

Operator's manual
Manuel d'utilisation
Manual de instrucciones

525HF3S



Please read the operator's manual carefully and make sure you understand the instructions before using the machine.

Lire attentivement et bien assimiler le manuel d'utilisation avant d'utiliser la machine.

Lea detenidamente el manual de instrucciones y asegúrese de entender su contenido antes de utilizar la máquina.

English (2-24)

French (25-47)

Spanish (48-70)

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Symbols

WARNING! Incorrect or careless use of a hedge trimmer can turn it into a dangerous tool that can cause serious or even fatal injury. It is extremely important that you read and understand the contents of this operator's manual.



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Always wear:

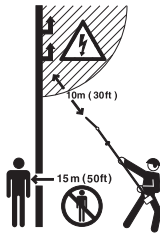
- A protective helmet where there is a risk of falling objects
- Approved hearing protection
- Approved eye protection



Cutting tool. Do not touch the tool without first switching off the engine.



This machine is not electrically insulated. If the machine touches or comes close to high-voltage power lines it could lead to death or serious bodily injury. Electricity can jump from one point to another by arcing. The higher the voltage, the greater the distance electricity can jump. Electricity can also travel through branches and other objects, especially if they are wet. Always keep a distance of at least 10 m between the machine and high-voltage power lines and/or any objects that are touching them. If have to work within this safe distance you should always contact the relevant power company to make sure the power is switched off before you start work.



This machine can be dangerous! The operator of the machine must ensure, while working, that no persons or animals come closer than 15 meters (50 ft.).

Keep all parts of your body away from hot surfaces.



Always wear approved protective gloves.



Wear sturdy, non-slip boots or shoes.

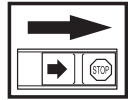


Starting instructions See the instructions under the heading Start and stop.

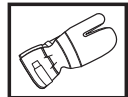
Other symbols/decals on the machine refer to special certification requirements for certain markets.



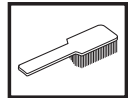
The engine is switched off by moving the stop switch to the stop position. **CAUTION!** The stop switch automatically returns to the start position. In order to prevent unintentional starting, the spark plug cap must be removed from the spark plug when assembling, checking and/or performing maintenance.



Always wear approved protective gloves.



Regular cleaning is required.



Visual check.



Protective goggles or a visor must be worn.



WARNING

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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Note the following before starting:

Please read the operator's manual carefully.



WARNING! Long-term exposure to noise can result in permanent hearing impairment. So always use approved hearing protection.



WARNING! Under no circumstances may the design of the machine be modified without the permission of the manufacturer. Always use genuine accessories. Non-authorized modifications and/or accessories can result in serious personal injury or the death of the operator or others.

Your warranty may not cover damage or liability caused by the use of non-authorized accessories or replacement parts.



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EMISSION CONTROL INFORMATION

Husqvarna

HUSQVARNA AB HUSKVARNA SWEDEN

THIS ENGINE MEETS U.S. EPA AND CALIFORNIA
EXH/EVP REGS FOR [] SORE. REFER TO OPERATOR'S
MANUAL FOR MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS AND
ADJUSTMENTS. EMISSIONS COMPLIANCE PERIOD: []

The Emissions Compliance Period referred to on the Emission Compliance label indicates the number of operating hours for which the engine has been shown to meet Federal and California emissions requirements.

INTRODUCTION

Dear customer!

Congratulations on your choice to buy a Husqvarna product! Husqvarna is based on a tradition that dates back to 1689, when the Swedish King Karl XI ordered the construction of a factory on the banks of the Huskvarna River, for production of muskets. The location was logical, since water power was harnessed from the Huskvarna River to create the water-powered plant. During over 300 years of continuous operation, the Husqvarna factory has produced a lot of different products, from wood stoves to modern kitchen appliances, sewing machines, bicycles, motorcycles etc. In 1956, the first motor driven lawn mowers appeared, followed by chain saws in 1959, and it is within this area Husqvarna is working today.

Today Husqvarna is one of the leading manufacturers in the world of forest and garden products, with quality as our highest priority. We develop, manufacture and market high quality motor driven products for forestry and gardening as well as for building and construction industry.

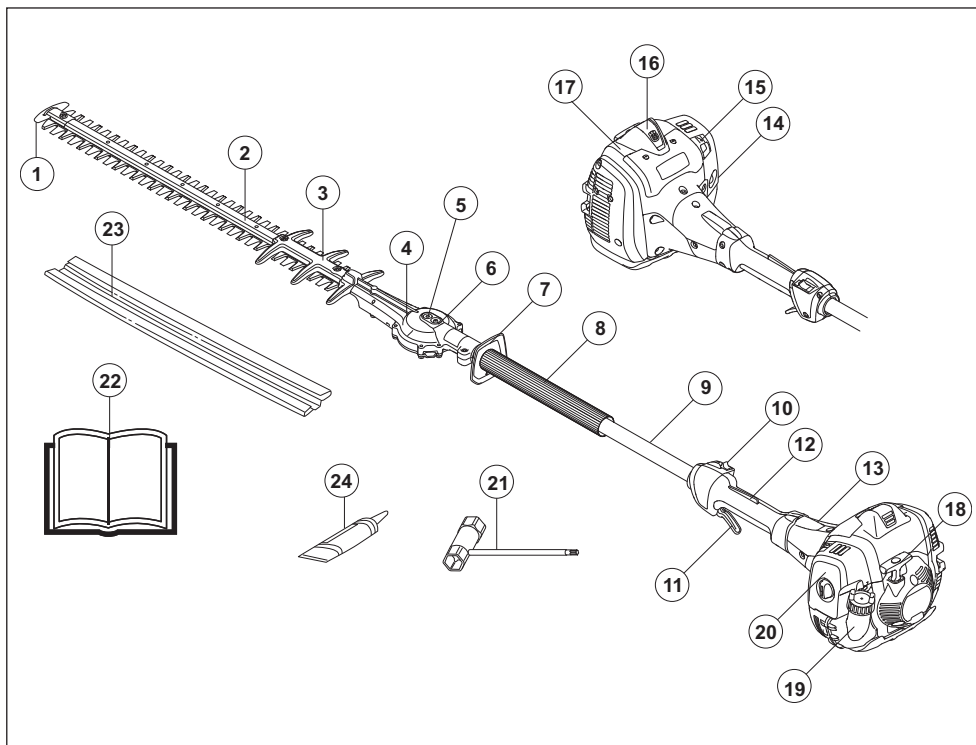
Your purchase gives you access to professional help with repairs and service whenever this may be necessary. If the retailer who sells your machine is not one of our authorized dealers, ask for the address of your nearest servicing dealer.

