

## 15. Troubleshooting

Problem	Action
Machine won't start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Check that you are pressing the safety switch forward and releasing the main switch to activate</li><li>- Check battery is charged</li><li>- Contact helpline.</li><li>- Return to dealer.</li></ul>
Machine does not collect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Check bag hose is not blocked.</li><li>- Check exhaust is not blocked.</li></ul>
Damage to Head/blades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Call the Garden Groom Helpline</li></ul>

## 16. Specifications

Type/Model                    GG41  
Rated voltage                7.2V d.c.  
No load speed:                4300 rpm

Sound pressure level:        79db(A)    k:3db(A)  
Sound power level:          92db(A)    k:3db(A)  
Vibration:                      4.50m/s<sup>2</sup>    k:1.5m/s<sup>2</sup>  
Battery Charger:                Input: 120V~60Hz  
Charger Model:                XR-DC090400  
Output:                          9V d.c. 400mA  
Charging time:                 Approx. 5 hours  
Rechargeable battery type :    Lithium



Contact:  
Apollo Exports Helpline No: 1-888-215-4024

**MADE IN CHINA**  
**ALLSTAR MARKETING GROUP, HAWTHORNE, NEW YORK 10532, USA**

### CONTAINS NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS

**Defects:** Please retain your receipt! If this product is or becomes defective, please return it to the place of purchase along with your till receipt.

**Not to be operated by or around children. Any attempt to modify, disable or override any of the safety switches, will void all warranties and release the manufacturer and or distributor from any liability for injury or damage that could occur as a result.**

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

# Garden *GR00M* "Garden Barber"

The Worlds Only Cordless Collecting Hedge and Shrub Trimmer



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Read before use & retain for future reference**

**OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
GARDEN BARBER (GG41)**

## 1. Safety Instructions

**WARNING! Read all safety warnings and instructions.**

**WARNING** - Read all safety warnings and all instructions: Failure to follow all warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury. Save all warnings and instructions for future reference. The term "power tool" in the warnings refer to your mains operated (corded) power tool or battery operated (cordless) power tool.

1. Avoid dangerous environment - Don't use hedge trimmers in damp or wet locations.

2. Don't use in the rain.

3. Keep children away - All visitors should be kept at a distance from work area.

4. Dress properly - Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Use of rubber gloves and substantial footwear is recommended when working outdoors. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.

5. Use safety glasses - Always use face or dust mask if operation is dusty.

6. Use right appliances - Do not use appliance for any job except that for which it is intended.

7. Danger - risk of cut - keep hands away from blades - keep both hands on handles when power is on.

Do not attempt to remove cut material nor hold material to be cut when blades are moving. Make sure trimmer switch is off when clearing jammed material from blades. Do not grasp the exposed cutting blades or cutting edges when picking up or holding the hedge trimmer.

Caution - blades coast after turn off.

8. Don't force hedge trimmer - It will do the job better and with less likelihood of a risk of injury at the rate for which it was designed.

9. Don't overreach - Keep proper footing and balance at all times

10. Stay alert - watch what you are doing. Use common sense. Do not operate hedge trimmer when you are tired.

11. Store idle hedge trimmer indoors - When not in use, hedge trimmer should be stored indoors in dry and high or locked up place, out of reach of children.

12. Maintain hedge trimmer with care - keep cutting edge sharp and clean for best performance and to reduce the risk of injury. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories.

13. Check damaged parts - before further use of the hedge trimmer, a guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function. Check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting and any other condition that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorised service center unless indicated elsewhere in this manual.

### 1. Work area

a) Keep work area clean and well lit. Cluttered and dark areas invite accidents.

b) Do not operate power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust. Power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.

c) Keep children and bystanders away while operating a power tool. Distractions can cause you to lose control.

### 2. Personal safety

a) Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you

are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication. A moment of inattention while operating power tools may result in serious personal injury.

b) Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection. Safety equipment such as dust mask, non-slip safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.

c) Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. This enables better control of the power tool in unexpected situations.

d) Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep your hair, clothing and gloves away from moving parts. Loose clothes, jewellery or long hair can be caught in moving parts.

e) Ensure the hose is properly connected to the exhaust and waste bag.

