

POWER TAIL TRIMMER

Operating Instructions

Drill Choice

The recommended power drill is a standard 14-volt battery unit with an operating speed of up to 1,250 rpm. (Higher cutting speeds do not work better, and may damage the cutters, and will void any warranty.) A lightweight drill is easiest to use, and is recommended.

Attaching to your Drill

To attach the Tail Trimmer to your drill you must loosen the drill chuck so that the trimmer drive shaft fits fully into the chuck, then tighten the chuck. The neck strap is designed for the drill chuck to fit through (see photo 1). This strap gives comfortable balance for the unit to hang from your neck, and allows work hands-free between tails.

Torque Arm

The fingers of the torque fork are designed to straddle the drill body to prevent the Tail Trimmer rotating about the drill (see photo 1).

Lubrication

Important: Before operating this machine, the cutters and gear set must be well-oiled using the oil supplied, or ordinary engine oil.

There is an oil hole in the side of the plastic gear set cover. Squirt 3 or 4 drops into this hole while the unit is running (photo 2), and also add 3 or 4 drops around the cutters (photo 3 & 4). This should be repeated every 50 tails, or more frequently if the tails are wet and dirty.

The warranty is void if the tail trimmer has not been properly lubricated.

Safety

The inner cutter does not move, so can not cut the animal. The outer cutter oscillates through only 18 degrees, so is also safe. The tail is fed stump-end first into the cutters, and pulled through as required. Operate the drill at a suitable speed (up to 1,250 rpm) to ensure clean cutting.

Cutter Adjustment

Before adjusting - clean and lubricate the cutters.

There are two cutter-adjustment screws on the back-plate of the cutter housing. These screws have lock nuts that must be loosened a couple of turns (photo 5). The adjustment screws are then screwed in by hand, finger tight only (photo 6). Do not tighten these screws with an Allen key as this will cause cutter and gear failure, voiding the warranty. The lock nuts are then tightened with a spanner. Lubricate the cutters before use.

Tips

Do not force the cutter. Let it do the work, especially if tails are heavily daggged. Let the cutter chew slowly through badly matted hair. In worst cases, dags may have to be pulled apart to enable the cutter to work. If cutting is not even all around, the cutter tension screws may need adjusting.

Storage

After use it is imperative to carefully clean and relubricate the gears and the cutters thoroughly, prior to storage in a clean and dry environment. The blades are manufactured from high quality tool steel but will readily rust if not stored clean, dry and well lubricated. Check all body screws for tightness.

Warranty

Tail Trimmer Warranty - IMPORTANT

The Tail Trimmer warranty is against any faulty manufacturing, materials or workmanship. It is not a warranty against failures involving normal wear and tear, or failures occurring from normal farmer use. It does not cover failures caused by inadequate lubrication, servicing or maintenance, and does not cover failure caused by use on a non-recommended power drill. The warranty is void if the machine is used for contracting work, excepting in the case of failure caused by faulty manufacture or parts. Sales agents for the tail trimmer are not authorised to replace a failed machine, even if the device is near new, or is required urgently for use. The manufacturer will repair or replace parts at its own discretion. Any parts or repairs will be considered part of the original product in regard to their warranty. The warranty is for a period of six months from date of purchase. Proof of purchase will be required for any warranty claim.

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