It is our wish that you will be satisfied with your product and that it will be your companion for a long time. Think of this operator's manual as a valuable document. By following its' content (using, service, maintenance etc) the life span and the second-hand value of the machine can be extended. If you ever lend or sell this machine, make sure that the borrower or buyer gets the operator's manual, so they will also know how to properly maintain and use it.

Thank you for using a Husqvarna product.

Husqvarna AB has a policy of continuous product development and therefore reserves the right to modify the design and appearance of products without prior notice.

WHAT IS WHAT?



What is what?

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Tip protection blade | 13 Clutch cover |
| 2 Cutting unit | 14 Air purge |
| 3 Blade guard | 15 Choke control |
| 4 Gear | 16 Spark plug cap and spark plug |
| 5 Gear , manual mode | 17 Cylinder cover |
| 6 Grease nipple | 18 Starter handle |
| 7 Hand guard | 19 Fuel tank |
| 8 Front handle | 20 Air filter cover |
| 9 Shaft | 21 Combination spanner |
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| 11 Throttle trigger | 23 Transport guard |
| 12 Throttle trigger lockout | 24 Tube of grease |

GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Important

IMPORTANT!

The machine is only designed for cutting branches and twigs.

Never use a machine that has been modified in any way from its original specification.

Never use the machine if you are tired, if you have drunk alcohol, or if you are taking medication that could affect your vision, your judgement or your co-ordination.

Wear personal protective equipment. See instructions under the heading "Personal protective equipment".

Never use the machine in extreme weather conditions such as severe cold, very hot and/or humid climates.

Never use a machine that is faulty. Carry out the safety checks, maintenance and service instructions described in this manual. Some maintenance and service measures must be carried out by trained and qualified specialists. See instructions under the heading Maintenance.

All covers and guards must be fitted before starting. Ensure that the spark plug cap and ignition lead are undamaged to avoid the risk of electric shock.



WARNING! This machine produces an electromagnetic field during operation. This field may under some circumstances interfere with active or passive medical implants. To reduce the risk of serious or fatal injury, we recommend persons with medical implants consult their physician and the medical implant manufacturer before operating this machine.



WARNING! Running an engine in a confined or badly ventilated area can result in death due to asphyxiation or carbon monoxide poisoning.



WARNING! Never allow children to use or be in the vicinity of the machine. As the machine is equipped with a spring-loaded stop switch and can be started by low speed and force on the starter handle, even small children under some circumstances can produce the force necessary to start the machine. This can mean a risk of serious personal injury. Therefore remove the spark plug cap when the machine is not under close supervision.



WARNING! Faulty blades can increase the risk of accidents.

Personal protective equipment

IMPORTANT!

Incorrect or careless use of a hedge trimmer can turn it into a dangerous tool that can cause serious or even fatal injury. It is extremely important that you read and understand the contents of this operator's manual.

You must use approved personal protective equipment whenever you use the machine. Personal protective equipment cannot eliminate the risk of injury but it will reduce the degree of injury if an accident does happen. Ask your dealer for help in choosing the right equipment.



WARNING! Listen out for warning signals or shouts when you are wearing hearing protection. Always remove your hearing protection as soon as the engine stops.

HEARING PROTECTION

Wear hearing protection that provides adequate noise reduction.



EYE PROTECTION

Always wear approved eye protection. If you use a visor then you must also wear approved protective goggles. Approved protective goggles must comply with standard ANSI Z87.1 in the USA or EN 166 in EU countries.



GLOVES

Gloves should be worn when necessary, e.g., when fitting cutting attachments.



BOOTS

Wear sturdy, non-slip boots or shoes.



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CLOTHING

Wear clothes made of a strong fabric and avoid loose clothing that can catch on twigs and branches. Always wear heavy, long pants. Do not wear jewellery, shorts sandals or go barefoot. Secure hair so it is above shoulder level.

FIRST AID KIT

Always have a first aid kit nearby.



Machine's safety equipment

This section describes the machine's safety equipment, its purpose, and how checks and maintenance should be carried out to ensure that it operates correctly. See the "What is what?" section to locate where this equipment is positioned on your machine.

The life span of the machine can be reduced and the risk of accidents can increase if machine maintenance is not carried out correctly and if service and/or repairs are not carried out professionally. If you need further information please contact your nearest servicing dealer.

IMPORTANT!

All servicing and repair work on the machine requires special training. This is especially true of the machine's safety equipment. If your machine fails any of the checks described below you must contact your service agent. When you buy any of our products we guarantee the availability of professional repairs and service. If the retailer who sells your machine is not a servicing dealer, ask him for the address of your nearest service agent.

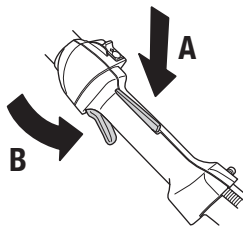


WARNING! Never use a machine with faulty safety equipment. The machine's safety equipment must be checked and maintained as described in this section. If your machine fails any of these checks contact your service agent to get it repaired.

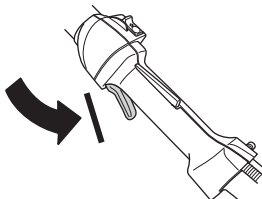
Throttle trigger lockout

The throttle lockout is designed to prevent accidental operation of the throttle control. When you press the lock (A) (i.e. when you grasp the handle) it releases the throttle control (B). When you release the handle the throttle control and the throttle lockout both move back to their original positions. This movement is controlled by two independent return springs.

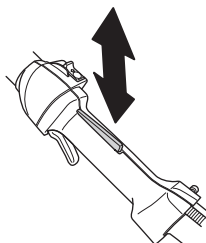
This arrangement means that the throttle control is automatically locked at the idle setting.



