

# **Cordless Brushcutter**

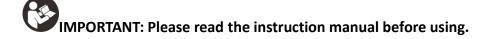
# FDBEN220V

**ORIGINAL INSTRUCTION MANUAL** 



**BUILDER SAS** 

32, rue Aristide Bergès -ZI 31270 Cugnaux -France



## **IMPORTANT**

# READ CAREFULLY BEFORE USE KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

# Safe operating practices

# **Training**

- a) Read the instructions carefully. Be familiar with the controls and the correct use of the machine.
- b) Never allow children or people unfamiliar with these instructions to use the machine. Local regulations can restrict the age of the operator.
- c) Keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.

# **Preparation**

- a) Before use, always visually inspect the machine for damaged, missing or misplaced quards or shields.
- b) Never operate the machine while people, especially **children**, or pets are nearby.

# **Operation**

a) Wear eye protection and stout shoes at all times while operating the machine.

- b) Avoid using the machine in bad weather conditions especially when there is a risk of lightning.
- c) Use the machine only in daylight or good artificial light.
- d) Never operate the machine with damaged guards or shields or without guards or shields in place.
- e) Switch on the motor only when the hands and feet are away from the **cutting means**.
- f) Always switch off the tool and remove the battery:
- 1) Whenever the machine is left unattended;
- 2) Before clearing a blockage;
- 3) Before checking, cleaning or working on the machine;
- 4) After striking a foreign object;
- 5) Whenever the machine starts vibrating abnormally.
- g) Take care against injury to feet and hands from the **cutting means**.
- h) Always ensure that the ventilation openings are kept clear of debris.

# Maintenance and storage

a) Switch off and remove the battery before carrying out maintenance or cleaning work.

- b) Use only the manufacturer's recommended replacement parts and accessories.
- c) Inspect and maintain the machine regularly. Have the machine repaired only by an authorized repairer.
- d) When not in use, store the machine out of the reach of **children**.
- Never allow children, persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge or people unfamiliar with these instructions to use the machine, local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- Never operate the machine while people, especially **children**, or pets are nearby. Keep them at least 15 m away from the machine during its operation.
- Stop using the tool when a risk might occur (people are nearby, dangerous material on the working area, problem with the tool, etc.). Check the working area before working and stay in alert when operating the tool.
- Follow the provided instructions for assembly, use, repairs, maintenance and storage.
- Never replace the non-metallic cutting means with metallic cutting means;
- Do not overreach and keep the balance at all times, to always be sure of the footing on slopes and to walk, never run.

- Do not to touch moving hazardous parts before the machine is stopped and the moving hazardous parts have come to a complete stop.
- Always wear substantial footwear and long trousers while operating the machine.
- 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.
- Use personal protective equipment. Always wear eye protection. Protective equipment such as dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection used for appropriate conditions will reduce personal injuries. Wear Also safety clothing.
- Prevent unintentional starting. Ensure the switch is in the off-position before connecting the battery pack, picking up or carrying the tool.
- Warning: danger of moving hazardous parts. A moving cutting attachment can cause severe injury. Maintain proper control of the machine with both hands until the cutting attachment has completely stopped rotating.
  - Replace any cutting attachment that has been damaged. Always make sure that the

- cutting attachment is installed correctly and securely fastened before each use.
- Use only accessories recommended by manufacturer. Non-recommended accessories can cause injuries and accidents. Contact your dealer or our service agent.
- Always use the harness provided when operating the tool.
- Cover the blade with the blade protector before storing the unit, or during transportation. Always remove the blade protector before using the unit. If not removed, the blade protector could become a thrown object as the blade begins to turn.
- Do not expose the tool to rain and humidity.
- In case of abnormal vibrations, stop immediately to use the tool and remove the battery; check if all screws are firmly tighten, if the cutting mean are correctly assembled. In case of doubt, bring the tool to our agent service for inspection.
- Always start the tool safely, tools correctly and fully assembled, foot and body far from the cutting means, harness installed and used.
- Always inspect the tool before and after the operation for signs of damage such as cracks in the cutting attachment or ageing.

In case of damages or ageing, bring the tool to our agent service for inspection and reparation.

