards.

#### **Hazards from Poor Condition or Incorrect Use**

- Inspect the tool before each use to ensure it is in good condition.
- Immediately replace worn or damaged parts.
- Store tools in safe, dry, and organized locations.
- Transport them in appropriate sheaths, boxes, or belts to prevent accidental damage.

#### **Chemical and Environmental Contact Hazards**

- Use appropriate gloves when there is frequent contact with moist soil or plants that may

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cause irritation.

- Avoid prolonged direct contact with contaminated or wet materials.

## **2.5. Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Measures**

- The effectiveness of these measures will be evaluated by verifying that, after their application, the situation has been safely controlled, the user has received the necessary attention, and the tool has been inspected or repaired before resuming work.
- It is also advisable to periodically check the condition of the tool and compliance with safety regulations, adapting the measures if new risks arise in the work environment.

## **3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

### **3.1. Aspects to consider during preparation for use**

- Keep the work area clear of people, animals, and obstacles.
- Ensure the tool is in good condition with no visible damage.
- Maintain the blade in good condition to ensure efficient and safe operation.
- Use appropriate personal protective equipment.
- Work in a clear, firm, stable, and well-lit area.
- Avoid distractions, fatigue, or using the tool under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- Choose the right tool and be familiar with the correct usage technique.
- Keep a basic first aid kit nearby.
- Keep sheaths, locks, or guards in place until the tool is used.
- Store the tool safely and securely when not in use.

### **3.2. Aspects to consider during use**

- Always maintain a stable and secure posture.
- Hold the tool firmly, using both hands if necessary.
- Avoid using the tool with wet hands or on slippery surfaces.
- Use the tool only for its intended function as specified by the manufacturer.
- Keep the work area clear of people and animals.
- Do not force the tool or apply more pressure than necessary; let it work according to its design.
- Take regular breaks to prevent fatigue and overexertion.
- Stay focused on the task and avoid distractions.
- Always direct cuts, strikes, or movements away from the body.
- If the tool gets stuck, never touch the blade or risk area; free it with gentle movements or follow the proper procedure.

### **3.3. Warnings**

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- The tool is dangerous; improper use may cause accidents and result in legal liability.
- Keep out of reach of children or untrained individuals.
- Do not use the tool under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- Do not use the tool in poor visibility conditions.
- Sharp element
- Wear safety footwear
- Wear safety gloves
- Wear eye protection
- Wear head protection
- Keep others out of the work area
- Refer to the instruction manual



## 4. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

### 4.1. Cleaning

- Clean the tool after each use to remove dirt, grass, or debris.
- Thoroughly dry metal parts to prevent corrosion.
- Apply protective oil or anti-corrosion product to blades, edges, or heads.

### 4.2. Condition Check

- Ensure the blade/edge is not chipped or cracked.
- Check that the handle is secure, with no splinters, cracks, or looseness.
- Inspect joints, screws, or rivets and tighten if necessary.

### 4.3. Storage

- Store in a dry, clean place protected from moisture.
- Keep out of reach of children and unauthorized persons.
- Use sheaths, cases, or guards for cutting tools.
- Hang or store on proper supports to prevent deformation and falls.
- Do not leave the tool outdoors or in direct contact with damp ground.

### 4.4. Specific Maintenance

- Check the edge before each use and sharpen if necessary.
- Use files, sharpening stones, peening anvils, peening hammers, or other suitable methods.
- Perform sharpening with protective gloves and on a stable surface.
- Avoid using grinders or other power tools that could damage the edge.
- Inspect and replace handles if they show signs of wear.

### 4.5. Recycling and Environment

- When the tool is no longer functional, dispose of it according to local waste regulations.
- Properly separate the different materials.

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- Place metal components in authorized recycling points.
- Avoid leaving tools in the natural environment.

## 5. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our customer service:

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