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1. IDENTIFICATION OF WORK AND TASKS

For cutting small and medium diameter branches and trunks in agricultural and gardening pruning tasks.

2. RISK ASSESSMENT

2.1. Risk Identification

1. Cutting or Amputation Risks
 - Possibility of severe cuts or amputations when handling blades, knives, or sharp edges, both during use and in transport or maintenance.
 - Risk of cuts, punctures, or abrasions from contact with metal edges or saw teeth.
 - Danger of injury when changing or sharpening the blade without proper protection.
2. Impact and Projection Risks
 - Accidental strikes to people or nearby objects during use.
 - Projection of splinters or wood fragments that can cause eye injuries.
3. Ergonomic, Postural, and Repetitive Motion Risks
 - Muscle fatigue or pain in the arm, shoulder, or wrist from prolonged use with one hand.
 - Injuries due to forced postures when pruning at heights or at uncomfortable angles.
4. Fall, Trip, and Loss of Control Risks
 - Falls or trips when working on uneven or wet surfaces.
 - Loss of control of the tool due to poor grip, wet gloves, or improper fit.
5. Risks from Poor Condition or Incorrect Use
 - Tools in poor condition (dull, loose, or worn-out blades) that increase the risk of accidents.
 - Incorrect use of the tool that can cause harm to both the user and the saw.

2.2 Risk Assessment

Hazard	Consequence	Probability	Severity	Risk
Cut and Amputation	Severe Cuts / Amputations	High	High	High
Impact and Projection	Bruises; Eye Injuries	Medium	Medium	Medium
Ergonomic, Postural, Repetitive	Pain/Fatigue in Arm, Wrist, and Shoulder	High	Medium	High
Falls and Loss of Control	Trips; Loss of Control	Medium	Medium	Medium
Poor Condition or Incorrect Use	Accidents Due to Loose/Worn-out Blade	Medium	High	High

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2.3. Preventive Measures for Identified Risks

1. Cut and Amputation Risks
 - Wear protective gloves to reduce the risk of cuts on the hands.
 - Keep feet protected with safety footwear.
 - Always maintain a balanced posture and avoid sudden movements.
 - Keep the blades in good condition and properly fixed.
 - Do not use saws with defective, cracked, or excessively worn blades.
2. Impact and Projection Risks
 - Wear safety glasses to protect the eyes from splinters or other fragments.
 - Maintain a safe distance from others during operation.
3. Ergonomic and Postural Risks
 - Take regular breaks to avoid muscle fatigue.
 - Apply ergonomic techniques to reduce strain on the wrist, shoulder, and back.
 - Alternate tasks to avoid prolonged repetitive movements.
4. Fall, Trip, and Loss of Control Risks
 - Maintain a stable posture with feet shoulder-width apart.
 - Work on firm and clean surfaces.
 - Keep the work area tidy and clean to reduce tripping hazards.
5. Poor Condition or Incorrect Use
 - Inspect the saw before each use to ensure it is in good condition.
 - Immediately replace worn-out or damaged blades.
 - Transport the tool protected (with a cover or blade-locking system).

2.4. Corrective Measures in Case of an Accident

1. Cuts or Amputations
 - Apply first aid: apply direct pressure to the wound, disinfect, and bandage.
 - In case of severe wounds, immediately go to an emergency center.
 - Check the tool before using it again to confirm that it is in good condition.
2. Impact or Projections
 - If particles enter the eyes, rinse them with plenty of clean water and avoid rubbing.
 - Seek medical attention if there is persistent pain or loss of vision.
 - Check the tool and work area before continuing.
 - If struck on the head, stop work and assess physical condition; seek medical attention if experiencing dizziness, loss of consciousness, or severe pain.
3. Ergonomic, Postural Injuries or Overexertion
 - Stop the task if pain or numbness occurs 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

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- If a fall occurs, stop the activity and check for fractures.
 - Request help if it is not possible to move safely.
 - Clean and tidy 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 noticed.
 - Immediately repair or replace defective parts.
 - Store the tool in a safe, dry place before using it again.

2.5. Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Measures

- The effectiveness of these measures will be evaluated by checking 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.
- Additionally, it is recommended to periodically review the tool's condition and compliance with safety standards, adapting the measures if new risks arise in the work environment.

3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

3.1. Aspects to Consider Before Use

- Keep the work area clear of people, animals, and obstacles.
- Check that the tool is in good condition and free of visible damage.
- Maintain the blade in good condition for efficient and safe cutting.
- Wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (gloves, safety glasses, footwear).
- Work in a clear, firm, stable, and well-lit area.
- Avoid distractions, fatigue, or use under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- Select the appropriate tool and be familiar with the correct technique.
- Have a basic first aid kit on hand.
- Keep the blade covered or protected until use.
- Store the tool in a protected and secure location when not in use.

3.2. Aspects to Consider During Use

- Always maintain a stable and secure posture.
- Hold the saw firmly, using one hand (unless the model requires additional support).
- Avoid using the tool with wet hands or on slippery surfaces.
- Use the tool only for its intended purpose (pruning branches).
- Keep the work area clear of people and animals.
- Do not force the tool or apply more force than necessary; let it work according to its design.
- Take regular breaks to avoid fatigue and overexertion..
- Always direct cuts away from the body.
- If the tool gets stuck, never manipulate the blade; free it with gentle movements.
- Secure the branch to be cut with proper support; never try to hold it with the free hand.

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3.3. Warnings

- The tool is dangerous; improper use can cause accidents and legal liabilities.
- 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 under inadequate visibility conditions.
- Sharp element
- Wear safety gloves
- Wear eye protection
- Keep other people out of the work area
- Consult the instruction manual



4. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

4.1. Cleaning

- Clean the blade after each use to remove resins, shavings, or wood debris.
- Dry the blade and metal parts thoroughly to prevent corrosion.
- Apply protective oil on the blade to extend its lifespan.

4.2. Condition Check

- Check that the blade is not chipped, bent, or cracked.
- Ensure that the handle is secure and free of cracks.
- Inspect the blade fixation systems.

4.3. Storage

- Store in a dry, clean place protected from moisture.
- Keep out of reach of children and unauthorized individuals.
- Use covers or protectors on the blade when not in use.
- Place on appropriate supports to avoid falls.

4.4. Specific Maintenance

- Check the sharpness before each use and sharpen if necessary.
- Use proper files or sharpening stones.
- Perform sharpening with protective gloves on a stable surface.
- Replace the blade if it is excessively worn or damaged.

4.5. Recycling and Environment

- When the tool is no longer functional, dispose of it according to local waste regulations.
- Separate the metal from the blade and the handle material for proper recycling.
- Deposit metal components at authorized collection points.
- Avoid leaving the tool in the natural environment.

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