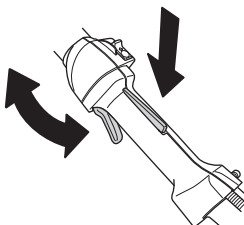
Make sure the throttle control is locked at the idle setting when the throttle lockout is released.



Press the throttle lockout and make sure it returns to its original position when you release it.

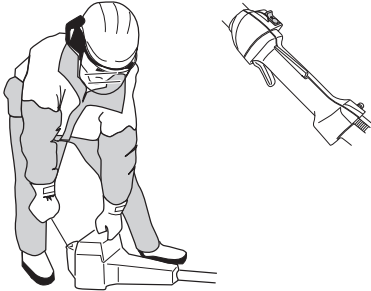


Check that the throttle trigger and throttle lockout move freely and that the return springs work properly.



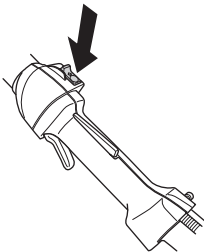
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See instructions under the heading Start. Start the hedge trimmer and apply full throttle. Release the throttle trigger and check that the blades stop and remain stationary. If the blades move when the throttle trigger is in the idle position then the carburettor idle setting must be adjusted. See instructions under the heading Maintenance.



Stop switch

Use the stop switch to switch off the engine.

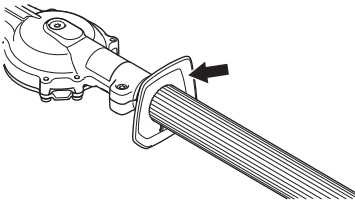


Start the engine and make sure the engine stops when you move the stop switch to the stop setting.

Hand guard



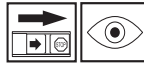
The hand guard prevents hands from coming into contact with the moving blades, for example, if the operator loses grip on the front handle.



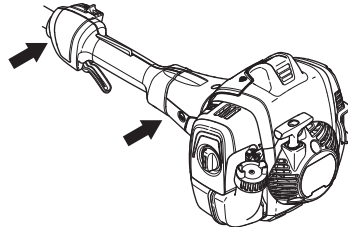
Check that the hand guard is fitted correctly.

Check that the hand guard is undamaged.

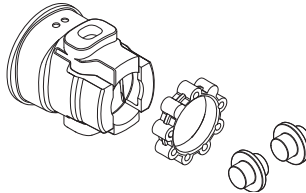
Vibration damping system



Your machine is equipped with a vibration damping system that is designed to reduce vibration and make operation easier.



The machine's vibration damping system reduces the transfer of vibration between the engine unit/cutting equipment and the machine's handle unit.



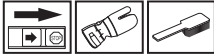
Regularly check the vibration damping units for cracks or deformation. Check that the vibration damping element is undamaged and securely attached.



WARNING! Overexposure to vibration can lead to circulatory damage or nerve damage in people who have impaired circulation. Contact your doctor if you experience symptoms of overexposure to vibration. Such symptoms include numbness, loss of feeling, tingling, pricking, pain, loss of strength, changes in skin colour or condition. These symptoms normally appear in the fingers, hands or wrists. The risk increases at low temperatures.

GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

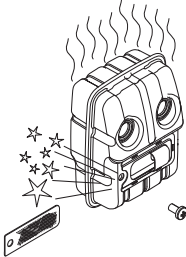
Muffler



The muffler is designed to keep noise levels to a minimum and to direct exhaust fumes away from the user. A muffler fitted with a catalytic converter is also designed to reduce harmful exhaust gases.

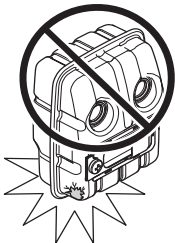


In countries that have a warm and dry climate there is a significant risk of fire. We therefore fit certain mufflers with a spark arrestor screen. Check whether the muffler on your machine is fitted with this kind of screen.

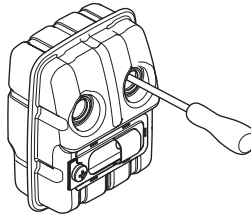


For mufflers it is very important that you follow the instructions on checking, maintaining and servicing your machine.

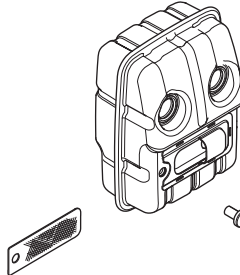
Never use a machine that has a faulty muffler.



Regularly check that the muffler is securely attached to the machine.



If the muffler on your machine is fitted with a spark arrestor screen this must be cleaned regularly. A blocked screen will cause the engine to overheat and may lead to serious damage.



WARNING! Mufflers fitted with catalytic converters get very hot during use and remain so for some time after stopping. This also applies at idle speed. Contact can result in burns to the skin. Remember the risk of fire!



WARNING! The inside of the muffler contain chemicals that may be carcinogenic. Avoid contact with these elements in the event of a damaged muffler.



WARNING! Bear in mind that:

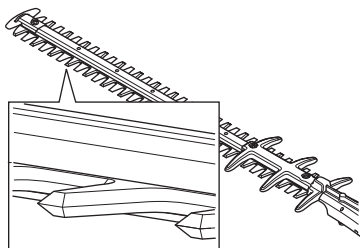
The exhaust fumes from the engine are hot and may contain sparks which can start a fire. Never start the machine indoors or near combustible material!

GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Blades



The edges of the blades are too hard to be filed. Dull blades should be sharpened using a grinder.

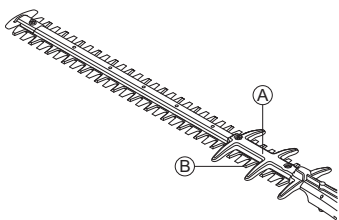


Replace the blades if they are bent or damaged.

Blade guard



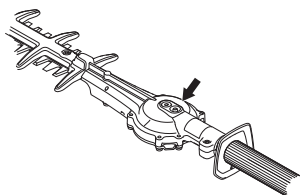
The blade guard (A) is intended to protect against any part of the body coming into contact with the blades (B).