### 3. Power tool use and care

a) Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application. The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.

b) Do not use the power tool if the switch does not turn it on and off. Any power tool that cannot be controlled with the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.

c) Store idle power tools out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the power tool or these instructions to operate the power tool. Power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.

d) Maintain power tools. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the power tools operation. If damaged, have the power tool repaired before use. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained power tools.

e) Keep cutting tools sharp and clean. Properly maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to bind and are easier to control.

f) Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc., in accordance with these instructions and in the manner intended for the particular type of power tool, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed. Use of the power tool for operations different from intended could result in a hazardous situation.

g) Keep all parts of the body away from the cutter blade. Do not remove cut material or hold material to be cut when blades are moving. Make sure the switch is off when clearing jammed material. A moment of distraction while operating the hedge trimmer may result in serious personal injury! Carry the hedge trimmer by the handle with the cutter blade stopped. Proper handling of the hedge trimmer will reduce possible personal injury from the cutter blades.

### 4. Battery tool use and care

a) Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer, only use charger XR-DC090400 with your Garden Barber. A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another battery pack.

b) Use power tools only with specifically designated battery packs. Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.

c) Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery, avoid contact. If contact accidentally occurs, flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, additionally seek medical help. Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.

## 12. Clearing Blockages



To reduce the build up of waste material in the hose, it is necessary to periodically pull the hose taut (as shown opposite) on an angle to allow the waste to flow freely into the bag. We also recommend this technique if there is a minor blockage in the head or exhaust of the machine, in order to create airflow and smooth conveyance of material.

If a blockage occurs in the head or exhaust of the machine, due to attempting to cut inappropriate or wet growth, we strongly suggest the following:



Switch off the machine, detach the hose, then detach the head from the main body of the machine (see page 10), with a long thin implement such as a stick, loosen the compacted material from the head or exhaust and empty into an appropriate receptacle, being careful to avoid touching the blade area with fingers. Once clear, re-attach head and hose to the machine, ensuring the growth you are attempting to cut is within the "fits and limits", the machine was originally designed for.

## 13. Cleaning the head

Detach the head (see page 10) and carefully clean with a damp cloth being careful to avoid touching the blade area with fingers. During cleaning and maintenance we strongly suggest to wear sturdy gloves.

## 14. Storage

After cleaning, store in a secure, dry place, out of reach of children.

Do not place any other objects on top of the machine.

**Tip:** Remove the hose from the exhaust and push the hose back into the bag. Place the Barber and charger in the bag, zip closed and hang the bag by the belt.

**! WHEN DETACHING/REPLACING HEAD, KEEP FINGERS AND OTHER BODY PARTS CLEAR OF BLADES**

## 10. Maintenance

### a) Detach/Replace Head

To replace head, clean or clear blockages, simply pull back the head lock (see fig 1), then twist the head clockwise to position in fig 2 and pull head off main body.

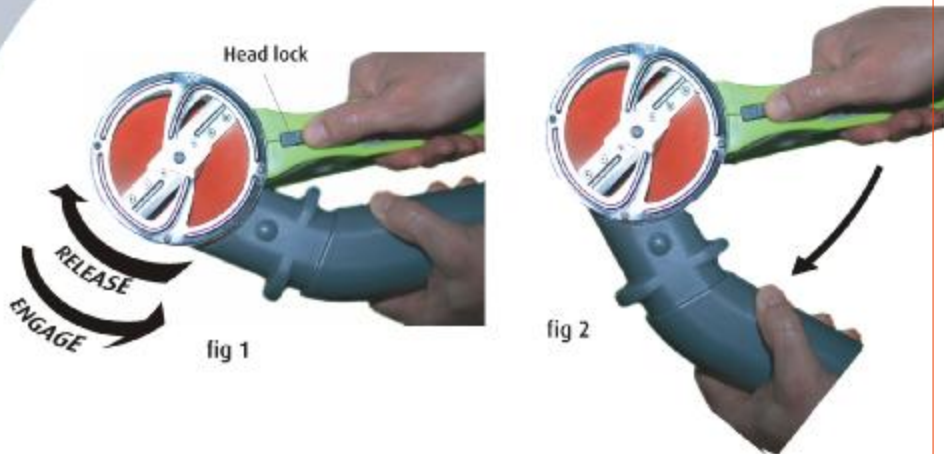


fig 3



fig 4

### b) Re-engage head

Align the shaft to the hole in the middle of the head (fig 4). Once engaged, position head as in fig 2 and push head and body together until bayonets click to engage, then rotate the head anti-clockwise until head lock clicks back into position (fig 1).

## 5. Service

a) Have your power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts. This will ensure that the safety of the power tool is maintained.

