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1. IDENTIFICATION OF WORK AND TASKS

For cutting, felling, or splitting wood.

2. RISK ASSESSMENT

2.1. Risk Identification (universal base; see changes at the end)

1. Risks of Cuts and Amputations

- Possibility of serious cuts or amputations when handling blades, knives, or sharp edges, both during use and in transport or maintenance.
- Risk of cuts, punctures, or scrapes from contact with metal edges, points, thorns, or abrasive surfaces.
- Risk of injury when sharpening or replacing components without proper protection.

2. Risks of Impact and Projection

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

3. Ergonomic, Postural, and Repetitive Motion Risks

- Muscle fatigue or pain in arms, shoulders, back, or knees due to repetitive or prolonged use.
- Injuries from forced or awkward postures (bending, squatting, wrist or back strain).
- Rashes, irritation, or chafing from repeated friction or poorly fitting gloves.

4. Risks of Falls, Trips, and Loss of Control

- Falls or trips when working on uneven, wet, or sloped surfaces.
- Loss of tool control due to loose handles, damaged heads, or worn materials.
- Slipping due to poor grip, wet or unsuitable gloves.

5. Risks Due to Poor Condition or Misuse

- Tools in poor condition (loose handles, detached heads, worn or poorly sharpened blades) that increase the risk of accidents.
- Incorrect use of the tool, which may cause harm to the user or damage the equipment.

6. Chemical and Environmental Contact Risks

- Irritation or skin reactions due to contact with plants, wet soil, or chemicals.

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2.2. Risk Assessment

Hazard	Consequence	Probability	Severity	Risk
Cut and amputation	Severe cuts / amputations	Medium	High	High
Impact and projection	Bruises; eye injuries from fragments	Medium	High	High
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 misuse	Accidents due to worn blade/handle/head	Medium	High	High
Chemicals/environment	Skin irritation; particles during sharpening	Low	Low–Medium	Low

2.3. Preventive Measures for Identified Risks

1. Risks of Cuts and Amputations

- 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 blade contact.
- Always maintain a balanced posture and avoid sudden movements during use.
- Conduct training on proper tool handling techniques.
- Keep cutting surfaces sharp and in good condition for safe use.
- Do not use tools with defects, cracks, or excessive wear.

2. Risks of Impact and Projection

- Wear safety goggles to protect eyes from flying chips or other fragments.
- Maintain a safe distance from others during operation.

3. Ergonomic, Postural, and Repetitive Motion Risks

- 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 adapted to the worker's size and strength.

4. Risks from Poor Condition or Incorrect Use

- Maintain a stable stance, 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.

5. Risks 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 areas.
- Transport them in appropriate sheaths, boxes, or belts to prevent accidental damage.

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6. Chemical and Environmental Contact Risks

- Use appropriate gloves if in frequent contact with wet soil or plants that may cause irritation.
- Avoid prolonged direct contact with contaminated or wet materials.

2.4. Corrective Measures in Case of Accident (universal base; applicable)

1. Cuts or Amputations

- Apply first aid: apply direct pressure to the wound, disinfect, and bandage.
- In the case of serious wounds, go immediately to an emergency center.
- Inspect the tool before reuse to ensure it is in proper condition.

2. Impacts or Projections

- If particles enter the eyes, rinse them thoroughly with clean water and avoid rubbing.
- Seek medical attention if persistent pain or vision loss occurs.
- Inspect the tool and the work area before continuing.

3. Ergonomic, Postural, or Overexertion Injuries

- Stop the task if pain or numbness appears in the arms, shoulders, or back.
- Perform gentle stretches and rest before resuming work.
- Consult a doctor if the pain persists or worsens.

4. Falls, Trips, or Loss of Control

- If a fall occurs, stop the activity and check for fractures.
- Ask for help if you cannot move safely.
- Clean and organize the work area before resuming activity.

5. Accidents Due to Poor Condition or Incorrect Use

- Stop using the tool if damage, looseness, or excessive wear is detected.
- Repair or replace defective parts immediately.
- Store the tool in a safe, dry place before reusing.

6. Accidents Due to Environmental Contact

- In case of skin irritation, wash the affected area with soap and water.
- Stop contact with plants or wet soil that cause a reaction.
- Consult a doctor if symptoms persist or worsen.

2.3. Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Measures

- The effectiveness of these measures will be evaluated by verifying that, after their implementation, 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 standards, adjusting the measures if new risks arise in the work environment.

3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

3.1. Aspects to Consider When Preparing for Use

- Keep the work area clear of people, animals, and obstacles.
- Ensure the tool is in good condition and free from visible damage.
- Keep the blade sharp (for cutting tools) to ensure efficient and safe operation.
- Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Work in a clear, firm, stable, and well-lit area.

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- Avoid distractions, fatigue, or using the tool under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- Select the appropriate 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 moment of use.
- Store the tool securely and safely when not in use.

3.2. Aspects to Consider During Use

- Always maintain a stable and secure posture.
- Hold the tool firmly, using one or both hands depending on the tool's size and the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Avoid using the tool with wet hands or on slippery surfaces.
- Use the tool only for its intended purpose as specified by the manufacturer.
- Keep the work area free of people and animals.
- Do not force the tool or apply more pressure than necessary; let it function as designed.
- Take regular breaks to prevent fatigue and overexertion.
- Stay focused on the task and avoid distractions.
- Always direct cuts, strikes, or movements away from your body.
- If the tool becomes stuck, never handle the blade or risk area; free it with gentle movements or follow the proper procedure.
- Secure the wood firmly using mechanical clamping devices, avoiding direct human intervention.

3.2. Warnings

- The tool is dangerous; improper use may lead to accidents and 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
- Keep others out of the work area
- Refer to the instruction manual



4. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

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4.1. Cleaning

- Clean the tool after each use to remove dirt, resin, or material residues.
- Thoroughly dry all 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, bent, or cracked.
- Check that the handle is secure, without splinters, cracks, or looseness.
- Inspect joints or wedges, 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 on cutting tools.
- Hang or store on proper supports to avoid deformation or falls.
- Do not leave the tool outdoors or in direct contact with wet ground.

4.4. Specific Maintenance

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

4.5. Recycling and Environment

- When the tool is no longer functional, dispose of it according to local waste regulations.
- Properly separate different materials.
- Deposit metal components at authorized recycling points.
- Do not abandon tools in the natural environment.

5. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

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

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