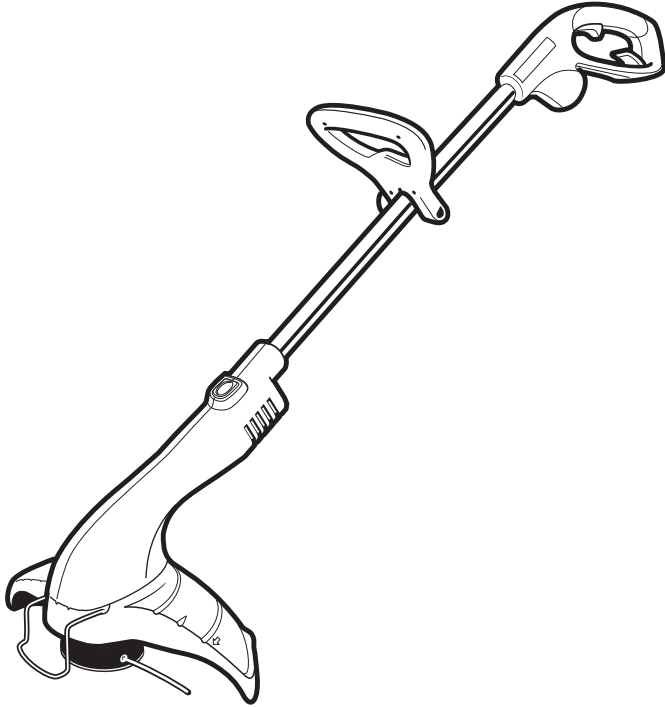


# Instruction Manual



**14" TRIMMER/EDGER**

**Model 900.74526**



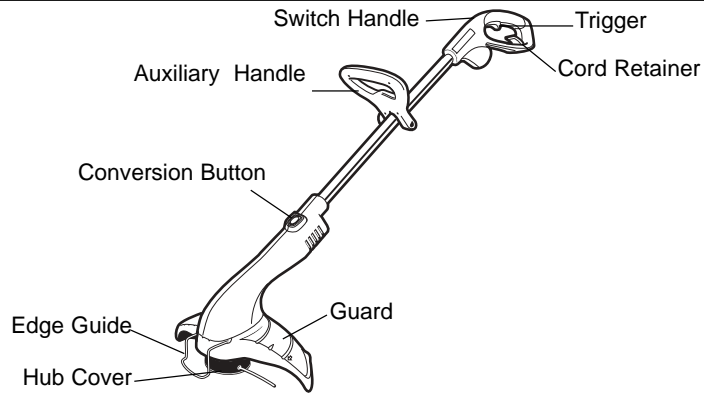
## **▲ CAUTION:**

Before using this product, read this manual and follow all its Safety Rules and Operating Instructions.

- Safety
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## TRIMMER / EDGER DIAGRAM



## SEARS WARRANTY

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## WARNING: IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS

### TO REDUCE RISK OF INJURY:

- Before any use, be sure everyone using this tool reads and understands all safety instructions and other information contained in this manual.
- Save these instructions and review frequently prior to use and in instructing others.

**⚠ WARNING:** When using electric gardening appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury, including the following:

**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS.**



## GENERAL SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL TOOLS

- **ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION** – Wear safety spectacles or goggles at all times when this tool is plugged in.
- **GUARD** – Do not use this tool without guard attached.
- **DRESS PROPERLY** – Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Rubber gloves and substantial rubber soled footwear are recommended when working outdoors. Don't operate the tool when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Wear long pants to protect your legs. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.
- **NYLON LINE** – Keep face, hands and feet clear of rotating nylon line at all times.
- **THE ROTATING LINE PERFORMS A CUTTING FUNCTION** – Use care when trimming around screens and desirable plantings.

