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1. JOB AND TASK IDENTIFICATION

For cutting high branches using a saw attached to a telescopic pole. Designed for agricultural, forestry, and gardening pruning.

2. RISK ASSESSMENT

2.1. Risk Identification

1. Risk of Cuts and Amputation
 - Possibility of serious cuts when handling the sharp saw.
 - Risk of partial amputation of fingers or hands due to improper use.
 - Injuries during sharpening or blade replacement without proper protection.
2. Risk of Impact and Projection
 - Falling branches or objects during high pruning.
 - Projection of splinters or wood fragments that may cause eye injuries.
 - Accidental blows to nearby people with the moving pole.
3. Ergonomic, Postural, and Repetitive Movement Risks
 - Muscle fatigue in arms, shoulders, and back from prolonged use.
 - Injuries due to forced postures when working above shoulder height.
4. Risks of Falls, Trips, and Loss of Control
 - Loss of control when handling the extended pole.
 - Tripping over the handle on the ground or while moving on uneven terrain.
5. Risks Due to Poor Condition or Improper Use
 - Poles in poor condition (loose sections, defective locks, or loose blade) increase the risk of accidents.
 - Improper use as a lever or for cutting unsuitable materials.
6. Chemical and Environmental Contact Risks
 - Skin irritation from contact with branch sap or plants.

2.2 Risk Assessment

Hazard	Consequence	Probability	Severity	Risk
Cut and Amputation	Severe cuts / amputations	Medium	High	High
Impact and Projection	Eye injuries, impacts from branches	Medium	High	High
Ergonomic / Postural	Pain/fatigue in arms, shoulders	High	Medium	High
Falls and Loss of Control	Trips, loss of control	Medium	Medium	Medium
Poor Condition or Improper Use	Accidents due to loose blade or lock	Medium	High	High
Chemical / Environmental	Skin irritation, wood dust	Low	Low	Low

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2.3. Preventive Measures for Identified Risks

1. Cut and Amputation
 - Wear cut-resistant protective gloves when handling or replacing the blade.
 - Always maintain a balanced posture and avoid sudden movements during use.
 - Keep the blade sharp and in good condition.
 - Undergo training on correct tool handling techniques.
 - Never hold the branch to be cut with your hand in the path of the saw.
 - Transport with a protective sheath over the blade.
 - Do not use tools with defects, cracks, or excessive wear.
2. Impact and Projection
 - Wear a safety helmet and protective glasses.
 - Maintain a safe distance from other people.
 - Do not work directly above other individuals.
3. Ergonomic / Postural
 - Take regular breaks to prevent muscle fatigue.
 - Avoid prolonged postures with arms raised above the head.
 - Use telescopic poles adapted to the working height.
4. Falls and Loss of Control
 - Maintain a stable posture, with feet apart.
 - Work on firm, obstacle-free surfaces.
 - Hold the pole with both hands at all times.
5. Poor Condition or Improper Use
 - Check locks, sections, and blade before each use.
 - Do not use poles with loose or damaged parts.
 - Immediately replace defective parts.
 - Keep the work area clean and organized to reduce tripping hazards.
6. Chemical / Environmental
 - Wear waterproof gloves if there is frequent contact with sap.

2.4. Corrective Measures in Case of Accident

1. Cuts or Amputations
 - Apply first aid: direct pressure on the wound, disinfect, and bandage.
 - In case of serious injuries, go immediately to an emergency center.
2. Impacts or Projections
 - If a branch falls on the body, stop the task and assess physical condition.
 - If particles enter the eyes, rinse them with plenty of clean water.
 - Consult a doctor if discomfort or vision loss persists.
 - If you receive a blow to the head, stop working and assess your condition; seek medical attention if dizziness, loss of consciousness, or intense pain occurs.
3. Ergonomic or Postural Injuries
 - Stop the task if intense pain appears in arms, shoulders, or back.

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- Perform stretching exercises and rest before resuming work.
 - Consult a doctor if the pain persists or worsens.
4. Falls or Loss of Control
- Check for possible injuries after a fall or trip.
 - Ask for help if you cannot move safely.
 - Clean and organize the work area before resuming activity.
5. Accidents Due to Poor Condition or Improper Use
- Do not reuse the pole until the defective part has been repaired or replaced.
 - Immediately repair or replace any defective parts.
 - Store the tool in a safe, dry place before using it again.
6. Accidents Due to Environmental Contact
- In case of skin irritation, wash with water and soap.
 - Stop contact with plants or damp soil that cause a reaction
 - Consult a doctor if symptoms persist

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 care, and the tool has been inspected or repaired before resuming work.
- It is also recommended to periodically check the condition of the pole and compliance with safety regulations, adjusting the measures if new risks arise.

3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

3.1. Aspects to Consider Before Use

- Keep the work area free of people, animals, and obstacles.
- Check that the pole and blade are in good condition.
- Use appropriate PPE: helmet, goggles, gloves, and safety footwear.
- Properly adjust the pole sections before starting.
- Avoid distractions, fatigue, or using the tool under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- Keep a basic first aid kit within reach.
- Keep covers, locks, or protections in place until the moment of use.
- Store the tool protected and securely when not in use.

3.2. Aspects to Consider During Use

- Always maintain a stable and secure posture.
- Hold the pole with both hands.
- Avoid using in strong wind or rainy conditions.

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- Take regular breaks to avoid fatigue and overexertion.
- Always direct cuts away from the body.
- Maintain a safe distance from other people.
- Do not force the tool or apply more pressure than necessary.
- Do not work directly under the branch being cut.
- If the tool gets stuck, never handle the blade or risk area; release it with gentle movements or follow the appropriate procedure.

3.3. Warnings

- Dangerous tool; improper use may cause accidents and legal liability.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Do not use under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- Do not use in poor visibility conditions.
- Sharp element.
- Wear a safety helmet.
- Wear safety gloves.
- Wear eye protection.
- Wear safety footwear.
- Keep other people out of the work area.
- Refer to the instruction manual.
- Falling objects.



4. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

4.1. Cleaning

- Clean the blade after each use to remove resin and wood debris.
- Thoroughly dry the metal parts to prevent corrosion.
- Apply protective oil to the blade.

4.2. Condition Check

- Ensure the blade is not chipped or bent.
- Check joints, screws, or rivets and tighten if necessary.
- Make sure there is no looseness in the telescopic sections.

4.3. Storage

- Store in a dry place protected from moisture.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Always store with the blade protected by a sheath.

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- Hang or store on suitable supports to prevent deformation and falls.
- Do not leave exposed to the elements.

4.4. Specific Maintenance

- Sharpen the blade regularly with an appropriate file.
- Replace the blade if it shows wear or serious damage.
- Replace locks or pole sections if they are loose.

4.5. Recycling and Environment

- Dispose of the pole at the end of its life in accordance with local regulations.
- Drop off components at authorized recycling centers.
- Do not abandon in the natural environment.

5. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

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