Check that the blade guard is not damaged or distorted. Replace the blade guard if it is bent or damaged.

Gear

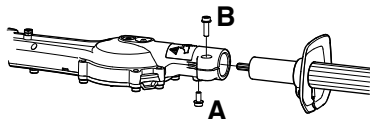
The gear housing gets hot when the machine has been in use. To avoid burning yourself do not touch the gear housing.



Fitting the cutting head



Fit the cutting head onto the shaft so that the screw (A) is opposite the hole on the shaft. NB! Make sure the drive shaft inside the shaft engages with the recess in the cutting head.



- Tighten screw A.
- Tighten screw B.

FUEL HANDLING

Fuel safety

Never start the machine:

- 1 If you have spilled fuel on it. Wipe off the spillage and allow remaining fuel to evaporate.
- 2 If you have spilled fuel on yourself or your clothes, change your clothes. Wash any part of your body that has come in contact with fuel. Use soap and water.
- 3 If the machine is leaking fuel. Check regularly for leaks from the fuel cap and fuel lines. In the event of leakage, contact your service agent.

Transport and storage

- Store and transport the machine and fuel so that there is no risk of any leakage or fumes coming into contact with sparks or open flames, for example, from electrical machinery, electric motors, electrical relays/ switches or boilers.
- When storing and transporting fuel always use approved containers intended for this purpose.
- When storing the machine for long periods the fuel tank must be emptied. Contact your local gas station to find out where to dispose of excess fuel. Drain the tank into the appropriate containers and in a well ventilated area.
- Ensure the machine is cleaned and that a complete service is carried out before long-term storage.
- The transport guard must always be fitted to the cutting attachment when the machine is being transported or in storage.
- Secure the machine during transport.
- In order to prevent unintentional starting of the engine, the spark plug cap must always be removed during long-term storage, if the machine is not under close supervision and when performing all service measures.
- Allow the hedge trimmer to cool down after use before putting it away for storage.



WARNING! Take care when handling fuel. Bear in mind the risk of fire, explosion and inhaling fumes.

Fuel

CAUTION! The machine is equipped with a two-stroke engine and must always be run using a mixture of gasoline and two-stroke engine oil. It is important to accurately measure the amount of oil to be mixed to ensure that the correct mixture is obtained. When mixing small amounts of fuel, even small inaccuracies can drastically affect the ratio of the mixture.



WARNING! Fuel and fuel fumes are highly inflammable and can cause serious injury when inhaled or allowed to come in contact with the skin. For this reason observe caution when handling fuel and make sure there is adequate ventilation.



WARNING! Always ensure there is adequate ventilation when handling fuel.

Gasoline



CAUTION! Always use a quality gasoline/oil mixture with an octane rating of at least 87 octane ((RON+MON)/2). If your machine is equipped with a catalytic converter (see chapter on Technical data) always use a good quality unleaded gasoline/oil mixture. Leaded gasoline will destroy the catalytic converter.

Use low-emission gasoline, also known as alkylate gasoline, if it is available.



Ethanol blended fuel, E10 may be used (max 10% ethanol blend). Using ethanol blends higher than E10 will create lean running condition which can cause engine damage.

This engine is certified to operate on unleaded gasoline.

- The lowest recommended octane grade is 87 ((RON+MON)/2). If you run the engine on a lower octane grade than 87 so-called knocking can occur. This gives rise to a high engine temperature and increased bearing load, which can result in serious engine damage.
- When working at continuous high revs a higher octane rating is recommended.

Two-stroke oil

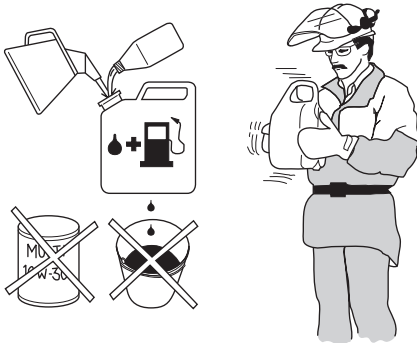
- For best results and performance use HUSQVARNA two-stroke engine oil, which is specially formulated for our air-cooled two stroke-engines.
- Never use two-stroke oil intended for water-cooled engines, sometimes referred to as outboard oil (rated TCW).
- Never use oil intended for four-stroke engines.
- Mixing ratio
50:1 (2%) with HUSQVARNA two-stroke oil.

FUEL HANDLING

Gasoline, litre	Two-stroke oil, litre
	2% (50:1)
5	0,10
10	0,20
15	0,30
20	0,40
US gallon	US fl. oz.
1	2 1/2
2 1/2	6 1/2
5	12 7/8

Mixing

- Always mix the gasoline and oil in a clean container intended for fuel.
- Always start by filling half the amount of the gasoline to be used. Then add the entire amount of oil. Mix (shake) the fuel mixture. Add the remaining amount of gasoline.
- Mix (shake) the fuel mixture thoroughly before filling the machine's fuel tank.



- Do not mix more than one month's supply of fuel at a time.
- If the machine is not used for some time the fuel tank should be emptied and cleaned.



WARNING! The catalytic converter muffler gets very hot during and after use. This also applies during idling. Be aware of the fire hazard, especially when working near flammable substances and/or vapors.

Fueling



WARNING! Taking the following precautions, will lessen the risk of fire:

Mix and pour fuel outdoors, where there are no sparks or flames.

Do not smoke or place hot objects near fuel.

Always shut off the engine before refueling.

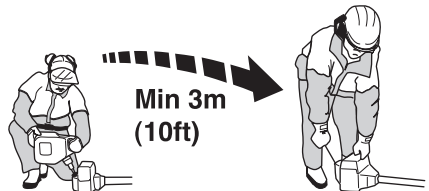
Always stop the engine and let it cool for a few minutes before refueling. Refuel in a well ventilated area. Never fuel the machine indoors.

When refuelling, open the fuel cap slowly so that any excess pressure is released gently.

Tighten the fuel cap carefully after refueling.

Always move the machine away from the refueling area and source before starting.

