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IMPORTANT! READ AND UNDERSTAND BEFORE USING AND KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE FOR REFERENCE.

1 Guide to Using this Manual

1.1 Markings

Unless expressly described otherwise, this User Information (User Manual) applies to products that are marked in one of the following ways: STIHL, ALLPRO 40V MAX.

1.2 Applicable documents

The local safety regulations apply.

- In addition to this User Manual, you should also read, understand and retain the following documents:
  - User manual and packaging of the cutting attachment being used
  - User Manual for the carrying system being used
  - User Manual for AR battery
  - User Manual for "AP belt bag with connecting cable"
  - Safety information for AP battery
  - User Manual for AL 101, 301, 301-4, 501 chargers
  - Safety information for batteries and products with a built-in battery: stihl.link/safety

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1.3 Symbols used with warnings in the text

WARNING

- This symbol indicates dangers that can cause serious injuries or death.
  - The measures indicated can avoid serious injuries or death.

NOTICE

- This symbol indicates dangers that can cause damage to property.
  - The measures indicated can avoid damage to property.

1.4 Symbols in Text

This symbol refers to a chapter in this instruction manual.

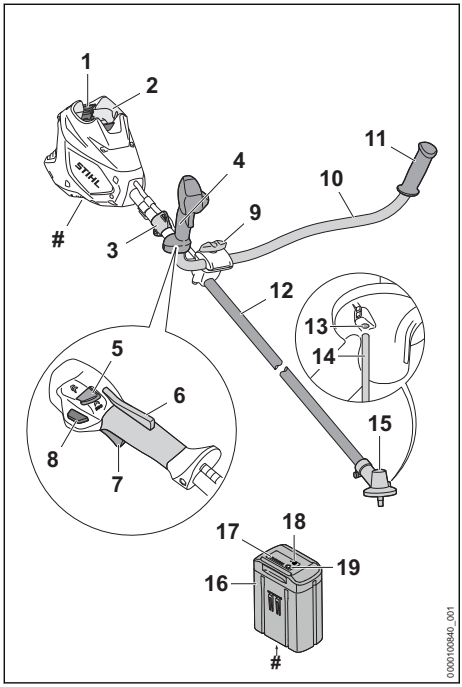
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2 Overview

2.1 Brushcutter and battery



1 Locking lever
The locking lever holds the battery in the battery compartment.

2 Battery compartment
The battery compartment holds the battery.

3 Carrying ring
The carrying ring is used to attach the carrying system.

4 Control handle
The control handle is used for operating, holding and guiding the brushcutter.

5 Power setting switch
The power setting switch is used to select the power level.

6 Ergo lever
The ergo lever holds the release slide in position when the trigger is released.

7 Trigger
The trigger switches the brushcutter on and off.

8 Unlock button
The unlock button unlocks the trigger.

9 Wing screw
The wing screw secures the handlebar to the handle support.

10 Handlebar
The handlebar connects the control handle and the handle to the shaft.

11 Handle
The handle is used for holding and guiding the brushcutter.

12 Shaft
The shaft connects all components.

13 Opening for stop pin
The opening for the stop pin accommodates the stop pin.

14 Stop pin
The stop pin blocks the shaft when a cutting attachment is being attached.

15 Gear housing
The gear housing encloses the gearbox.

16 Battery
The battery supplies power to the brushcutter.

17 LEDs
The LEDs indicate the state of charge of the battery and any faults.

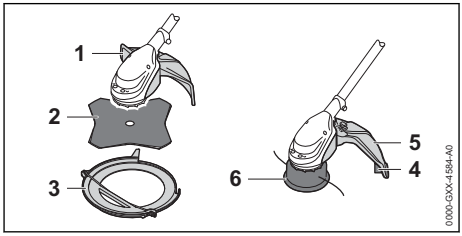
18 Pushbutton
The pushbutton activates the LEDs on the battery. The pushbutton activates and deactivates the Bluetooth® interface (if available).

19 "BLUETOOTH®" LED (only for batteries with)
The LED indicates the activation and deactivation of the Bluetooth® interface.

 # Rating plate with the machine number

2.2 Deflectors and Cutting Attachments

The illustrations show examples of deflectors and cutting attachments. Approved combinations are listed in this instruction manual, 20.1.



1 **Deflector for metal cutting attachments**
The metal cutting tool guard protects the user from thrown objects and contact with the grass cutting blade or brush knife.

2 **Grass Cutting Blade**
Cuts grass and weeds.

3 **Transport guard**
Helps protect user from contact with metal cutting attachments.

4 **Line limiting blade**
Line limiting blade trims nylon lines to correct length.

5 **Deflector for mowing heads**
Protects user from flying debris and contact with the mowing head.

6 **Mowing head**
Moving head accommodates the mowing lines.

2.3 Symbols

Meanings of symbols that may be on the brushcutter, deflector and battery:


1 LED lights up steady red. The battery is too warm or too cold.


4 LEDs flash red. There is an error in the battery.


This symbol indicates the direction of rotation of the cutting attachment.

max Ø XXX This symbol shows the maximum diameter of the cutting attachment in millimeters.


This symbol shows the maximum speed of the cutting attachment.


Guaranteed sound power level in accordance with Directive 2000/14/EC in dB(A) for the purpose of comparing the sound emissions of products.


Recharge this battery with a AL charger. The permissible chargers are listed in these safety instructions.


The battery is equipped with a Bluetooth® radio interface and can be paired with the STIHL connected app.


The information next to the symbol indicates the energy content of the battery according to the cell manufacturer's specification. The energy content available in operation is lower.


Do not dispose of the product with domestic waste.


Maximum power level.



ECO power level.

IPX4 IP marking (degree of protection)
IPX5

3 Safety Precautions

3.1 Warning Signs

3.1.1 Warning symbols

Meanings of warning signs on the brushcutter and battery:


Observe safety warnings and take the necessary precautions.


Read and understand the User Manual and keep it in a safe place for reference.


Wear protective glasses.
If objects are likely to fall while working: wear a hard hat.


Wear safety boots.


Wear work gloves.


Observe the safety information on kickback and take the necessary precautions.


Observe the safety advice concerning flying objects and associated measures.



Maintain a safe distance.



Remove the battery during work interruptions, transport, storage, maintenance or repair.


Protect the battery against heat and fire.



Do not immerse the battery in liquids.

3.1.2 Deflector for mowing heads

Meanings of warning signs and labels on the deflector for mowing heads:



Use this deflector for mowing heads.



Do not use this deflector for grass cutting blades.

3.2 Intended Use

The STIHL FSA 120.0 brushcutter is designed for the following applications:
– With a mowing head: Mowing grass
– With a grass cutting blade: mowing grass and weeds

The brushcutter may be used in the rain.

A AP, AR battery supplies this brushcutter with power.

⚠ WARNING

- Batteries not explicitly approved for the brushcutter by STIHL may cause a fire or an explosion. Persons may be seriously or fatally injured, and property may be damaged.
  - ► Use the brushcutter with a AP, AR battery.
- Using the brushcutter or the battery for purposes for which they were not designed may result in serious or fatal injuries and damage to property.
  - ► Use the brushcutter as described in this User Manual.
  - ► Use the battery as described in these safety instructions, the User Manual of the AR battery, the STIHL connected app and at stihl.link/connected.

3.3 The Operator

⚠ WARNING

- Users without adequate training or instruction cannot recognize or assess the risks involved in using the trimmer and battery. The user or other persons may sustain serious or fatal injuries.



► Read, understand and save the instruction manual.

► If the trimmer or battery are passed on to another person: Always give them the instruction manual.

► Make sure the user meets the following requirements:
  – The user must be rested.
  – The user must be in good physical condition and mental health to operate and work with the trimmer and battery. If the user's physical, sensory or mental ability is restricted, he or she may work only under the supervision of or as instructed by a responsible person.
  – The user is able to recognize and assess the risks involved in using the trimmer and battery.
  – The user must be of legal age or is being trained in a trade under supervision in accordance with national rules and regulations.
  – The user has received instruction from a STIHL servicing dealer or other experienced user before working with the trimmer for the first time.
  – The user must not be under the influence of alcohol, medication or drugs.

