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1. JOB AND TASK IDENTIFICATION

For cutting branches and stems in agricultural, fruit-growing, and gardening pruning tasks.

2. RISK ASSESSMENT

2.1. Risk Identification

1. Risk of Cuts or Amputation
 - Possibility of serious cuts or amputations when handling sharp blades or edges, both during use and during transport or maintenance.
 - Risk of cuts or punctures from direct contact with the shear blades.
 - Danger of injury when sharpening, adjusting, or changing the blade without proper protection.
2. Risk of Impact and Flying Debris
 - Projection of splinters or wood fragments when cutting hard or dry branches.
3. Ergonomic, Postural, and Repetitive Motion Risks
 - Muscle fatigue or pain in the hand, wrist, or forearm due to prolonged one-handed use.
 - Injuries from repetitive motions during intensive pruning tasks.
 - Possible skin pinching in the spring or closing area.
4. Risk of Falls, Trips, and Loss of Control
 - Falls or trips when working on wet or uneven surfaces.
 - Loss of control due to poor grip, wet gloves, or improper fit.
5. Risks Due to Poor Condition or Incorrect Use
 - Tools in poor condition (dull blades, loose blade, weak spring, or broken handle) increase the risk of accidents.
 - Incorrect use of the tool (e.g., cutting branches that are too thick) may cause injuries or damage the shears.

2.2 Risk Assessment

Hazard	Consequence	Probability	Severity	Risk
Cut and amputation	Severe cuts / amputations	Medium	High	High
Impact and projection	Eye injuries from splinters	Medium	Medium	Low
Ergonomic, postural, repetitive	Pain/fatigue in hand, wrist, arm	High	Medium	High
Falls and loss of control	Trips; loss of control	Medium	Medium	Medium
Poor condition or incorrect use	Accidents due to damaged shears/improper use	Medium	High	High

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2.3. Preventive Measures for Identified Risks

1. Risks of Cuts and Amputation
 - Wear protective gloves to reduce the risk of cuts.
 - Always maintain a balanced posture and avoid sudden movements.
 - Keep blades sharp and in good condition for a clean cut.
 - Do not use shears with damaged blades, broken springs, or excessive wear.
2. Risks of Impact and Projection
 - Wear safety glasses to protect your eyes from splinters, branches, or debris.
 - Maintain a safe distance from other people during operation.
3. Ergonomic, Postural, and Repetitive Motion Risks
 - Take regular breaks to avoid hand and wrist fatigue.
 - Use ergonomic shears adapted to the user's size and strength.
 - Apply proper cutting techniques to reduce wrist and forearm strain
4. Risks of Falls, Trips, and Loss of Control
 - Maintain a stable posture with feet shoulder-width apart.
 - Work on clean and firm surfaces.
 - Keep the work area tidy and organized.
5. Risks Due to Poor Condition or Incorrect Use
 - Inspect the tool before each use.
 - Immediately replace damaged blades or springs.
 - Do not force the tool to cut branches thicker than recommended.
 - Transport the tool in the closed position with the locking mechanism activated.

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 injuries, seek immediate medical attention.
 - Check the tool before using it again to ensure it is in good condition.
2. Impacts or Flying Debris
 - If particles enter the eyes, rinse them thoroughly with clean water and do not rub.
 - Seek medical attention if there is persistent pain or vision loss.
 - Inspect the tool and work area before resuming activity.
 - If a blow to the head occurs, stop working and assess physical condition; seek medical attention in case of dizziness, loss of consciousness, or severe pain.
3. Ergonomic, Postural, or Overexertion Injuries

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- Stop the task if pain or numbness appears in 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 continuing.
5. Accidents Due to Poor Condition or Improper Use
- Stop using the tool if damage, looseness, or excessive wear is detected.
 - Repair or immediately 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 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 regularly check the condition of the tool and compliance with safety regulations, adjusting the measures if new risks arise in the work environment.

3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

3.1. Considerations for Preparing for Use

- Keep the work area free of people, animals, and obstacles.
- Ensure the shears are in good condition (sharp blades, properly adjusted blade and counter-blade, firm spring, undamaged handle).
- Use appropriate personal protective equipment (gloves, safety glasses).
- Work in a stable area with good visibility and lighting.
- Avoid distractions, fatigue, or use under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medication.
- Select the appropriate shear according to the type and diameter of the branch.
- Keep a basic first aid kit nearby.
- Keep the shears closed and with the safety lock activated until ready to use.
- Store the tool securely and safely when not in use.

3.2. Considerations During Use

- Always maintain a stable and secure posture.
- Hold the shears firmly using one hand.
- Avoid using the tool with wet hands or on slippery surfaces.

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- Use only to cut branches within the diameter recommended by the manufacturer.
- Keep the work area free of people and animals.
- Do not force the tool; let it cut using its intended design.
- Take regular breaks to avoid hand and wrist fatigue.
- Stay focused on the task and avoid distractions.
- Always direct the cut away from your body.
- Avoid placing fingers near the spring or closing mechanism.

3.3. Warnings

- This tool is dangerous; improper use may cause accidents and lead to 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 object
- Wear safety gloves
- Wear eye protection
- Keep others away from the work area
- Refer to the instruction manual



4. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

4.1. Cleaning

- Clean the blades after each use to remove sap or resin residues.
- Dry all metal parts thoroughly to prevent corrosion.
- Apply protective oil to the blades and spring.

4.2. Condition Check

- Check that the blades are not nicked or bent.
- Ensure the spring and locking mechanism function properly.
- Inspect screws or rivets that join the blades.

4.3. Storage

- Store in a dry, clean place, protected from moisture.
- Keep out of reach of children and unauthorized persons.
- Always transport and store with the locking system engaged.

4.4. Specific Maintenance

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- Check the sharpness before each use and sharpen if necessary.
- Use sharpening stones or fine files specifically designed for shear blades.
- Sharpen wearing protective gloves and on a stable surface.
- Replace blades or spring if they show excessive wear or defects.

4.5. Recycling and Environmental Considerations

- When the tool is no longer functional, dispose of it according to local waste regulations.
- Separate metal, plastic, and rubber components for proper recycling.
- Dispose of blades at authorized metal waste collection points.
- Avoid leaving the tool in the natural environment.

5. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

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