- **KEEP ALL BY-STANDERS AWAY** – At a safe distance from work area, especially children.
  - **IMPORTANT WARNING** – When being used as an Edger, stones, pieces of metal and other objects can be thrown out at high speed by the line. The tool and guard are designed to reduce the danger. However, the following special precautions should be taken:
    - **MAKE SURE** that other persons and pets are at least 100 feet away.
    - **TO REDUCE THE RISK** of rebound (ricochet) injury, work going away from any nearby solid object such as wall, steps, large stone, tree, etc. Use great care when working close to solid objects and where necessary, do edging or trimming by hand.
  - **AVOID ACCIDENTALLY STARTING** – Don't carry plugged-in tool with finger on trigger.
  - **DO NOT FORCE THE TOOL** – At a rate faster than the rate at which it is able to cut effectively.
  - **USE THE RIGHT TOOL** – Do not use this tool for any job except that for which it is intended.
  - **DON'T OVERREACH** – Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
  - **DON'T ABUSE CORD** – Don't yank cord from power supply. Keep cord from heat, oil, and sharp edges.
  - **DAMAGE TO UNIT** – If you strike or become entangled with a foreign object, stop tool immediately, unplug, check for damage and have any damage repaired before further operation is attempted. Do not operate with a broken hub or spool.
  - **DAMAGE TO CORD** – Keep power cord away from rotating line. If you damage the cord, unplug it from the power supply before moving the tool or examining the damage. A damaged cord must be replaced before further use.
  - **DISCONNECT TOOL** – When not in use, when replacing line, or prior to cleaning.
  - **AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS** – Do not use electric tools in damp or wet locations. Follow all instructions in this Instruction Manual for proper operation of your tool. Don't use the tool in the rain.
  - **DO NOT OPERATE** portable electric tools in gaseous or explosive atmospheres. Motors in these tools normally spark, and the sparks might ignite fumes.
  - **STORE IDLE TOOLS INDOORS** – When not in use, tools should be stored indoors in a dry, locked-up place out of reach of children.
  - **GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER (GFCI)** protection should be provided on the circuits or outlets to be used for the gardening appliance. Receptacles are available having built in GFCI protection and may be used for this measure of protection.
  - **SECURE EXTENSION CORD** using the cord retainer shown in Figures 4 and 5.
  - **STAY ALERT** – Watch what you are doing. Use common sense. Do not operate tool when you are tired.
  - **MAINTAIN APPLIANCES WITH CARE** – Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories. Inspect extension cords periodically and replace if damaged. Keep handles dry, clean and free from oil and grease.
  - **CHECK DAMAGED PARTS** – Before further use of the appliance, 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 a qualified service facility unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in this manual.
- ⚠WARNING:** When servicing double insulated tools, USE ONLY IDENTICAL REPLACEMENT PARTS. Replace or repair damaged cords.
- ⚠WARNING:** To prevent electrical shock hazard, use only with an extension cord suitable for outdoor use. Always connect extension cords to a fused line or one protected by a circuit breaker.
- **EXTENSION CORDS.** Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized extension cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. The table below shows the

correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the heavier the cord. To reduce the risk of disconnection of the appliance from the extension cord during operation, use the extension cord retainer described in this manual.

Minimum Gauge for Extension Cords (AWG)				
120 VAC Tools				
Total Cord Length	0-25	26-50	51-100	105-150
Amp Rating	AWG	AWG	AWG	AWG
More than 0 Not More than 6	18	16	16	14
More than 6 Not More than 10	18	16	14	12
More than 10 Not more than 12	16	16	14	12
More than 12 Not more than 16	14	12	Not Recommended	

**⚠ WARNING:**

**Outdoor use extension cords:**

To reduce the risk of electric shock, use only with an extension cord intended for outdoor use, such as an extension cord of type SW-A, SOW-A, STW-A, STOW-A, SJW-A, SJOW-A, SJTW-A, or SJTOW-A.

**⚠ IMPORTANT WARNINGS FOR STRING TRIMMERS**

- The guard must be installed before trimming or edging - if not, the motor will overheat.
- When replacing the line, use only .065" diameter ROUND line - otherwise the unit will not function properly.
- Do not bump the feed head against the ground - it will disrupt the feed mechanism.
- Angle tool slightly (5° to 10°) when trimming.
- Always use the cord retainer.
- Wear long pants and substantial footwear to protect yourself from injury caused by flying debris. This is especially important when edging with the appliance.

**⚠ SAFETY WARNINGS**

**DOUBLE INSULATION**

Double insulated tools are constructed throughout with two separate layers of electrical insulation or one double thickness of insulation between you and the tool's electrical system. Tools built with this insulation system are not intended to be grounded. As a result, your tool is equipped with a two prong plug which permits you to use extension cords without concern for maintaining a ground connection.

**NOTE:** Double insulation does not take the place of normal safety precautions when operating this tool. The insulation system is for added protection against injury resulting from a possible electrical insulation failure within the tool.

**REPLACEMENT PARTS:** When servicing all tools, USE IDENTICAL REPLACEMENT PARTS.

**POLARIZED PLUGS**

Repair or replace damaged cords. To reduce the risk of electric shock, this equipment has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This

equipment must be used with a suitable polarized 2 wire or 3 wire extension cord. Polarized connections will fit together only one way. Make sure that the receptacle end of the extension cord has large and small blade slot widths. If the plug does not fit fully into the extension cord, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, obtain a suitable extension cord. If the extension cord does not fit fully into the outlet, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the tool plug or extension cord in any way.