- If you have spilled fuel on it. Wipe off the spillage and allow remaining fuel to evaporate.
- Clean the area around the fuel cap. Contamination in the tank can cause operating problems.
- Ensure that the fuel is well mixed by shaking the container before filling the tank.



STARTING AND STOPPING

Check before starting



- Inspect the working area. Remove any objects that could be thrown out.
- Check the cutting attachment. Never use blades that are dull, cracked or damaged.
- Check that the machine is in perfect working order. Check that all nuts and screws are tight.
- Make sure the gear housing is lubricated correctly. See instructions under the heading Gear housing.
- Check that the cutting attachment always stops when the engine is idling.
- Only use the machine for the purpose it was intended for.
- Make sure that the handle and safety features are in good working order. Never use a machine that lacks a part or has been modified outside its specifications.
- All covers must be correctly fitted and undamaged before you start the machine.

Starting and stopping



WARNING! The complete clutch cover and shaft must be fitted before the machine is started, otherwise the clutch can come loose and cause personal injury.

Always move the machine about 3 metres from the refuelling position before starting. Place the machine on a firm surface. Remember that the blades may start to move when the engine is started. Make sure the blades cannot come into contact with any object. Make sure that no unauthorised persons are in the working area, otherwise there is a risk of serious personal injury.

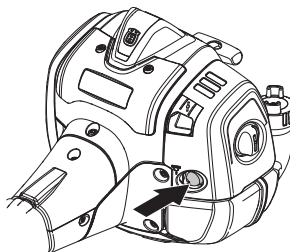
The safety distance is 15 metres.

Cold engine

Primer bulb:



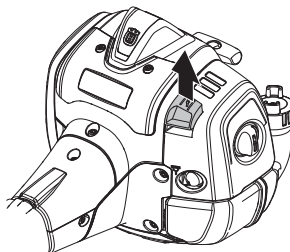
Press the air purge repeatedly until fuel begins to fill the bulb. The bulb need not be completely filled.



Choke:



Set the choke control in the choke position.



Hold the body of the machine on the ground using your left hand (CAUTION! Not with your foot!).

Starting



Grip the starter handle, slowly pull out the cord with your right hand until you feel some resistance (the starter pawls grip), now quickly and powerfully pull the cord.



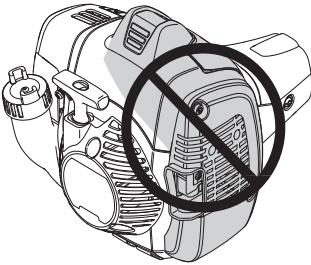
Push the choke control back to its original position as soon as the engine attempts to start, and continue trying to start until the engine starts. Allow the machine to idle a few seconds before giving full throttle.

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CAUTION! Do not pull the starter cord all the way out and do not let go of the starter handle when the cord is fully extended. This can damage the machine.



CAUTION! Do not put any part of your body in marked area. Contact can result in burns to the skin, or electrical shock if the spark plug cap has been damaged. Always use gloves. Do not use a machine with damaged spark plug cap.



Warm engine

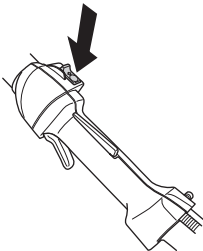


Press the air purge repeatedly until fuel begins to fill the bulb. The bulb need not be completely filled.

Grip the starter handle, slowly pull out the cord with your right hand until you feel some resistance (the starter pawls grip), now quickly and powerfully pull the cord.

Stopping

The engine is switched off by moving the stop switch to the stop position.



CAUTION! The stop switch automatically returns to the start position. In order to prevent unintentional starting, the spark plug cap must be removed from the spark plug when assembling, checking and/or performing maintenance.

WORKING TECHNIQUES

General working instructions

IMPORTANT!

This section takes up the basic safety precautions for working with a hedge trimmer.

If you encounter a situation where you are uncertain how to proceed you should ask an expert. Contact your dealer or your service workshop.

Avoid all usage which you consider to be beyond your capability.



WARNING! The machine can cause serious personal injury. Read the safety instructions carefully. Learn how to use the machine.



WARNING! Cutting tool. Do not touch the tool without first switching off the engine.

Personal protection



- Always wear boots and other equipment described under the heading Personal protective equipment.
- Always wear working clothes and heavy-duty long trousers.
- Never wear loose clothing or jewellery.
- Make sure your hair does not hang below shoulder level.

Safety instructions regarding the surroundings

- Never allow children to use the machine.
- Ensure that no-one comes closer than 15 m while you are working.
- Never allow anyone else to use the machine without first ensuring that they have read and understood the contents of the operator's manual.
- Never work from a ladder, stool or any other raised position that is not fully secured.

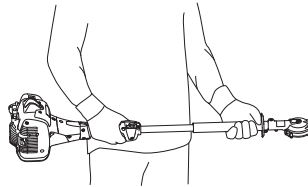


- Keep in mind that the operator is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.

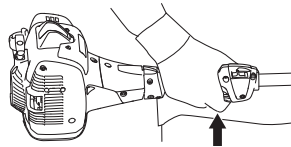
Safety instructions while working



- Always ensure you have a safe and stable working position.
- Always use both hands to hold the machine. Hold the machine at the side of your body.



- Use your right hand to control the throttle setting.

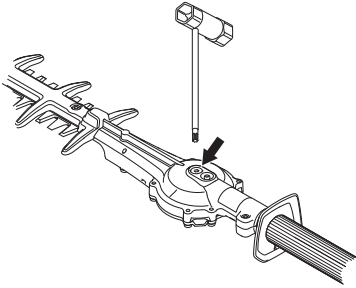


- Make sure that your hands and feet do not come near the cutting attachment when the engine is running.
- When the engine is switched off, keep your hands and feet away from the cutting attachment until it has stopped completely.
- Watch out for stumps of branches that can be thrown out during cutting.
- Always lay the machine on the ground when you are not using it.
- Do not cut too close to the ground. Stones and other objects can be thrown out.
- Check the working area for foreign objects such as electricity cables, insects and animals, etc. or other objects that could damage the cutting attachment, such as metal items.
- If any foreign object is hit or if vibrations occur stop the machine immediately. Disconnect the HT lead from the spark plug. Check that the machine is not damaged. Repair any damage.
- If anything jams in the blades while you are working, switch off the engine and wait until it has stopped completely before cleaning the blades. Disconnect the spark plug cap from the spark plug.