► If you have any queries: Contact a STIHL servicing dealer for assistance.

3.4 Clothing and equipment

⚠ WARNING

- Long hair can be drawn into the brushcutter during operation. This may result in serious injury to the user.
  - ► Tie up and secure long hair above your shoulders.
- Objects can be thrown at high speed during operation. This may result in injury to the user.



► Wear close-fitting safety glasses. Suitable protective glasses tested in accordance with European standard EN 166, EN ISO 16321 or in accordance with national standards and bearing the corresponding label are available from retailers.

► Wear face protection.

► Wear long pants made of robust material.

- Falling objects can cause head injuries.



► If objects are likely to fall while working: wear a hard hat

- Dust may be whipped up during operation. Whipped up dust can damage the respiratory passages and cause allergic reactions.

- ► If dust is generated: Wear a dust respirator mask.

- Inappropriate clothing can snag on wood, brush or the brushcutter. Users not wearing suitable clothing may be seriously injured.
  - ► Wear close-fitting clothing.
  - ► Remove scarves and jewelry.
- The user may come into contact with the rotating cutting attachment during operation. This may result in serious injury to the user.
  - ► Wear robust footwear.



  - ► If you are using a metal cutting attachment: Wear steel-toed safety boots.
  - ► Wear long pants made of robust material.
- There is a risk of the user coming into contact with the cutting attachment or the line limiting blade during cleaning and maintenance work and when the cutting attachment is mounted or removed. This may result in injury to the user.



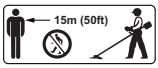
  - ► Wear work gloves made of robust material.
- Wearing unsuitable footwear may cause the user to slip. This may result in injury to the user.
  - ► Wear sturdy, closed-toed footwear with non-slip soles.

3.5 Work Area and Surroundings

3.5.1 Brushcutter

⚠ WARNING

- Bystanders, children and animals are not aware of the dangers of the brushcutter or flying debris. This may result in serious injury to bystanders, children and animals and damage to property.



  - ► Do not allow bystanders, children or animals within 15 meters of the work area.
  - ► Maintain a clearance of 15 meters from objects.
  - ► Do not leave the brushcutter unattended.
  - ► Make sure that children cannot play with the brushcutter.
- Electrical components of the brushcutter can produce sparks. Sparks may cause fires and explosions in highly flammable or explosive environments. Persons may be seriously or fatally injured and property may be damaged.
  - ► Do not work in a highly flammable or explosive environment.

3.5.2 Battery

⚠ WARNING

- Bystanders, children and animals cannot recognize or assess the dangers of the battery. Bystanders, children and animals may be seriously injured.
  - ► Keep bystanders, children and animals away from the work area.
  - ► Do not leave the battery unattended.
  - ► Make sure that children cannot play with the battery.
- The battery is not protected against all ambient conditions. If the battery is exposed to certain ambient conditions, the battery may catch fire, explode or be irreparably damaged. This may result in serious injury to people and damage to property.



  - ► Protect battery from heat and fire.
  - ► Do not throw the battery into a fire.
  - ► Do not charge, use and store the battery outside of the specified temperature limits, 📖 19.3.



  - ► Do not immerse the battery in liquids.
  - ► Keep battery away from small metal parts.
  - ► Do not expose the battery to high pressure.
  - ► Do not expose the battery to microwaves.
  - ► Protect the battery against chemicals, salts and fertilizers.

3.6 Safe Condition

3.6.1 Brushcutter

The brushcutter is in a safe condition if the following points are observed:
– The brushcutter is not damaged.
– The brushcutter is clean.
– The controls function properly and have not been modified.
– A combination of cutting attachment and deflector recommended in this user manual is mounted.
– The cutting attachment and deflector are properly mounted.
– Genuine STIHL accessories for this brushcutter are fitted.
– The accessories are correctly attached.

⚠ WARNING

- If not in safe condition, components may no longer operate correctly and safety devices

may be disabled. This may result in serous or fatal injury to people.
- ► Work only with an undamaged brushcutter.
- ► If the brushcutter is dirty: Clean the brushcutter.
- ► Never attempt to modify your brushcutter. Exception: Mounting one of the combinations of cutting attachment and deflector recommended in this user manual.
- ► If the controls do not function properly: Do not use your brushcutter.
- ► Fit genuine STIHL accessories for this brushcutter.
- ► Mount the cutting attachment and deflector as described in this user manual.
- ► Attach accessories as described in this User Manual or in the User Manual for the accessories.
- ► Never insert objects in the openings of the brushcutter.
- ► Replace worn or damaged labels.
- ► If you have any doubts, be sure to consult a STIHL dealer.

3.6.2 Deflector

The deflector is in a safe condition if the following points are observed:
- – The deflector is not damaged.
- – If you are using the line limiting blade and skirt: Line limiting blade and skirt are correctly fitted.

⚠ WARNING

- ■ If components do not comply with safety requirements, they will no longer function properly and safety devices may be rendered inoperative. This can result in serious injuries.
  - ► Work only with an undamaged deflector.
  - ► If you are using the line limiting blade and skirt: Work with a correctly fitted line limiting blade and skirt.
  - ► If you have any queries: Contact your STIHL servicing dealer.

3.6.3 Mowing Head

The mowing head is in a safe condition if the following points are observed:
- – The mowing head is not damaged.
- – The mowing head is not jammed.
- – The mowing head is correctly installed and firmly tightened.
- – The mowing lines are properly installed.
- – The wear limits are not exceeded.

⚠ WARNING

- ■ If they are in an unsafe condition, parts of the mowing head or mowing lines may come off and be ejected at high speed. People may be seriously injured.
  - ► Work only with an undamaged mowing head.
  - ► Never use metal objects in place of the nylon mowing lines.
  - ► Observe and remain inside the wear limits.
  - ► If you are unsure: Consult a STIHL authorized dealer.

3.6.4 Metal cutting attachment

The metal cutting attachment is in a safe condition if the following points are observed:
- – Metal cutting attachment and mounting hardware are undamaged.
- – The metal cutting attachment is not warped.
- – The metal cutting attachment is properly installed and firmly tightened.
- – The metal cutting attachment is correctly sharpened.
- – Cutting edges of the metal cutting attachment have no burrs.
- – The wear limits are not exceeded.
- – If a metal cutting attachment not manufactured by STIHL is used, it must not be heavier, thicker, of a different shape, of a lower quality, or larger in diameter than the largest metal cutting attachment approved by STIHL.

⚠ WARNING

- ■ If it is not in an safe condition, parts of the metal cutting attachment may come off and be thrown at high speed. This can result in serious injury.
  - ► Never work with a damaged metal cutting attachment or damaged mounting hardware.
  - ► Sharpen the metal cutting attachment correctly.
  - ► Deburr the cutting edges.
  - ► Have the metal cutting attachment balanced by a STIHL authorized dealer.
  - ► Observe and remain inside the wear limits.
  - ► Use a metal cutting attachment specified in these instructions for use.
  - ► If you are unsure: Consult a STIHL authorized dealer.

3.6.5 Battery

The battery is in a safe condition if the following points are observed:
- – Battery is undamaged.
- – The battery is clean and dry.

– Battery functions properly and has not been modified.

⚠ WARNING

- A battery that is not in a safe condition cannot operate safely. Persons may be seriously injured.
  - ► Never work with a damaged battery.
  - ► Never attempt to charge a damaged or defective battery.
  - ► If the battery is dirty: Clean the battery.
  - ► If the battery is wet or damp: Allow the battery to dry, 🕮 19.4.
  - ► Never attempt to modify the battery.
  - ► Never insert objects in the battery's openings.
  - ► Never bridge the battery's contacts with metallic objects (short circuit).
  - ► Do not open the battery.
  - ► Replace worn or damaged labels.
- Fluid may leak from a damaged battery. If that liquid comes into contact with the skin or eyes, the skin or eyes may be irritated.
  - ► Avoid contact with the liquid.
  - ► If skin contact occurs: Wash affected areas of skin with plenty of water and soap.
  - ► In the event of contact with eyes: Rinse eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a doctor.
- A damaged or defective battery may smell unusual, emit smoke or burn. Persons may be seriously or fatally injured, and property may be damaged.
  - ► If the battery smells unusual or emits smoke: do not use the battery and keep it away from combustible substances.
  - ► If the battery catches fire: Attempt to extinguish the battery with a fire extinguisher or water.