- Check the tool for loose fasteners. Tighten safely loose fasteners.
- Never operate the machine with defective guards or shields, or without safety devices.
- Always use the tool with the battery fully charged. Before use, check the charge level and charge the battery if necessary.
- In case of accident or breakdown, stop immediately the tool and remove the battery. Check the breakdown or accident, repair the tool if necessary. Bring the tool to a service agent if necessary.
- Do not replace the blade with metal multipiece pivoting chains and flail blades; this type of blade must not be used with this tool.
- Stop the machine and allow it to cool before storing or transporting. Do not store or transport the machine with batteries fitted, remove and secure separately.
- Clean all foreign material from the product. Store it in a cool dry and well-ventilated place that is inaccessible to children. Keep away from corrosive agents such as garden chemicals and de-icing salts. Do not store outdoors.

- Cover the blade with the blade protector before storing the unit or during transportation in order to avoid damage or injury.
- For transportation, secure the machine against movement or falling to prevent injury to persons or damage to the machine.
- Use only original manufacturer's replacement parts, accessories and attachments. Failure to do so can cause possible injury, poor performance and may void your warranty. You may make adjustments and repairs described here. For other repairs, contact the authorized service agent.
- Before any maintenance or adjustment, stop the tool and remove the battery.
- After extending new cutter line or cleaning, checking the blade, always return the product to its normal operating position before starting.
- After each use, clean the product with a soft dry cloth.
- Check all nuts, bolts and screws at frequent intervals for proper tightness to ensure the product is in safe working condition. Any part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorized service centre.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHARGER

- This charger can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.
- If the supply cord of the charger is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid a hazard.
- Warning: Do not recharge nonrechargeable batteries.
- The charger automatically charges the battery after it is plugged in. Do not exceed the capacity of the charger and the battery (see the technical specifications).

#### **RESIDUAL RISK**

Even when the product is used as prescribed, it is still impossible to completely eliminate certain residual risk factors. The following hazards may

arise in use and the operator should pay special attention to avoid the following:

- Injury caused by vibration. Always use the right tool for the job, use designated handles and restrict working time and exposure.
- Exposure to noise can cause hearing injury. Wear ear protection and limit exposure.
- Kickback can occur when using the brushcutter. Ensure proper control by using both hands on the designated handles. Read and follow the directions elsewhere in this manual to help reduce the risk of kickback.
- Injuries may be caused, or aggravated, by prolonged use of a tool. When using any tool for prolonged periods, ensure you take regular breaks.

#### **INTENDED USE**

#### Brush cutter

The product is intended for cutting long grass, pulpy weed, brush and similar vegetation at or about ground level. The product is not allowed to be used for cutting or chopping hedges, shrubs, bushes, flowers and compost.

#### **Trimmer**

The product is designed for cutting grass and light weeds only in private garden areas. The product is not allowed to be used in public gardens, parks, sports center or at roadsides as well as for agricultural and forestry use. The product is not allowed to be used for cutting or chopping hedges, shrubs, bushes, flowers and compost.

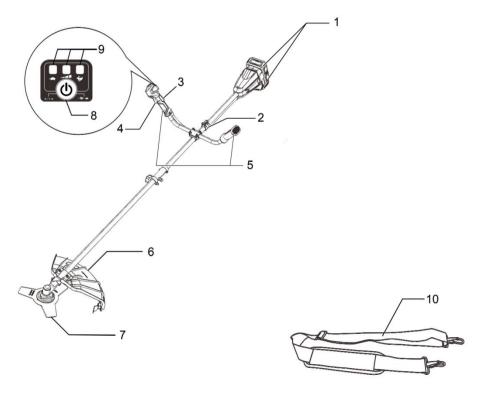
#### **Symbols**



98 dB	Guarantee sound power level
	Do not use saw blade
	Be aware of blade thrust
	Wear protection gloves
	Wear protective and non-skid shoes
R.	Remove the battery before maintenance and repairs. Read the instructions
Ø 225 mm	size of the cutting blade

Ø 420 mm	Size of the cutting line
<b>₩△</b>	Do not cutting the cutting mains – risk of injuries

#### 2. PRODUCT



1	Battery cartridge	2	Hanger
3	Lock-off lever	4	Switch trigger
5	Handle	6	Protector (cutting tool guard)
7	Cutting tool	8	Main power button
9	Speed indicator	10	Shoulder straps

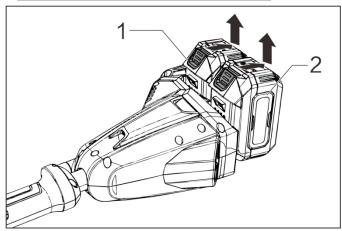
### **Technical data**

e: Ø255 x 1,4 mm (3 teethes blade) n trimmer: Ø420mm, PA6 1,5 mm (nylon ) === (2x20V d.c.)
el: FFC20U
t:220-240Vac, 50/60Hz, 0,6A
out: 20 Vd.c., 2A
ery Li-on
el FBA20U4 , 4Ah,max 80Wh
0/6000/7150min <sup>-1</sup>
n/s² k= 1,5m/s²
trimmer  Lpa: 82,5 dB(A)  K= 3 dB(A)  hcutter
,