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- Never put the machine down with the engine running unless you have it in clear sight.

If the blades get stuck, they can be loosened by inserting the combination spanner into the gear housing.

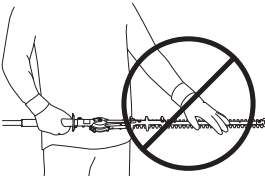


- Remove the screw.
- Insert the combination spanner into the gear housing and move the blades manually

Safety instructions after completing work



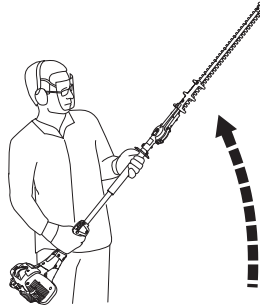
- The transport guard should always be fitted to the cutting attachment when the machine is not in use.
- Make sure the cutting attachment has stopped before cleaning, carrying out repairs or an inspection. Disconnect the spark plug cap from the spark plug.
- Always wear heavy-duty gloves when repairing the cutting attachment. This is extremely sharp and can easily cause cuts.



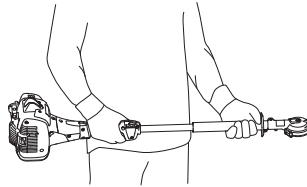
- Store the machine out of reach of children.
- Use only original spare parts for repairs.

Basic working techniques

- Work with a swinging action from the bottom upwards when trimming sides.



- Adjust the throttle setting to suit the load.
- Hold the machine as close to your body as possible to get the best balance.



- Make sure that the tip does not touch the ground.
- Do not rush the work, but work steadily until all the branches have been cut back cleanly.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance

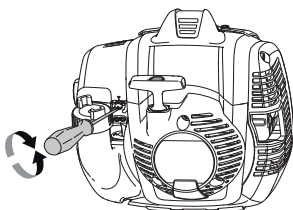
Let the machine cool down slightly before carrying out checks and maintenance on it.

Carburetor

Adjustment of the idle speed

Before any adjustments are made, make sure that the air filter is clean and the air filter cover is fitted.

Adjust the idle speed with the idle adjustment screw T, if adjustment is necessary. First turn the idle adjustment screw T clockwise until the blades start to move. Then turn the idle adjustment screw T anticlockwise until the blades stop. The idle speed is correctly adjusted when the engine runs smoothly in every position. There should also be a clear margin to the speed at which the blades start to move.



Recommended idle speed: See the Technical data section.



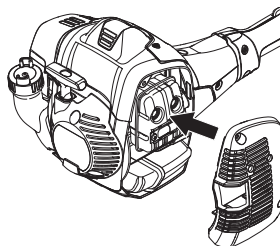
WARNING! If the idle speed cannot be adjusted so that the cutting attachment stops, contact your dealer/service workshop. Do not use the machine until it has been correctly adjusted or repaired.

Muffler



CAUTION! Some mufflers are fitted with a catalytic converter. See chapter on Technical data to see whether your machine is fitted with a catalytic converter.

The muffler is designed to reduce the noise level and to direct the exhaust gases away from the operator. The exhaust gases are hot and can contain sparks, which may cause fire if directed against dry and combustible material.



Some mufflers are equipped with a special spark arrestor screen. If your machine has this type of muffler, you should clean the screen at least once a week. This is best done with a wire brush.



The net on the catalyzer muffler must be checked and if necessary cleaned once a month. Use a wire brush. **If the mesh is damaged it must be replaced.** If the screen is frequently blocked, this can be a sign that the performance of the catalytic converter is impaired. Contact your dealer to inspect the muffler. A blocked screen will cause the machine to overheat and result in damage to the cylinder and piston.

CAUTION! Never use a machine with a defective muffler.



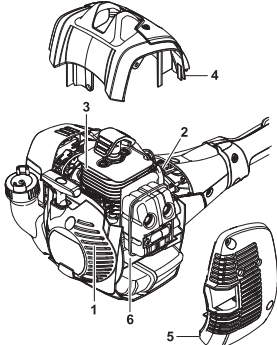
WARNING! Mufflers fitted with catalytic converters get very hot during use and remain so for some time after stopping. This also applies at idle speed. Contact can result in burns to the skin. Remember the risk of fire!

MAINTENANCE

Cooling system



To keep the working temperature as low as possible the machine is equipped with a cooling system.



The cooling system consists of:

- 1 Air intake on the starter.
- 2 Fins on the flywheel.
- 3 Cooling fins on the cylinder.
- 4 Cylinder cover (directs cold air over the cylinder).
- 5 Muffler cover
- 6 Muffler plate

Clean the cooling system with a brush once a week, more often in demanding conditions. A dirty or blocked cooling system results in the machine overheating which causes damage to the piston and cylinder.

Spark plug

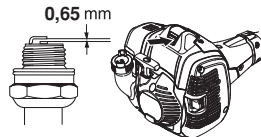


The spark plug condition is influenced by:

- Incorrect carburetor adjustment.
- An incorrect fuel mixture (too much or incorrect type of oil).
- A dirty air filter.

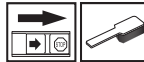
These factors cause deposits on the spark plug electrodes, which may result in operating problems and starting difficulties.

If the machine is low on power, difficult to start or runs poorly at idle speed: always check the spark plug first before taking any further action. If the spark plug is dirty, clean it and check that the electrode gap is 0.026 inch (0.65 mm). The spark plug should be replaced after about a month in operation or earlier if necessary.



CAUTION! Always use the recommended spark plug type! Use of the wrong spark plug can damage the piston/cylinder. Check that the spark plug is fitted with a suppressor.

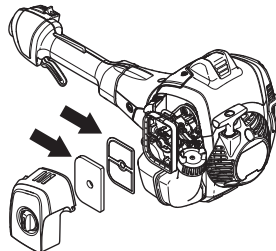
Air filter



The air filter must be regularly cleaned to remove dust and dirt in order to avoid:

- Carburettor malfunctions.
- Starting problems.
- Loss of engine power.
- Unnecessary wear to engine parts
- Excessive fuel consumption.