3.7 Working

⚠ WARNING

- In certain situations, the user may no longer be able to concentrate on their work. This may result in the user stumbling, falling and suffering serious injury.
  - ► Work calmly and methodically.
  - ► If light and visibility are poor: Do not use your brushcutter.
  - ► Operate the brushcutter alone.
  - ► Keep the cutting attachment close to the ground and horizontal to the surface.
  - ► Watch out for obstacles.
  - ► Work standing on the ground and keep your balance.
  - ► If you start feeling fatigue: Take a break.
- The rotating cutting attachment can cut the user. This may result in serious injury to the user.
  - ► Do not touch the rotating cutting attachment.
  - ► If the cutting attachment is blocked by an object: Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery. Only then remove the object.
- If the brushcutter has been subjected to unusually high loads for which it was not designed (e.g., a heavy impact or fall), the brushcutter may not be in a safe condition. This may result in serious injury to people and damage to property.
  - ► Check that the brushcutter is in a safe condition.
  - ► If you are unsure: Contact a STIHL authorized dealer.
- If the behavior of the brushcutter changes during operation or feels unusual, it may no longer be in a safe condition. This may result in serious injury to people and damage to property.
  - ► Stop working, remove the battery and contact a STIHL authorized dealer.
- Vibrations may occur while using the brushcutter.

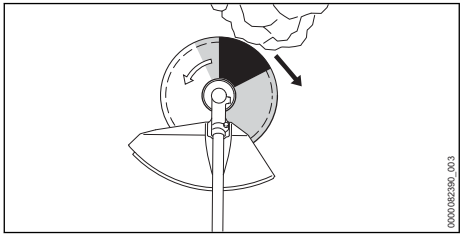


  - ► Wear gloves.
  - ► Take breaks.
  - ► If signs of a circulatory disorder (white fingers disease) occur: Consult a doctor.
- If the cutting attachment makes contact with a foreign object during operation, the object or parts of it may be ejected at high speed. Persons may be injured or property may be damaged.
  - ► Remove foreign objects from the working area.
- If the rotating cutting attachment makes contact with a hard object, sparks may occur and the cutting attachment may be damaged. Sparks can cause fires in a flammable environment. Persons may be seriously or fatally injured, and property may be damaged.
  - ► Do not use in a flammable environment.
  - ► Make sure the cutting attachment is in a safe condition.
- Note that the cutting attachment continues to rotate for a short period after you release the trigger. People may suffer serious injuries as a result.

- ► Wait until the cutting attachment comes to a complete stop.

■ In an emergency, the user may start to panic and forget to take off the carrying system. This may result in serious injury to the user.
- ► Practice taking off the carrying system.

3.8 Reactive forces



Kickout can be caused for the following reasons:
– The shaded area or the black area of the rotating metal cutting attachment comes into contact with a solid object and is suddenly braked.
– The rotating metal cutting attachment gets pinched in the cut.

The risk of kickout is greatest in the black area.

⚠ WARNING

■ These situations can abruptly decelerate or stop rotation of the cutting attachment and cause the cutting attachment to be thrown to the right or in the direction of the user (black arrow). The user can lose control of the trimmer. There is a risk of serious or fatal injury.
- ► Hold the trimmer firmly with both hands.
- ► Work as described in this User Manual.
- ► Do not use the black area for cutting.
- ► Use a combination of cutting attachment, deflector and carrying system recommended in this User Manual.
- ► Sharpen the metal cutting attachment correctly.
- ► Work with the engine running at full throttle.

3.9 Transporting

3.9.1 Brushcutter

⚠ WARNING

■ The gear housing can get hot during operation. There is a risk of burn injuries.



- ► Do not touch a hot gear housing.

■ The brushcutter may tilt over or shift during transport. Persons may be injured or property damaged.



- ► Remove the battery.
- ► If a metal cutting attachment is mounted: Fit the transport guard.
- ► Secure the brushcutter with lashing straps, belts or a net to prevent it turning over and moving.

3.9.2 Battery

⚠ WARNING

■ The battery is not protected against all ambient conditions. The battery may be damaged if it is exposed to certain ambient conditions, and damage to property may occur.
- ► Never transport a damaged battery.

■ The battery may turn over or shift during transport. This may result in injury to people and damage to property.
- ► Pack the battery in packaging in such a way that it cannot move.
- ► Secure the packaging so that it cannot move.

3.10 Storing

3.10.1 Brushcutter

⚠ WARNING

■ Children are not aware of and cannot assess the dangers of a brushcutter and can be seriously injured.



- ► Remove the battery.
- ► If a metal cutting attachment is mounted: Fit the transport guard.
- ► Store the brushcutter out of the reach of children.

■ Dampness can corrode the electrical contacts on the brushcutter and metal components. This can damage the brushcutter.



- ► Remove the battery.
- ► Store the brushcutter in a clean and dry condition.

3.10.2 Battery

⚠ WARNING

- Children are not aware of and cannot assess the dangers of the battery Children may be seriously injured.
  - ► Store the battery out of the reach of children.
- The battery is not protected against all ambient conditions. If the battery is exposed to certain ambient conditions, the battery may be irreparably damaged.
  - ► Store the battery in a clean and dry condition.
  - ► Store the battery in an enclosed space.
  - ► Store the battery separately from the brushcutter.
  - ► If the battery is stored in the charger, disconnect the mains plug and store the battery at a state of charge between 40% and 60% (2 lit green LEDs).
  - ► Do not store the battery outside of the specified temperature limits, 🕮 19.3.

3.11 Cleaning, Maintenance and Repair

⚠ WARNING

- The brushcutter may start up unintentionally if the battery is left in place during cleaning, maintenance or repair operations. This may result in serious injury to people and damage to property.



  - ► Remove the battery.
- The gear housing can get hot during operation. There is a risk of burn injuries.



  - ► Do not touch a hot gear housing.
- Aggressive cleaning agents, a water jet or pointed objects can damage the trimmer, deflector, cutting attachment or battery. If the brushcutter, deflector, cutting attachment or battery are not cleaned correctly, components may no longer function properly or safety devices may be rendered inoperative. They may cause serious injury to persons.
  - ► Clean the brushcutter, deflector, cutting attachment and battery as described in this User Manual.
- If the brushcutter, deflector, cutting attachment or battery are not serviced or repaired correctly, components may no longer function properly or safety devices may be rendered inoperative. This may result in serous or fatal injury to people.
  - ► Do not attempt to service or repair the brushcutter, deflector or battery yourself.
  - ► If the brushcutter, the deflector or the battery require servicing or repairs, contact your STIHL dealer for assistance.
  - ► Maintain the cutting attachment as described in the User Manual supplied with the cutting attachment being used or on the cutting attachment's packaging.
- The user can be cut by the sharp cutting edges while cleaning or maintaining cutting attachments. This may result in injury to the user.



  - ► Wear work gloves made from resistant material.

4 Preparing Trimmer for Operation

4.1 Preparing the brushcutter for operation

The following steps must be performed before commencing work:

- ► Ensure that the following components are in a safe condition:
  - – Brushcutter, 🕮 3.6.1.
  - – Deflector, 🕮 3.6.2.
  - – Mowing head or metal cutting attachment, 🕮 3.6.3 or 🕮 3.6.4.
  - – Battery, 🕮 3.6.5.
- ► Check the battery, 🕮 10.2.
- ► Fully recharge the battery as described in the User Manual for the AL 101, 301, 301-4, 501 chargers.
- ► Clean the brushcutter, 🕮 15.1.
- ► Attach the bike handle, 🕮 6.1.
- ► Select combination of cutting attachment, deflector and carrying system, 🕮 20.1.
- ► Attach the deflector, 🕮 6.2.1.
- ► Attach mowing head or metal cutting attachment, 🕮 6.3.1 or 🕮 6.4.1.
- ► Put on and adjust the carrying system, 🕮 7.1.
- ► Adjust the bike handle, 🕮 7.2.
- ► Balance the brushcutter, 🕮 7.3.
- ► Check the controls, 🕮 10.1.
- ► If you cannot carry out these steps: Do not use your brushcutter and instead contact a STIHL authorized dealer.