## 6. Awareness of Pre-operation Issues

a) The tool is designed for maintaining small hedges/bushes and topiary in private residence. It should not be used on public facilities, parks, sports fields, streets etc.

b) It should not be used for agricultural or forestry applications.

c) To avoid potential body injury to the user, the tool should not be operated under the following circumstances:

(i) It should not be operated by persons under the age of 16 or persons who are not familiar with the operating instructions of the tool.

(ii) It should not be operated if people (especially children) or animals are in the vicinity.

(iii) It should not be operated on growth without good or proper lighting.

(iv) It should not be operated on growth where foreign objects such as rocks, wire, etc. are present.

d) While trimming, please watch out for foreign objects. If an immovable object blocks the blade, then turn off the shears immediately and remove any foreign objects sighted.

e) Inspect the tool for the following:

(i) Ensure the head is locked in place.

(ii) To ensure there are no visible damages or loose attachment.

(iii) Important! Please ensure that any damages sighted are properly repaired before device is put into use.

f) Make sure you know how to stop the tool.

g) Always be familiar with the environment and be aware of possible hazards.

h) Always wear suitable clothing, no loose clothes or jewellery etc., to avoid it being trapped by the cutting tool. Wear sturdy shoes with good a tread! Also protect your legs (for example by wearing long pants), and your hands (by wearing gloves) as well as wear protective goggles.

i) Only turn motor on when hands and feet are away from the cutting head, take special care when switching on.

j) While operating the tool always be sure of a safe and secure operating position.

k) Even when the battery is empty an injury hazard still remains because of the residual charge.

l) The switching mechanisms installed on the device should not be removed, bypassed or tampered with.

m) Never attempt to use an incomplete machine or one fitted with an unauthorized modification.

## 7. Battery and Charger

Warning! Never operate charger if cord is damaged.

a) Plug the adaptor's plug into the socket inlet, and then plug the adaptor to a right power supply.

b) After about 5 hours full charging, the charging system turns off automatically to prevent overcharging.

c) Unplug the adaptor from the power supply when not charging.

d) Do not open or mutilate the battery(ies). Released electrolyte is corrosive and may cause damage to the eyes or skin. It may be toxic if swallowed.

e) Do not charge in rain, or in wet locations.

Warning: Use only the allowed type and size battery. Using an incompatible battery may increase the risk of fire or explosion. Replace the battery only with a compatible battery purchased from the vendor.

Warning: Do not dispose of batteries with household waste. Do not dispose of the battery(ies) in a fire. The cell may explode. When your battery no longer holds a charge, call your local waste disposal or environmental agency for advice on disposing of the battery. Warning: Misuse of the battery may increase the risk of fire or chemical burn. Do not puncture, incinerate, disassemble, or expose the battery to temperatures above 40°C. Keep the battery away from children. Handle damaged or leaking batteries with extreme care. Damaged batteries may leak and cause personal injury or equipment damage.

WARNING: Keep hands and fingers away from moving parts. Any part of body coming in contact with moving parts could result in serious injury.

WARNING: GUARD AGAINST ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD. Do not use hedge trimmer in rain, in wet locations, or on wet hedges or shrubbery. Wear non-skid footwear.

## 8. Maintenance and servicing

a) Stop the tool and remove the head before clearing blockages, checking, cleaning or working on the tool.

b) Keep all nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure the hedge shear is in a safe working condition.

c) Examine the tool regularly and replace worn or damaged cutting means.

d) When not in use store the tool out of the reach of children.

e) For easier operation and longer blade life, clean the cutting device after each use with a damp cloth.

f) Before cleaning, wearing hard gloves remove the head and clean the head with a damp cloth.

WARNING: Blades are sharp. When handling blade assembly, do not place your hand or fingers between blades or in any position where they could get pinched or cut.

## 9. Environmental Protection

Recycle raw materials instead of disposing as waste. The machine, accessories and packaging should be sorted for environment-friendly recycling.



Wear protective eyewear



To reduce the risk of injury, user must read instruction manual



Warning: Cutting of fingers



Do not expose to rain

## 2. History and Background

Graham Wilson - Inventor and Chairman of Garden Groom



Several years ago, Graham Wilson a retired engineer, was cutting hedges in his garden. After a long hard day, he said to himself, there must be an easier and safer way to do this job! So he set about trying to solve the problems that all gardeners face when they venture out to cut their hedging areas and topiary.

At first, it started out as a hobby, but the more Graham got closer to solving the problems, the more determined he was to see the job through. He was convinced he had a concept that would dramatically benefit gardeners around the world, that concept would change a potentially dangerous and time consuming chore, into a far more pleasant and safe gardening function.