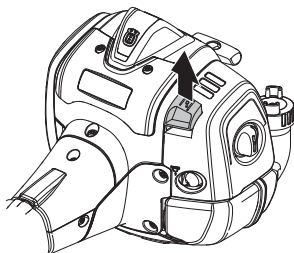
Clean the filter every 25 hours, or more regularly if conditions are exceptionally dusty.



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Cleaning the air filter

Close the choke control by setting the choke into a choke position.

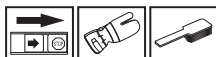


Remove the air filter cover and take out the filter. Wash it clean in warm, soapy water. Ensure that the filter is dry before refitting it.

An air filter that has been in use for a long time cannot be cleaned completely. The filter must therefore be replaced with a new one at regular intervals. **A damaged air filter must always be replaced.**

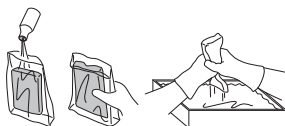
If the machine is used in dusty conditions the air filter should be soaked in oil. See instructions under the heading Oiling the air filter.

Oiling the air filter



Always use HUSQVARNA filter oil, art. no. 531 00 92-48. The filter oil contains a solvent to make it spread evenly through the filter. You should therefore avoid skin contact.

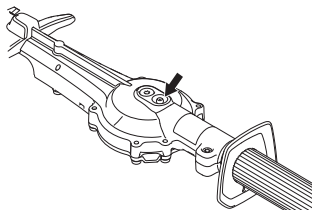
Put the filter in a plastic bag and pour the filter oil over it. Knead the plastic bag to distribute the oil. Squeeze the excess oil out of the filter inside the plastic bag and pour off the excess before fitting the filter to the machine. Never use common engine oil. This would drain through the filter quite quickly and collect in the bottom.



Gear



There is a grease nipple and a plug for filling lubricant on the gear housing. Use a grease gun to fill with grease. This should be done after every 60 working hours. Use Husqvarna's special grease.



CAUTION! The gear housing must not be filled completely with grease. The grease expands as the machine heats up during operation. If the gear housing was completely filled with grease it could damage the seals and lead to leakage of grease.

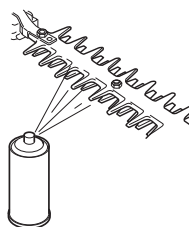
The grease in the gear house does not normally need to be changed except if repairs are carried out.

Cleaning and lubrication



Clean any resin and plant residue from the blades using cleaning agent 531 00 75-13 (UL22) before and after using the machine.

Lubricate the blade bars with special grease, part no. 531 00 75-12 (UL 21) before long periods of storage.



IMPORTANT! Use only HUSQVARNA replacement parts. Use of other brands of replacement parts can cause damage to your unit or injury to the operator or others. Your warranty does not cover damage or liability caused by the use of accessories and/or attachments not specifically recommended by HUSQVARNA.

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Maintenance schedule

The following is a list of the maintenance that must be performed on the machine. Most of the items are described in the Maintenance section. The user must only carry out the maintenance and service work described in this manual. More extensive work must be carried out by an authorized service workshop.

Maintenance	Daily maintenance	Weekly maintenance	Monthly maintenance
Clean the outside of the machine.	X		
Make sure the throttle trigger lock and the throttle function correctly from a safety point of view.	X		
Check that the stop switch works correctly.	X		
Check that the blades do not move when the engine is idling or when the choke is in the start throttle position.	X		
Check that the blades are undamaged and show no signs of cracking or other damage. Replace the blades if necessary.	X		
Check that the blade guard is not damaged or distorted. Replace the blade guard if it is bent or damaged.	X		
Clean the air filter. Replace if necessary.	X		
Check that the hand guard is not damaged. Replace the guard if damaged.	X		
Check that nuts and screws are tight.	X		
Check that there are no fuel leaks from the engine, tank or fuel lines.	X		
Check the starter and starter cord.		X	
Check that the vibration damping elements are not damaged.		X	
Clean the outside of the spark plug. Remove it and check the electrode gap. Adjust the gap to 0.65 mm (.026"), or replace the spark plug. Check that the spark plug is fitted with a suppressor.		X	
Clean the machine's cooling system.		X	
Clean the outside of the carburettor and the space around it.		X	
Fill the gear housing with grease. This should be carried out approximately every 60 working hours.		X	
Check that the screws that hold the blades together are correctly tightened.		X	
Clean the fuel tank.			X
Check the fuel filter for contamination and the fuel hose for cracks or other defects. Replace if necessary.			X
Check all cables and connections.			X
Check the clutch, clutch springs and the clutch drum for wear. Replace if necessary by an authorized service workshop.			X
Replace the spark plug. Check that the spark plug is fitted with a suppressor.			X
Check and clean the spark arrestor screen on the muffler (only applies to mufflers fitted with a catalytic converter).			X
To reduce the fire hazard, clean dirt, leaves and surplus lubricant, etc from the muffler and engine.			X

TECHNICAL DATA

Technical data

525HF3S

Engine

Cylinder displacement, cu.in/cm ³	1,50/24,5
Cylinder bore, inch/mm	1,34/34
Stroke, inch/mm	1,06/27
Idle speed, rpm	2700
Recommended max. speed, rpm	11000-12600
Max. engine output, acc. to ISO 8893, kW/ rpm	0,9/8500
Catalytic converter muffler	Yes
Speed-regulated ignition system	Yes

Ignition system

Spark plug	NGK BPMR 7A
Electrode gap, inch/mm	1.37/0,65

Fuel and lubrication system

Fuel tank capacity, US pint/litre	1,06/0,5
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Weight

Weight without fuel, Lbs/kg	13,6/6,2
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Sound levels

(see note 1)

Equivalent sound pressure level at the operator's ear, measured according to ISO 22868, dB(A):	92
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Vibration levels

(see note 2)

Equivalent vibration levels ($a_{hv,eq}$) at handles, measured according to ISO 22867, m/s²

Front/rear handles:	3,9/2,9
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Blades

Length, mm	650
Blade speed, cuts/min	4184

Note 1 Reported data for equivalent sound pressure level for the machine has a typical statistical dispersion (standard deviation) of 1 dB (A).