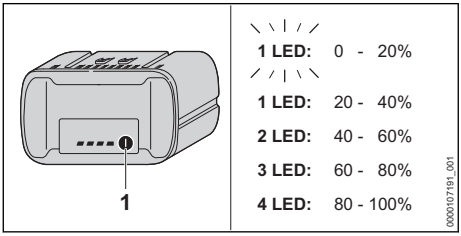
5 Charging the Battery, LEDs

5.1 Charging the battery

The charging time depends on various factors, e.g. the battery temperature or the ambient temperature. For optimal performance, note the recommended temperature ranges, 19.4. The actual charging time may vary from the charging time indicated. For the charging time, see stihl.link/charging.

- Recharge the battery as described in the user manual for the AL 101, 301, 301-4, 501 charger.

5.2 Displaying the state of charge



- Depress the pushbutton (1).
  The LEDs light up green for about 5 seconds and indicate the state of charge.
- If an LED flashes green: Charge the battery.

5.3 LEDs on Battery

The LEDs can show the state of charge or malfunctions. The LEDs can glow or flash green or red.

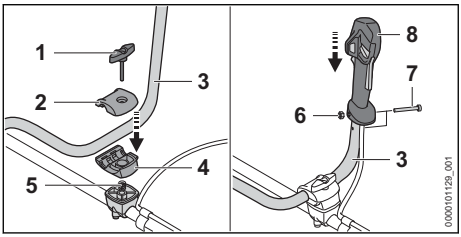
The state of charge is indicated when the LEDs glow or flash green.

- If the LEDs glow or flash red: Troubleshooting, 18.
  Malfunction in trimmer or battery.

6 Assembling the Trimmer

6.1 Attaching the bike handle

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.



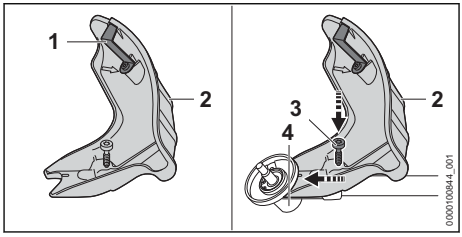
- Remove the wing screw (1).
- Remove the clamp collars (2 and 4).
- Place the handlebar (3) in the lower clamp collar (4).
- Fit the upper clamp collar (2).
- Insert the spring (5) from below into the lower clamp collar (4).
- Place the clamp collars (2 and 4) on the shaft and insert the wing screw (1).
- Swing the handlebar (3) up.
- Tighten the wing screw (1).
- Remove the screw (6).
- Position the control handle (8) on the handlebar (3) so that the hole of the control handle aligns with the hole of the handlebar and the trigger faces toward the gear housing.
- Fit the nut (7).
- Insert the screw (6) and tighten it securely.

It is not necessary to remove the bike handle again.

6.2 Mounting and Removing the Deflector

6.2.1 Attaching the deflector

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.

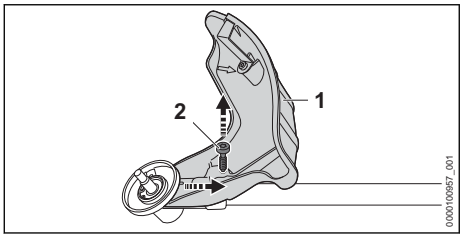


The line limiting blade (1) has already been installed in the guard (2) and must not be removed.

- Push the deflector (2) into the guides on the gear housing up to the limit stop.
- Insert the screw (3) and tighten it securely.

6.2.2 Removing the Deflector

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.

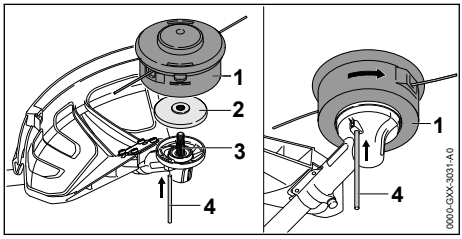


- Unscrew the screw (2).
- Pull off the deflector (1).

6.3 Mounting and Removing the Mowing Head

6.3.1 Mounting the Mowing Head

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.



- Place the thrust plate (2) on the shaft (3) so that its smaller diameter faces up.
- Fit the mowing head (1) on the shaft (3) and turn it counterclockwise by hand.
- Insert the stop pin (4) in the bore up to the limit stop and hold it depressed.
- Turn the mowing head (1) counterclockwise until the stop pin (4) engages in position.
  The shaft (3) is now blocked.
- Tighten down the mowing head (1) firmly by hand.
- Remove the stop pin (4).

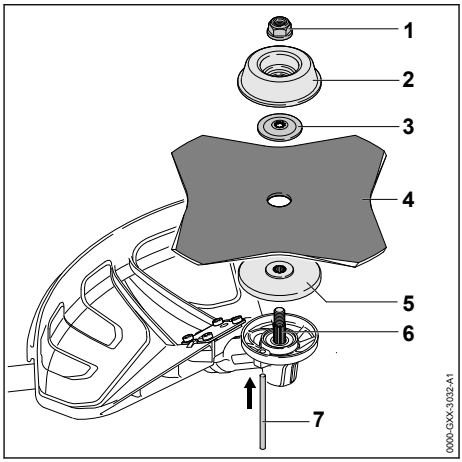
6.3.2 Removing the Mowing Head

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.
- Insert the stop pin in the bore up to the limit stop and hold it depressed.
- Rotate the mowing head until the stop pin engages in position.
  The shaft is now blocked.
- Unscrew the mowing head clockwise.
- Remove the thrust plate.
- Remove the stop pin.

6.4 Removing and Installing Metal Cutting Attachment

6.4.1 Mounting the Metal Cutting Attachment

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.



- Place the thrust plate (5) on the shaft (6) so that its smaller diameter faces up.
- Place the metal cutting attachment (4) on the thrust plate (5). If you are fitting a circular saw blade or a grass cutting blade with more than 4 cutting edges: Its cutting edges must face in the same direction as the arrow on the deflector.
- Place the thrust washer (3) on the metal cutting attachment (4) so that its raised side faces up.
- Place the rider plate (2) on the thrust washer (3) so that its closed side faces up.
- Insert the stop pin (7) in the bore up to the limit stop and hold it depressed.
- Rotate the metal cutting attachment (4) counterclockwise until the stop pin (7) engages in position.
  The shaft (6) is now blocked.
- Fit the nut (1) counterclockwise and tighten it down firmly.
- Remove the stop pin (7).

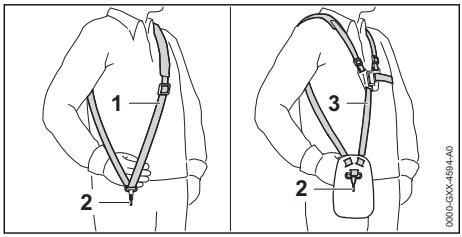
6.4.2 Removing the metal cutting attachment

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.
- Insert the stop pin in the bore up to the limit stop and hold it depressed.
- Rotate the metal cutting attachment clockwise until the stop pin engages in position.
  The shaft is now blocked.

- Unscrew the mounting nut clockwise.
- Remove the fastening parts, metal cutting tool and pressure plate.
- Remove the stop pin.

7 Adjusting Trimmer for User

7.1 Fitting and Adjusting the Carrying System



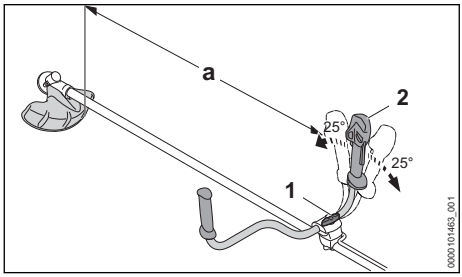
- Put on the shoulder strap (1) or full harness (3).
- Adjust the shoulder strap (1) or full harness (3) so that the carabiner (2) is about a hand's width below your right hip.

