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Operating Instructions Plant/Plant Section:

according to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and

Accident Prevention Regulations

VSG 3.1

# Hedge Trimmers

## Dangers to Humans and the Environment

* Incision wound on contact with the cutting tool.
* Eye injury caused by twigs and branches.
* Risk of burns from hot machine parts.
* Exhaust fumes, vibrations, noise, dusts, electricity.
* Leaking oils and fuels can endanger the environment.

### Protective Measures and Rules of Conduct

* Comply with the operating instructions.
* Safety shoes, hand and eye protection and, if necessary, ear protection must be worn when

working with hedge trimmers.

* Use a safety filler neck for refuelling and do not smoke!
* Use benzene-reduced fuels.
* Do not use electric hedge trimmers in wet weather. Avoid damage to the cable by cutting

tools or sharp-edged objects.

* Always keep a sufficient safety distance from other people when cutting.

Hedge trimmers must always be operated with both hands.

* Any aids used (e.g. scaffolding) must be stable.
* During transport, the sharp-edged cutting tool must be secured against contact.
* Ensure that the load is adequately secured!

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### What to do in the case of danger or malfunctions

* Switch off the motor and wait for the tool to come to a stop.
* Before carrying out maintenance and cleaning work, remove the mains plug or spark plug connector.

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### What to do in the case of accidents, first aid

First responder: Mr/Ms .......................... Emergency call: 112

* Take immediate action at the scene of the accident.
* Call an ambulance/doctor.
* Inform the business owner/supervisor.

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### Maintenance

* Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions for servicing and maintenance.
* Before starting work, the safety and protective devices must be checked and the cutting tool inspected to ensure that it is in a proper condition.
* Repairs must only be performed by specialist personnel.

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Date Signature of the business operator

It is hereby confirmed that the contents of these operating instructions conform to the operating conditions and findings of the risk assessment.