**SPECIFIC WARNING**

**⚠ WARNING:** Some dust created by this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Some examples of these chemicals are:

- compounds in fertilizers
- compounds in insecticides, herbicides and pesticides
- arsenic and chromium from chemically treated lumber

To reduce your exposure to these chemicals, wear approved safety

equipment such as dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

**⚠ WARNING:** This product contains chemicals, including lead, known to the State of California to cause cancer, and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

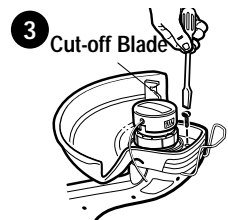
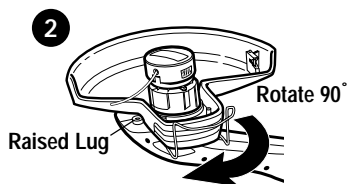
## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

**⚠ WARNING:** The guard must always be on the tool to protect the user.

**NEVER OPERATE TOOL WITHOUT GUARD FIRMLY IN PLACE.**

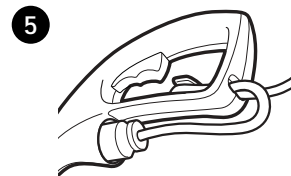
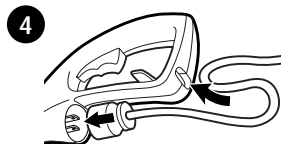
**Unplug the tool before attempting to attach the guard.**

1. Attach edge guide to guard, as shown in Figure 1.
2. Press the guard against the motor housing, as shown in Figure 2 and



rotate the guard 90 degrees clockwise until you hit a stop on the housing.

3. With the guard installed, insert the screw, (see figure 3) through the hole in the guard and into the bottom of the Trimmer housing. Tighten the screw. The screw will firmly retain the guard to your trimmer.
4. The guard is not intended to be removed.
5. Secure the extension cord with cord retainer as shown in Figures 4 and 5.
6. Adjust the auxiliary handle to a point on the tube where you can best control the unit. Loosen the auxiliary handle knob and position the handle as desired.

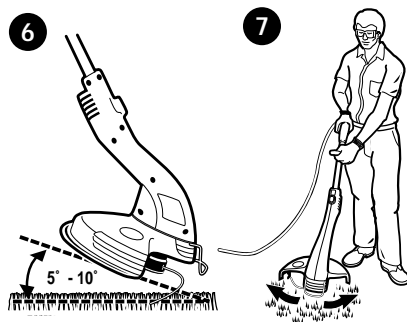


## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

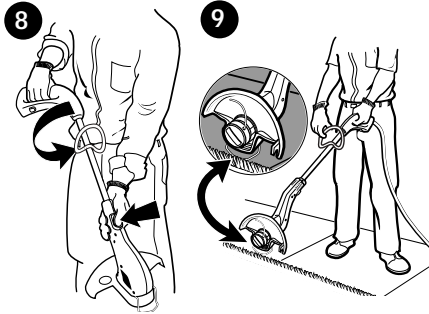
**⚠ CAUTION:** ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION

**⚠ CAUTION:** Inspect area to be trimmed and remove any wire, cord, or string-like objects which could become entangled in the rotating line or spool. Be particularly careful to avoid any wire which might be bent outwardly into the path of the tool, such as barbs at the base of a chain link fence.

1. Angle unit as shown in Figure 6.
2. Slowly swing trimmer side to side, as shown in Figure 7.



3. To convert for maintenance edging (Figure 8) unplug from power source, depress conversion button and rotate the motor housing.
4. When the button snaps back into place the tool is locked in the edger position.
5. Return to trimming position by unplugging the tool, depressing the button and rotating back.
6. To operate as a maintenance edger, position tool above sidewalk, as shown in Figure 9. Rest edge guide as shown.



### CUTTING LINE

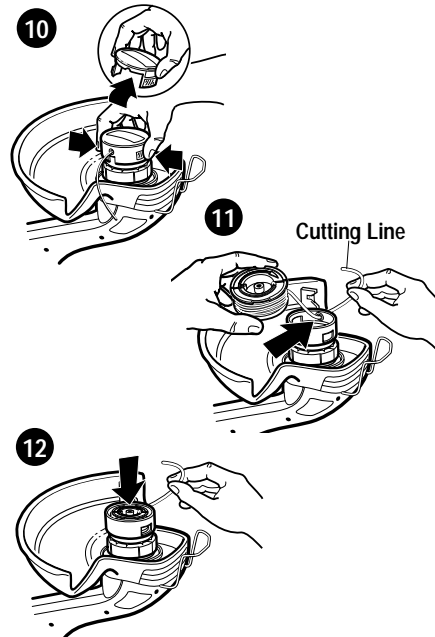
Your trimmer uses only .065" (1.65 mm) diameter, **ROUND** nylon line to cut grass and weeds quickly and easily. During use, the tip of the nylon line will become frayed and worn and the special self feeding line hub will automatically feed and trim a fresh length of line. Cutting line will wear faster and require more feeding if the cutting or edging is done along sidewalks or other abrasive surfaces or heavier weeds are being cut. The advanced automatic line feeding mechanism senses when more cutting line is needed and feeds and trims the correct length of line whenever its required. **DO NOT BUMP** unit on ground in attempt to feed line or for any other purposes.