Other approved carrying systems are listed in this User Manual, 🕮 20.

7.2 Adjusting the bike handle

The bike handle can be set to different positions to suit the height and reach of the user.

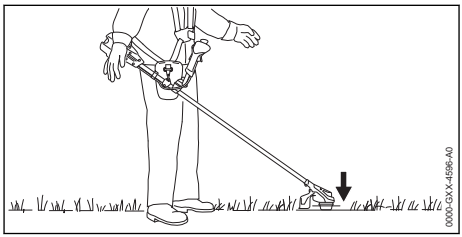
- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.
- Use the carrying ring to hook the brushcutter into the carabiner of the carrying system.



- Loosen the wing screw (1).
- Tilt the bike handle (2) to the required position.
- Tilt the bike handle (2) so that the distance (a) does not fall below 750 mm.
- Tighten the wing screw (1) securely.

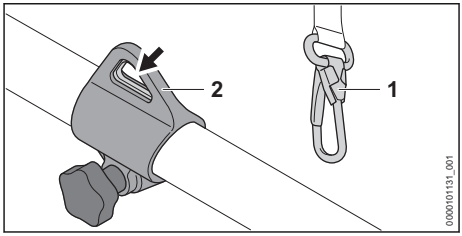
7.3 Balancing the brushcutter

The battery and cutting attachment affect the balance of the brushcutter. The brushcutter must be balanced with the attached cutting attachment and the battery that is used.

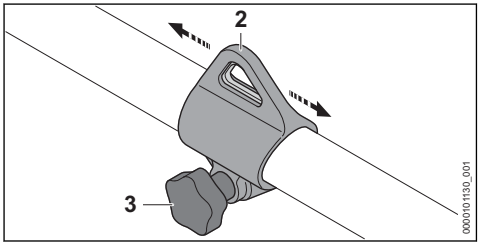


The cutting attachment should rest lightly on the ground.

- Switch off the brushcutter



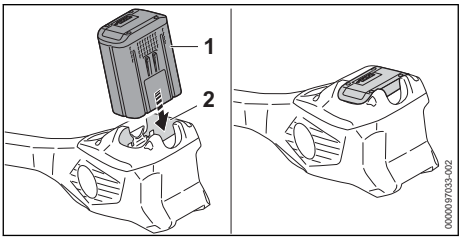
- Connect the carrying ring (2) to the carabiner (1).
- Wait for brushcutter to stop swinging.
- Check the position of cutting attachment. If it needs adjustment:



- Loosen the screw (3).
- Move the carrying ring (2) up or down the shaft until a correct balanced position is reached.
- Tighten the screw (3) securely.

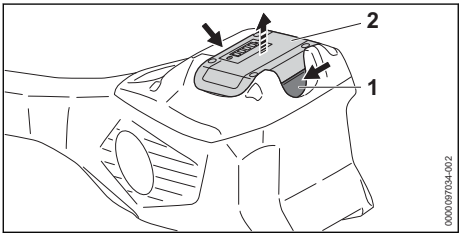
8 Removing and Fitting the Battery

8.1 Inserting the battery



- Insert the battery (1) into the battery compartment (2) as far as it will go.
  The battery (1) engages with a click and is locked.

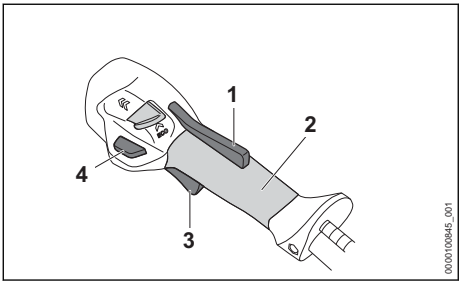
8.2 Removing the battery



- Press both locking levers (1).
  The battery (2) is unlocked and can be removed.

9 Switching the Trimmer On/Off

9.1 Switching on the brushcutter



- Hold the brushcutter firmly with your right hand on the control handle so that your thumb wraps around the grip (2) of the control handle.
- Hold the brushcutter with your left hand on the handle so that your thumb wraps around the handle.
- Press and hold the ergo lever (1) with your hand.
- Press the unlock button (4).
- Press and hold the trigger (3) with your index finger.
  The brushcutter accelerates and the cutting attachment rotates.

The more the trigger (3) is depressed, the faster the rotation of the cutting attachment.

At the maximum power level, the brushcutter recognizes the cutting attachment used and automatically sets the maximum speed.

9.2 Switching off the brushcutter

- Release the trigger and the Ergo lever.
- Wait for the cutting attachment to stop rotating.
- If the cutting attachment continues to rotate: Remove the battery and contact your STIHL dealer.
  The brushcutter is defective.

10 Testing the Trimmer and Battery

10.1 Checking the controls

Unlock button, ergo lever and trigger

- Remove the battery.
- Try pressing the trigger without pressing the ergo lever.
- If you can press the trigger: Stop using your brushcutter and contact a STIHL authorized dealer.
  The trigger lockout is defective.
- Press and hold the ergo lever.
- Press and release the trigger.
- If the trigger, ergo lever or unlock button is stiff or does not spring back to the initial position: Do not use your brushcutter and contact a STIHL authorized dealer for assistance.
  The trigger, ergo lever or unlock button is defective.

Switching on the brushcutter

- Insert battery.
- Press and hold the ergo lever.
- Press the unlock button.
- Press and hold the trigger.
  The cutting attachment rotates.

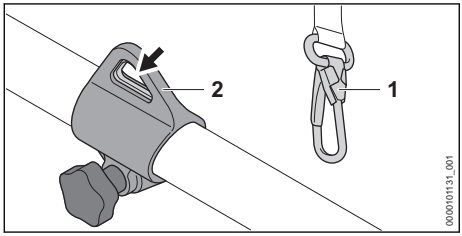
- If 3 LEDs on the battery flash red: Remove the battery and contact a STIHL authorized dealer.
  The brushcutter has a malfunction.
- Release the trigger.
  The cutting attachment stops rotating after a short period of time.
- If the cutting attachment continues to rotate: Remove the battery and contact a STIHL authorized dealer.
  The brushcutter is defective.

10.2 Testing the Battery

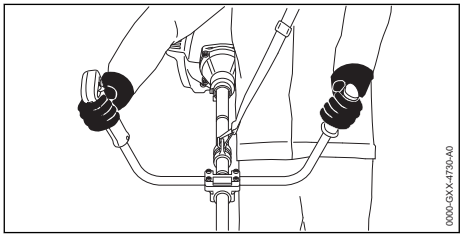
- Press button on battery.
  The LEDs glow or flash.
- If the LEDs do not glow or flash: Do not use the battery and contact your STIHL servicing dealer.
  There is a malfunction in the battery.

11 Operating the Trimmer

11.1 Holding and guiding the brushcutter



- Connect the carrying ring (2) to the carabiner (1).



- Hold the brushcutter firmly with your right hand on the control handle so that your thumb wraps around the grip of the control handle.
- Hold the brushcutter with your the left hand on the handle so that your thumb wraps around the handle.

11.2 Setting the power level

Depending on the application, 2 power levels can be set. The position of the power level slide (1) shows the power level that has been set.

The selected power level affects the battery's runtime.

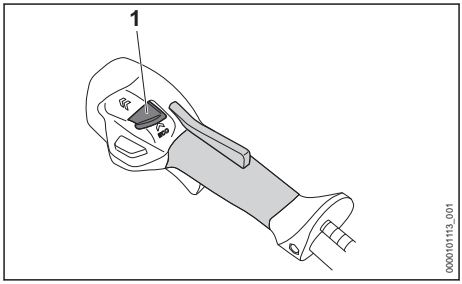
– ECO : ECO power level, low performance

– : Maximum power level, maximum performance.

When the maximum power level is set, the brushcutter recognizes the cutting attachment that has been attached and automatically adjusts the appropriate speed of the blade.

When the Eco power level is selected, the speed is reduced.