Note 2: Reported data for equivalent vibration level has a typical statistical dispersion (standard deviation) of 1 m/s².

FEDERAL AND CALIFORNIA EMISSIONS CONTROL WARRANTY STATEMENT

IMPORTANT: This product is compliant with U.S. EPA Phase 3 regulations for exhaust and evaporative emissions. To ensure EPA Phase 3 compliance, we recommend using only genuine Husqvarna brand replacement parts. Use of non-compliant replacement parts is a violation of federal law.

YOUR WARRANTY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The EPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), CARB (California Air Resources Board), Environment Canada and Husqvarna Forest & Garden are pleased to explain the emissions control system's warranty on your 2014-2015* small off-road engine. In U.S. and Canada, small off-road engines must be designed, built, and equipped to meet the applicable Federal or California stringent anti-smog standards. Husqvarna Forest & Garden must warrant the emissions control system on your small off-road engine for the period of time listed below provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance of your small off-road engine. Your emission control system may include parts such as the carburetor, fuel-injection system, the ignition system, catalytic converter, fuel tanks, fuel lines, fuel caps, valves, canisters, filters, vapor hoses, clamps, connectors, and other associated emission-related components. For engines less than or equal to 80 cc, only the fuel tank is subject to the evaporative emission control warranty requirements of this section (California only). Where a warrantable condition exists, Husqvarna Forest & Garden will repair your small off-road engine at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts and labor.

MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY COVERAGE

The emissions control system is warranted for two years. If any emissions-related part on your small off-road engine is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by Husqvarna Forest & Garden.

OWNER'S WARRANTY RESPONSIBILITIES

- As the small off-road engine owner, you are responsible for performance of the required maintenance listed in your operator's manual. Husqvarna Forest & Garden recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your small off-road engine, but Husqvarna Forest & Garden cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance.
- As the small off-road engine owner, you should however be aware that Husqvarna Forest & Garden may deny you warranty coverage if your small off-road engine or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance or unapproved modifications.

- You are responsible for presenting your small off-road engine to a Husqvarna Forest & Garden distribution center or service center as soon as the problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days. If you have any questions regarding your warranty coverage, you should contact Husqvarna Forest & Garden in USA at 1-800-487-5951, in CANADA at 1-800-805-5523 or send e-mail correspondence to emission.warranty@us.hvwan.net.

WARRANTY COMMENCEMENT DATE

The warranty period begins on the date the engine or equipment is delivered to an ultimate purchaser.

LENGTH OF COVERAGE

Husqvarna Forest & Garden warrants to the ultimate purchaser and each subsequent owner that the engine or equipment is designed, built, and equipped so as to conform with all applicable regulations adopted by EPA and CARB, and is free from defects in materials and workmanship that causes the failure of a warranted part for a period of two years.

WHAT IS COVERED

REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF PARTS Repair or replacement of any warranted part under the warranty must be performed at no charge to the owner at a warranty station. Warranty services or repairs will be provided at all Husqvarna Forest & Garden distribution centers that are franchised to service the subject engines. Throughout the emissions warranty period of two years, Husqvarna Forest & Garden must maintain a supply of warranted parts sufficient to meet the expected demand for such parts.

WARRANTY PERIOD Any warranted part that is scheduled for replacement as required in the maintenance schedule, is warranted for the period of time prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. If the part fails prior to the first scheduled replacement, the part will be repaired or replaced by Husqvarna Forest & Garden at no cost. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty is warranted for the remainder of the period prior to the first scheduled replacement point for the part. Any warranted part that is not scheduled for replacement as required in the maintenance schedule, is warranted for two years. If any such part fails during the period of warranty coverage, it will be repaired and replaced by Husqvarna Forest & Garden at no cost. Any such part repaired or replaced under the warranty is warranted for the remaining warranty period. Any warranted part that is scheduled only for regular inspection in the maintenance schedule will be warranted for a period of two years. A statement in such written instructions to the effect of "repair or replace as necessary" will not reduce the period of warranty coverage. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty will be warranted for the remaining warranty period.

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DIAGNOSIS The owner must not be charged for diagnostic labor that leads to the determination that a warranted part is in fact defective, provided that such diagnostic work is performed at a warranty station.

CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES Husqvarna Forest & Garden is liable for damages to other engine components proximately caused by a failure under warranty of any warranted part.

EMISSION WARRANTY PARTS LIST

- 1 Carburetor and internal parts
- 2 Intake pipe, airfilter holder and carburetor bolts.
- 3 Airfilter and fuelfilter covered up to maintenance schedule.
- 4 Spark Plug, covered up to maintenance schedule
- 5 Ignition Module
- 6 Fuel tank, line and cap

WHAT IS NOT COVERED

All failures caused by abuse, neglect or improper maintenance are not covered.

ADD -ON OR MODIFIED PARTS

Add-on or modified parts that are not exempted by CARB or EPA may not be used. The use of any non-exempted add-on or modified parts will be grounds for disallowing a warranty claim. Husqvarna Forest & Garden will not be liable to warrant failures of warranted parts caused by the use of a non-exempted add-on or modified part.

HOW TO FILE A CLAIM

If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact your nearest authorized servicing dealer or call Husqvarna Forest & Garden in USA at 1-800-487-5951, in CANADA at 1-800-805-5523 or send e-mail correspondence to emission.warranty@us.hvwan.net.

WHERE TO GET WARRANTY SERVICE

Warranty services or repairs are provided through all Husqvarna Forest & Garden authorized servicing dealers.

MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF EMISSION-RELATED PARTS

Any replacement part may be used in the performance of any warranty maintenance or repairs and must be provided without charge to the owner. Such use will not reduce the warranty obligations of the manufacturer.

MAINTENANCE STATEMENT

The owner is responsible for the performance of all required maintenance, as defined in the operator's manual.

*Current and following model year will be updated annually in the warranty statement provided to the consumer. For example, in 2012 model year, 2012-2013 will be specified.