### CLEARING JAMS AND TANGLED LINES

From time to time, especially when cutting thick or stalky weeds, the line feeding hub may become clogged with sap or other material and the line will become jammed as a result. To clear the jam, follow the steps listed below.

1. Unplug the trimmer.
2. Press the release tabs on the hub cover, as shown in Figure 10 and remove the cap by pulling it straight off.

3. Lift the spool of nylon line out of the hub and clear any broken line or cutting debris from the spool area.
4. Unwrap about one foot (30 cm) of line and inspect it for damage. Cut away and discard any damaged line. If line is okay rewind it and insert the line end through the eyelet in the spool hub as shown in Figure 11. Pull on the line end to keep it taut while placing the spool down into the hub, as shown in Figure 11.
5. Press the spool down **GENTLY** and rotate it until you feel it drop into place. (When in place, the spool will turn a few degrees left and right freely). Take care to keep the line from becoming trapped under the spool.
6. Snap the hub cover and spring back on and turn the tool on. In a few seconds or less you'll hear the nylon line being cut automatically to the proper length.



### SPOOL OR LINE REPLACEMENT (Use only 0.065" diameter ROUND line)

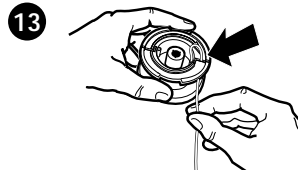
1. Unplug the trimmer.
2. Press the release tabs on the line hub cover, as shown in Figure 10. Remove the cover by pulling it straight off.
3. Remove the spool from the tool. Discard it if you plan to replace it. Remove and discard all line from it if you plan to rewind it with new line.

4. If you are rewinding the spool with new line, see "Rewinding Spool". If you are replacing the spool, use Craftsman replacement spool number 85820, available at Sears.
5. Insert the line end of the new or rewound spool through the eyelet in the spool hub, as shown in Figure 11. Pull on the line end to keep it taut while placing the spool down into the hub, as shown in Figure 12.
6. Press the spool down GENTLY and rotate it until you feel it drop into place. (When in place, the spool will turn a few degrees left and right freely). Take care to keep the line from becoming trapped under the spool.
7. Snap the hub cover back on, (figure 10) and turn the tool on. In a few seconds or less you'll hear the nylon line being cut automatically to the proper length.

#### REWINDING SPOOL

Use .065" diameter ROUND line only. Do not use heavier gauge line; it will overload motor and cause overheating.

1. Insert line end about 1/4" into the spool hole.
2. Snugly and evenly wind the line onto the spool in the direction of the arrow on the spool until the line builds up to the notches in the spool rim (Figure 13). Do not overfill spool. The spool holds about 30 feet of line.
3. Proceed to step 5 of "Spool or Line Replacement"



## MAINTENANCE

#### CLEANING AND STORAGE

Be sure the tool is unplugged.

1. Keep the air intake slots (Figure 14) clean to avoid overheating.
2. Your trimmer line can dry out over time. To keep your line in top condition, store spare pre-wound spools or bulk line in a plastic, sealable bag with a tablespoon of water.
3. Plastic parts may be cleaned by using a mild soap and a damp rag.
4. DO NOT immerse tool in water or squirt it with a hose. DO NOT allow any liquid to get inside it.
5. Do not store the tool on or adjacent to fertilizers or chemicals.
6. DO NOT clean with a pressure washer.
7. The line cutter on the edge of the guard can dull over time. It is recommended you periodically touch-up the sharpness of the blade with a file.

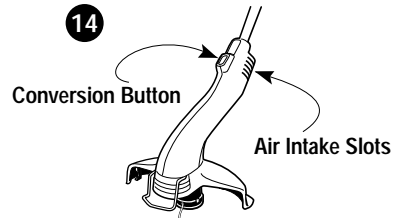
#### ACCESSORIES

- Replacement spool Craftsman Model No. 85820.
- 0.065" diameter ROUND nylon monofilament trimmer line.

The above accessories are available at your local Sears store or Sears service center.

**▲WARNING:** The use of any accessory not sold by Sears for use with this tool could be hazardous.

**IMPORTANT:** To assure product SAFETY AND RELIABILITY, repairs should be performed by a Sears or other qualified service facility, using only identical replacement parts.







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