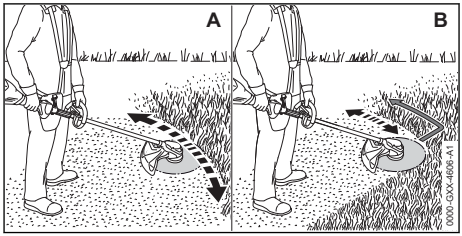
This can extend the battery running time.



- Use your thumb to slide the power level slide (1) into the desired position.

11.3 Mowing

The cutting height is determined by the distance of the cutting attachment from the ground.



Mowing with a mowing head (A)

- Swing the brushcutter steadily back and forth in an arc.
- Walk forward slowly and steadily.

Mowing with a grass cutting blade (B)

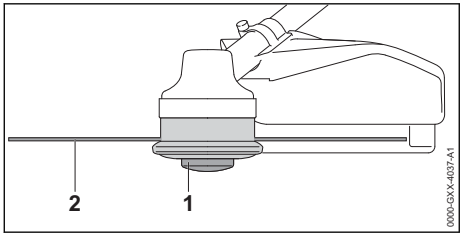
- Mow with the left part of the metal cutting attachment.
- Walk forward slowly and steadily.

For optimum performance, observe the recommended temperature ranges, 19.4.

11.4 Adjusting Nylon Line

11.4.1 Line Feed on AutoCut Mowing Heads

- Briefly tap the rotating mowing head on the ground.
  About 30 mm of fresh nylon line is advanced. The line limiting blade in the deflector automatically cuts the mowing lines to the correct length.



Automatic feed will not take place if the mowing lines are shorter than 25 mm.

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.
- Depress the spool (1) on the mowing head and hold it depressed.
- Pull out the mowing lines (2) by hand.
- If the mowing lines (2) cannot be pulled out to the required length: Replace the spool (1) or the mowing lines (2).
  The spool is empty.

11.4.2 Line Feed on SuperCut Mowing Heads

Mowing lines are advanced automatically. The line limiting blade in the deflector automatically cuts the mowing lines to the correct length.

Automatic feed will not take place if the mowing lines are shorter than 40 mm.

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.
- Pull out the mowing lines by hand.
- If the mowing lines cannot be pulled out to required length: Replace the mowing lines.
  The spool is empty.

12 After Finishing Work

12.1 After finishing work

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.
- If the brushcutter is wet: Allow the brushcutter to dry.
- If the battery is moist or wet: Allow the battery to dry, 19.4.
- Clean the brushcutter.
- Clean the deflector.
- Clean the cutting attachment.
- Clean the battery.
- If a metal cutting attachment is attached: Attach the appropriate transport guard.

13 Transporting

13.1 Transporting the brushcutter

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.
- If a metal cutting attachment is mounted: Fit the matching transport guard.

Carrying the brushcutter

- Carry the brushcutter in one hand properly balanced by the shaft, with the cutting attachment behind you.

Transporting the brushcutter in the car

- Secure the brushcutter to prevent turnover and movement.

13.2 Transporting the battery

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.
- Check that the battery is in a safe condition.
- Pack the battery in packaging in such a way that it cannot move inside the packaging.
- Secure the packaging so that it cannot move.

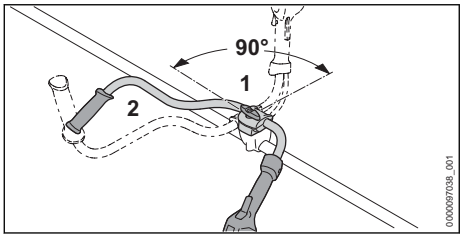
The battery is subject to the Carriage of Dangerous Goods regulations. The battery is classified as UN 3480 (lithium ion batteries) and has been tested pursuant to UN Manual Tests and Criteria Part III, Subsection 38.3.

For the transport regulations, see stihl.link/safety.

14 Storing

14.1 Storing the brushcutter

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.
- If a metal cutting attachment is attached: Attach the appropriate transport guard.



- Loosen the wing screw (1) and unscrew it until the handlebar (2) can be rotated.
- Rotate the handlebar (2) 90° clockwise and fold it down.
- Tighten the wing screw (1) securely.
- Ensure that the following conditions are met when storing the brushcutter:
  – The brushcutter cannot tip over or shift.
  – The brushcutter is out of the reach of children.
  – The brushcutter is clean and dry.
- If you store the brushcutter for more than 30 days: Remove the cutting attachment.

14.2 Storing the Battery

STIHL recommends keeping the battery in a charging state between 40% and 60 % (2 green LEDs lit).

- The battery should be stored in such a way that the following conditions are fulfilled:
  – The battery is out of the reach of children.
  – The battery is clean and dry.
  – The battery is in an enclosed space.
  – The battery is separated from the brushcutter.
  – If the battery is stored in the charger, disconnect the mains plug and store the battery at a state of charge between 40% and 60% (2 lit green LEDs).
  – Do not store the battery outside of the specified temperature limits, 🕮 19.3.

NOTICE

- If the battery is not stored as described in this User Manual, the battery may become deeply discharged and irreparably damaged.
  - Charge a discharged battery before storing it. STIHL recommends keeping the battery state of charge between 40% and 60% (2 lit green LEDs).
  - Store the battery separately from the brushcutter.

15 Cleaning

15.1 Cleaning the Brushcutter

- Switch off the brushcutter and remove the battery.
- Clean the brushcutter with a damp cloth.
- Clean vents with a paintbrush.
- Remove foreign objects from the battery compartment and clean the battery compartment with a damp cloth.
- Clean the electrical contacts in the battery compartment with a paintbrush or soft brush.

15.2 Cleaning the Deflector and Cutting Attachment

- Switch off the trimmer and remove the battery.
- Clean the deflector and cutting attachment with a damp cloth or a soft brush.

15.3 Cleaning the battery

- Remove the battery.
- Clean the battery with a damp cloth.

Enhanced cleaning options for batteries compliant with IPX5

A battery certified according to IPX5 can be briefly rinsed under clear, running water if it becomes heavily soiled. STIHL recommends that you do not clean the battery regularly, and only do so if absolutely necessary. The IP rating (degree of protection) is stated on the rating plate.

- Do not use any cleaning agents.
- Make sure that the water can drain completely from the battery.
- Allow the battery to dry, 🕮 19.4.

16 Maintenance

16.1 Maintenance Intervals

The maintenance intervals are dependent on the environmental and operating conditions. STIHL recommends the following maintenance intervals:

Every 12 months

- Have the trimmer checked by a STIHL servicing dealer.

16.2 Sharpening and Balancing a Metal Cutting Attachment

Correctly sharpening and balancing metal cutting attachments requires a lot of practice.

STIHL recommends you have metal cutting attachments resharpened and balanced by a STIHL servicing dealer.

- ► Sharpen the metal cutting attachment as described in the instructions and on the packaging supplied with the cutting attachment you are using.

17 Repairing

17.1 Repairing the Trimmer and Cutting Attachment

The trimmer and cutting attachment cannot be repaired by the user.

- ► If the trimmer or cutting attachment is damaged: Do not use your trimmer or cutting attachment and contact your STIHL servicing dealer.

17.2 Servicing and Repairing the Battery

The battery requires no servicing and cannot be repaired.

- ► If the battery has a malfunction or is damaged: Replace the battery.

18 Troubleshooting

18.1 Troubleshooting the brushcutter or battery

Error	LEDs on the battery	Cause	Remedy
The brushcutter does not start when switched on.	1 LED flashes green.	The state of charge of the battery is too low.	► Fully recharge the battery as described in the User Manual for the AL 101, 301, 301-4, 501 chargers.
	1 LED lights up red.	The battery is too warm or too cold.	► Remove the battery. ► Allow the battery to cool down or warm up.
	3 LEDs flash red.	The brushcutter has a malfunction.	► Remove the battery. ► Clean the electrical contacts in the battery compartment. ► Insert the battery. ► Switch on the brushcutter. ► If 3 LEDs continue to flash red: Do not use the brushcutter and instead contact a STIHL authorized dealer.
	3 LEDs light up red.	The brushcutter is too hot.	► Remove the battery. ► Allow the brushcutter to cool down.
	4 LEDs flash red.	There is an error in the battery.	► Remove the battery and reinsert it. ► Switch on the brushcutter. ► If 4 LEDs continue to flash red: Do not use the battery and instead contact a STIHL authorized dealer.
		No electrical contact between brushcutter and battery.	► Remove the battery. ► Clean the electrical contacts in the battery compartment. ► Insert the battery.
		The brushcutter or battery is damp.	► Allow the brushcutter or battery to dry, 🕮 19.4.
		The trigger is already pressed before operating the release slide.	► Switch on the brushcutter as described in this User Manual.
The brushcutter cuts out during operation.	3 LEDs light up red.	The brushcutter is too hot.	► Remove the battery. ► Allow the brushcutter to cool down.