Years on having succeeded in introducing the unique and highly successful GARDEN GROOM range of hedge trimmers to gardeners around the world, we are delighted to introduce the latest of our new additions to the range...GARDEN BARBER.

With all the major benefits of the original GARDEN GROOM products, the GARDEN BARBER, is the worlds only cordless, collecting lithium trimmer, perfect for lightweight trimming and shaping, making gardening more fun and rewarding, offering great results, whilst eliminating clean up time!

We hope you have great fun GROOMING your garden with GARDEN BARBER.

Great ideas are always worth fighting for! Thanks Graham.

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**⚠ WHEN IN USE KEEP FINGERS AND OTHER BODY PARTS WELL CLEAR OF THE CUTTING AREA ON THE UNDERSIDE OF THE GARDEN BARBER.**

## 9. Supplementary Handle

A supplementary handle is supplied with each machine, we strongly suggest that this handle is fitted, when using your Garden Barber in order to assist in a smooth balanced operation and also for prolonged periods of use.



## 10. Emptying Bag



Empty bag by unzipping flap on the side.

**Tip:** To quickly dispose of waste clippings, we suggest unclipping the hose from the machine, to enable maximum portability to your chosen point of disposal.

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## 7. Intended Use



The Garden Barber is intended for light trimming of small well maintained shrubs and hedge areas in domestic use.

**⚠ DO NOT USE THE GARDEN BARBER ON WET GROWTH**

If the Garden Barber is used on unsuitable growth (diameters over 0.25 inches), or particularly heavy or dense growth, the machine will automatically stall, enabling the user to free the machine. If the machine snags, we strongly advise that the head is detached, wearing sturdy gloves remove the waste carefully, ensuring fingers are kept away from the blade area and re-fit to the main body of the machine before continuing use. (See maintenance section for more detailed information)

## 8. How to use your Garden Barber



Vertical Trimming fig 1



Horizontal trimming fig 2

The Garden Barber has been designed for lightweight trimming of shrubs, hedge area and topiary. For shaping unkempt straggly growth, we recommend adopting a vertical technique (see fig 1), bringing the machine down vertically onto the growth, until the desired length / depth is achieved, then continue to "blend" and shape accordingly.

For general shaping and trimming we suggest a horizontal technique (see fig 2) bury the head into the new growth to the desired level and adopt a sweeping sideways movement. The flat underside of the Garden Barbers head, ensures excellent results and with regular use encourages a tighter hedge growth.

We strongly recommend regular use of the Garden Barber to ensure quick effective maintenance and exceptional results.

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## 3. Unpacking your Garden Barber

Check that all component parts are present and free from damage.

1.Barber 2.Transparent Head 3.Bag 4.Hose 5.Charger 6.Supplementary handle 7. Strap



## 4. Key Features



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## 5. Charging your Garden Barber



Indicator Lights (LED):

RED: Charging  
GREEN: Fully Charged  
AMBER: Low Charge

**Tip:** When amber light shows, approx. 3 mins of charge time remaining

Plug the charger into the mains socket and insert the small plug into the rear socket on the Barber. Switch on the charger and the red light will illuminate. After approximately 5 hours, the green light will illuminate indicating the battery is fully charged.

## 6. Getting Started

### a) Fitting the Hose



Withdraw the hose from the end of the bag. Using the hook and loop, thread the end of the hose over the exhaust up to the guard and wrap the hook and loop band tightly around the exhaust on the recess.

**Note** – For ease of use and to ensure the hose does not become tangled or blocked, make sure the green stitching along the top is in a straight line, from the back of the exhaust to the start of the collection bag.

### b) Bag Positioning

The bag strap and bag are designed to be fitted either over the shoulder or around the waist to suit the operator.



fig 1

**Shoulder:** Clip buckles to bag and adjust (we recommend to wear as shown in the fig 1)



fig 2

**Waist:** Thread strap through loops located at the back of the bag, attach buckle and adjust accordingly. (we recommend to wear as shown in the fig 2)

**! WEAR EYE PROTECTION AND GLOVES!**

**You are now ready to commence Grooming!**

### c) Activating your Garden Barber



**ON:** Push the safety switch on the top forward allowing the main switch to be in the ON position. Once the main switch is on the safety switch no longer needs to be held.

**OFF:** Release the main switch and the safety switch. The main switch now goes back into the safe locked position and the machine stops.

**! WHEN USING GARDEN BARBER KEEP HANDS AND FINGERS WELL AWAY FROM THE BLADE AREA AT ALL TIMES !**