Error	LEDs on the battery	Cause	Remedy
		There is an electrical error.	► Remove the battery and reinsert it. ► Switch on the brushcutter.
The runtime of the brushcutter is too short.		The battery is not fully charged.	► Fully recharge the battery as described in the User Manual for the AL 101, 301, 301-4, 501 chargers.
		The battery service life has been exceeded.	► Replace the battery.
The power levels cannot be set.		The trigger is pressed and the brushcutter switched on.	► Select the power level as described in this User Manual.
The mowing head cannot be removed by hand.		The mowing head is overtightened.	► Block the fanwheel with the stop pin. ► Unscrew the mowing head by hand. ► Remove the stop pin.

19 Specifications

19.1 STIHL FSA 120.0 Brushcutters

– Approved batteries: AP, AR
– Weight with heaviest mowing head and associated heaviest deflector, without battery: 4.8 kg
– Length without cutting tool: 1788 mm
– Degree of electrical protection: IPX4 (protection against splash water from any direction)

For runtime, see stihl.link/battery-life.

19.2 AP Battery

– Battery technology: lithium-ion
– Rated voltage: 36 V
– Maximum voltage: 40 V
– Capacity in Ah: See rating label
– Energy content in Wh: see rating label
– Weight in kg: See rating label

The power output of the battery may vary depending on the battery product used.

19.3 Temperature limits

WARNING

■ The battery is not protected against all ambient conditions. If the battery is exposed to certain environmental conditions, it may catch fire or explode. This may result in serious injury to people and damage to property.
  ► Do not charge the battery below -20°C or above 50°C.
  ► Do not use the brushcutter or battery below -20°C or above 50°C.
  ► Do not store the brushcutter or battery below -20°C or above +70°C.

19.4 Recommended temperature ranges

For optimum performance of the brushcutter and battery, note the following temperature ranges:
– Charging: 5°C to 40°C
– Use: - 10 °C to + 40 °C
– Storage: - 20 °C to + 50 °C

If the battery is charged, used or stored outside the recommended temperature ranges, performance may be restricted.

If the battery is wet or moist, allow the battery to dry for at least 48 h between 15°C and 50°C and with less than 70% humidity. Higher humidity may extend the drying time.

19.5 Sound and vibration values

STIHL recommends wearing hearing protection.
– Guaranteed sound power level L_{WAd} according to 2000/14/EC: 96 dB(A).

Use with any mowing head except PolyCut 18-2
– Sound pressure level L_{pA} measured according to IEC 62841-4-4: 81 dB(A), uncertainty K_{pA}: 2 dB(A)
– Sound power level L_{wA} measured according to IEC 62841-4-4: 94 dB(A), uncertainty K_{WA}: 2 dB(A)
– Vibration value a_{hv} measured in accordance with IEC 62841-4-4
  – Control handle: 2.3 m/s², uncertainty K_a: 2.0 m/s²
  – Left handle: 2.6 m/s², uncertainty K_a: 2.0 m/s²
– Vibration value p_F determined according to EN ISO 5349-3:

- Control handle: 25 m/s², uncertainty K_p: 8 m/s²
- Left handle: 28 m/s², uncertainty K_p: 8 m/s²

Use with a PolyCut 18-2 mowing head

- Sound pressure level L_{pA} measured according to IEC 62841-4-4: 82 dB(A), uncertainty K_{pA}: 2 dB(A)
- Sound power level L_{wA} measured according to IEC 62841-4-4: 93 dB(A), uncertainty K_{WA}: 2 dB(A)
- Vibration value a_{hv} measured in accordance with IEC 62841-4-4
  - Control handle: 1.3 m/s², uncertainty K_a: 2.0 m/s²
  - Left handle: 1.8 m/s², uncertainty K_a: 2.0 m/s²
- Vibration value p_F determined according to EN ISO 5349-3:
  - Control handle: 21 m/s², uncertainty K_p: 8 m/s²
  - Left handle: 27 m/s², uncertainty K_p: 8 m/s²

For use with a metal cutting attachment

- Sound pressure level L_{pA} measured according to IEC 62841-4-4: 81 dB(A), uncertainty K_{pA}: 2 dB(A)
- Sound power level L_{wA} measured according to IEC 62841-4-4: 94 dB(A), uncertainty K_{WA}: 2 dB(A)
- Vibration value a_{hv} measured in accordance with IEC 62841-4-4
  - Control handle: 2.1 m/s², uncertainty K_a: 2.0 m/s²
  - Left handle: 3.3 m/s², uncertainty K_a: 2.0 m/s²
- Vibration value p_F determined according to EN ISO 5349-3:
  - Control handle: 28 m/s², uncertainty K_p: 8 m/s²
  - Left handle: 52 m/s², uncertainty K_p: 8 m/s²

The sound and vibration values indicated were measured in accordance with a standardized test method and can be used as a basis for comparing electric power tools. The actual sound and vibration levels may vary from the values indicated, depending on the type of application and the accessories used. The sound and vibration levels indicated can be used for an initial estimate of the sound and vibration load. The actual sound and vibration stress has to be estimated. This estimate may take into account the times when the electric power tool is switched off and also when it is switched on but running without any load.

For information on compliance with the Physical Agents (Vibration) Directive 2002/44/EC, see www.stihl.com/vib.

19.6 REACH

REACH is an EC regulation and stands for the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical substances.

For information on compliance with the REACH regulation see www.stihl.com/reach.

20 Combinations of Cutting Attachments, Deflectors and Carrying Systems

20.1 Combinations of cutting attachments, deflectors and carrying systems

Cutting attachment	Deflector	Carrying system
– PolyCut 18-2 mowing head (335 mm diameter) Mowing head with 2.4 mm diameter “round, quiet” mowing line: – AutoCut 25-2 mowing head – AutoCut C 26-2 mowing head – AutoCut 27-2 mowing head – AutoCut C 28-2 mowing head – DuroCut 20-2 mowing head – SuperCut 20-2 mowing head – TrimCut C 32-2 mowing head	– Deflector for mowing heads (380 mm diameter)	– Shoulder strap – Full harness with quick-release system – AR battery together with the support cushion – Battery belt with attached “AP belt bag with connecting cable” together with the shoulder strap – Battery belt with strap and attached “AP belt bag with connecting cable” together with the support cushion – Carrying system with built-in “AP belt bag with connecting cable” together with the support cushion
– Grass cutting blade 230-2 (Ø 230 mm) – Grass cutting blade 230-4 (Ø 230 mm)	– Deflector for metal cutting attachment (230 mm diameter)	

Cutting attachment	Deflector	Carrying system
– Grass cutting blade 230-8 (230 mm diameter)		

Description of the carrying systems


Shoulder strap


Full harness


AR battery together with the support cushion


Battery belt with attached “AP belt bag with connecting cable” together with the shoulder strap


Battery belt with strap and attached “AP belt bag with connecting cable” together with the support cushion


Carrying system with built-in “AP belt bag with connecting cable” together with support cushion

21 Spare Parts and Accessories

21.1 Spare parts and accessories

These symbols indicate original STIHL spare parts and original STIHL accessories.

STIHL recommends the use of original STIHL spare parts and accessories.

Despite ongoing market observation, STIHL is unable to judge the reliability, safety and suitability of other manufacturers' spare parts and accessories; accordingly, STIHL cannot warrant for the use of those parts.

Original STIHL spare parts and original STIHL accessories are available from STIHL dealers.

22 Disposal

22.1 Disposing of the Trimmer and Battery

Contact the local authorities or your STIHL dealer for information on disposal.

Improper disposal can be harmful to health and pollute the environment.

- Take STIHL products including packaging to a suitable collection point for recycling in accordance with local regulations.
- Do not dispose with domestic waste.

23 EU conformity

The EU Declaration of Conformity is available at stihl.link/compliance.

Further information and a form for reporting security vulnerabilities are available at vdp.stihl.com.

24 Addresses

www.stihl.com

25 General Power Tool Safety Warnings

25.1 Introduction

WARNING

- **Read all safety warnings, instructions, illustrations and specifications provided with this power tool.** Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire

and/or serious injury. **Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.**

The term "electric power tool" in the safety warnings refers to mains-operated (corded) power tools or battery-operated (cordless) power tools.

25.2 Work area safety

a) **Keep work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or 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.

25.3 Electrical safety

a) **Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.

25.4 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 personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection.** Protective equipment such as a dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries.

c) **Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before connecting to power source and/or battery pack, picking up or carrying the tool.** Carrying power tools with your finger on the switch or energising power tools that have the switch on invites accidents.

d) **Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on.** A wrench or a key left attached to a rotating part of the power tool may result in personal injury.

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

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

g) **If devices are provided for the connection of dust extraction and collection facillities, ensure these are connected and properly used.** Use of dust collection can reduce dust-related hazards.

h) **Do not let familiarity gained from frequent use of tools allow you to become complacent and ignore tool safety principles.** A careless action can cause severe injury within a fraction of a second.

25.5 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) **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or remove the battery pack, if detachable, from the power tool before making any adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools.** Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the power tool accidentally.

d) **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.

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

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

g) **Use the power tool, accessories and tool bits etc. in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed.** Use of the power tool for operations different from those

intended could result in a hazardous situation.

h) **Keep handles and grasping surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease.** Slippery handles and grasping surfaces do not allow for safe handling and control of the tool in unexpected situations.

25.6 Battery tool use and care

a) **Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer.** 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) **When battery pack is not in use, keep it away from other metal objects, like paper clips, coins, keys, nails, screws or other small metal objects, that can make a connection from one terminal to another.** Shorting the battery terminals together may cause burns or a fire.

d) **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.

e) **Do not use a battery pack or tool that is damaged or modified.** Damaged or modified batteries may exhibit unpredictable behaviour resulting in fire, explosion or risk of injury.

f) **Do not expose a battery pack or tool to fire or excessive temperature.** Exposure to fire or temperature above 130 °C may cause explosion.

g) **Follow all charging instructions and do not charge the battery pack or tool outside the temperature range specified in the instructions.** Charging improperly or at temperatures outside the specified range may damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.

25.7 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.

b) **Never service damaged battery packs.** Service of battery packs should only be performed by the manufacturer or authorized service providers.

25.8 Grass Trimmer, Brush Cutter and Brush Saw Safety Warnings

a) **Do not use the machine in bad weather conditions, especially when there is a risk of lightning.** This increases the risk of being struck by lightning.

b) **Thoroughly inspect the area for wildlife where the machine is to be used.** Wildlife may be injured by the machine during operation.

c) **Thoroughly inspect the area where the machine is to be used and remove all stones, sticks, wires, bones, and other foreign objects.** Thrown objects can cause personal injury.

d) **Before using the machine, always visually inspect to see that the cutter or blade and the cutter or blade assembly are not damaged.** Damaged parts increase the risk of injury.

e) **Follow instructions for changing accessories.** Improperly tightened blade security nuts or bolts may either damage the blade or result in it becoming detached.

f) **The rated rotational speed of the blade must be at least equal to the maximum rotational speed marked on the machine.** Blades running faster than their rated rotational speed can break and fly apart.

g) **Wear eye, ear, head and hand protection.** Adequate protective equipment will reduce personal injury by flying debris or accidental contact with the cutting line or blade.

h) **While operating the machine, always wear non-slip and protective footwear. Do not operate the machine when barefoot or wearing open sandals.** This reduces the chance of injury to the feet from contact with the moving cutters or lines.

i) **While operating the machine, always wear safety footwear. Do not operate the machine when barefoot or wearing open sandals.** This reduces the chance of injury to the feet from contact with a moving cutter, line or blade.

j) **While operating the machine, always wear long trousers.** Exposed skin increases the likelihood of injury from thrown objects.

k) **Keep bystanders away while operating the machine.** Thrown debris can result in serious personal injury.

l) **Always use two hands when operating the machine.** Holding the machine with both hands will avoid loss of control.

m) **Hold the machine by insulated gripping surfaces only, because the cutting line or blade may contact hidden wiring or its own cord.** Cutting line or blades contacting a “live” wire may make exposed metal parts of the machine “live” and could give the operator an electric shock.

n) **Always keep proper footing and operate the machine only when standing on the ground.** Slippery or unstable surfaces may cause a loss of balance or control of the machine.

o) **Do not operate the machine on excessively steep slopes.** This reduces the risk of loss of control, slipping and falling which may result in personal injury.

p) **When working on slopes, always be sure of your footing, always work across the face of slopes, never up or down and exercise extreme caution when changing direction.** This reduces the risk of loss of control, slipping and falling which may result in personal injury.

q) **Keep all parts of the body away from the cutter, line or blade when the machine is operating. Before you start the machine, make sure the cutter, line or blade is not contacting anything.** A moment of inattention while operating the machine may result in injury to yourself or others.

r) **Do not operate the machine above waist height.** This helps prevent unintended cutter or blade contact and enables better control of the machine in unexpected situations.

s) **When cutting brush or saplings that are under tension, be alert for spring back.** When the tension in the wood fibres is released, the brush or sapling may strike the operator and/or throw the machine out of control.

t) **Use extreme caution when cutting brush and saplings.** The slender material may catch the blade and be whipped toward you or pull you off balance.

u) **Maintain control of the machine and do not touch cutters, lines or blades and other hazardous moving parts while they are still in motion.** This reduces the risk of injury from moving parts.

v) **Carry the machine with the machine switched off and away from your body.** Proper handling of the machine will reduce the likelihood of accidental contact with a moving cutter, line or blade.

w) **When transporting or storing the machine, always fit the cover on metal blades.** Proper handling of the machine will reduce the likelihood of accidental contact with the blade.

x) **Only use replacement cutters, lines, cutting heads and blades specified by the manufacturer.** Incorrect replacement parts may increase the risk of breakage and injury.

y) **When clearing jammed material or servicing the machine, make sure the switch is off and the battery pack is removed.** Unexpected starting of the machine while clearing jammed material or servicing may result in serious personal injury.

25.9 Blade thrust related warnings

Blade thrust is a sudden sideways, forward or backward motion of the machine, which may occur when the blade jams or catches on an object such as a sapling or a tree stump. It can be violent enough to cause the machine and/or operator to be propelled in any direction, and possibly lose control of the machine.

Blade thrust and its related hazards can be avoided by taking proper precautions as given below.

a) **Maintain a firm grip with both hands on the machine and position your arms to resist blade thrust. Position your body to the left side of the machine.** Blade thrust can increase the risk of injury due to the machine moving unexpectedly. Blade thrust can be controlled by the operator if proper precautions are taken.

b) **If the blade binds, or when interrupting a cut for any reason, switch the machine off and hold the machine motionless in the material until the blade comes to a complete stop. While the blade is binding, never attempt to remove the machine from the material or pull the machine backward while the blade is in motion, otherwise blade thrust may occur.** Investigate and take corrective actions to eliminate the cause of blade binding.

c) **Do not use blunt or damaged blades.** Blunt or damaged blades increase the risk of jamming or catching on an object, resulting in blade thrust.

d) **Always maintain good visibility of the material being cut.** Blade thrust is more likely to

occur in areas where it is difficult to see the material being cut.

e) **If you are approached by another person while operating the machine, switch the machine off.** There is an increased risk of injury to other persons being struck by the moving blade in the event of blade thrust.



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