Sound power level	Lawn trimmer	
	– Lwa: 96 dB(A)	
	Brushcutter	
	– Lwa: 96 dB(A)	

**★**WARNING: Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before adjusting or checking function on the tool. Failure to switch off and remove the battery cartridge may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.

a. <u>Installing or removing battery cartridge</u>



1. Button 2. Battery cartridge

**A**CAUTION: Always switch off the tool before installing or removing of the battery cartridge.

 Hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly when installing or removing battery cartridge. Failure to hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly may cause them to slip off your hands and result in damage to the tool and battery cartridge and a personal injury.

To remove the battery cartridge, slide it from the tool while sliding the button on the front of the cartridge.

To install the battery cartridge, align the tongue on the battery cartridge with the groove in the housing and slip it into place. Insert it

all the way until it locks in place with a little click. If you can see the red indicator on the upper side of the button, it is not locked completely.

ACAUTION: Always install the battery cartridge fully until the red indicator cannot be seen. If not, it may accidentally fall out of the tool, causing injury to you or someone around you.

• Do not install the battery cartridge forcibly. If the cartridge does not slide in easily, it is not being inserted correctly.

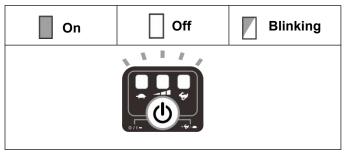
NOTE: The tool does not work with only one battery cartridge.

#### b. <u>Tool / battery protection system</u>

The tool is equipped with a tool/battery protection system. This system automatically cuts off power to the motor to extend tool and battery life.

The tool will automatically stop during operation if the tool or battery is placed under one of the following conditions. In some conditions, the indicators light up.

#### c. Overload protection



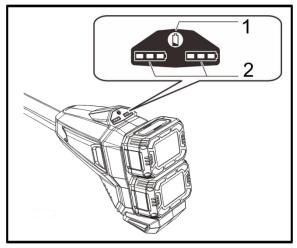
If the tool is overloaded by entangled weeds or other debris, the tool stops automatically, and indicators blink. In this situation, turn the tool off and stop the application that caused the tool to become overloaded. Then turn the tool on to restart.

#### d. Over discharge protection

When the battery capacity becomes low, the tool stops automatically.

If the product does not operate even when the switches are operated, remove the batteries from the tool and charge the batteries.

#### e. Remaining battery capacity indication



1. Check button 2.Battery indicator

Press the check button to make the battery indicators show the remaining battery capacities. The battery indicators correspond to each battery.

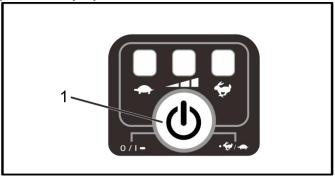
#### f. Remaining battery capacity indication

Battery indicator status		Remining	
			battery
On	Off	Blinking	capacity
		50% to 100%	
			20% to 50%
			0% to 20%



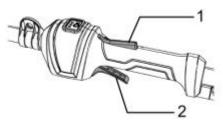
#### g. Power switch action

**★**WARNING: Before inserting the battery cartridge into the tool, always check to see that the switch trigger actuates properly and returns to the "OFF" position when released. Operating a tool with a switch that does not actuate properly can lead to loss of control and serious personal injury.



1. Main power button

Press and hold the main power button for some seconds to turn on the tool. To turn off the tool, press and hold the main power button again.



1. Lock-off lever 2. Switch trigger

To prevent the switch trigger from being accidentally pulled, a lock-off lever is provided.

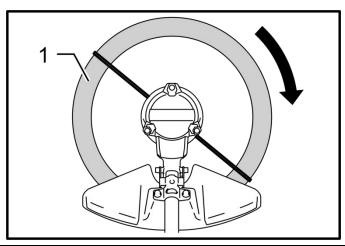
To start the tool, grasp the rear handle (the lock-off lever is released by the grasp) and then pull the switch trigger.

To stop the tool, release the switch trigger.

NOTE: The tool is automatically turned off after the tool is left one minute without any operations.

#### h. Nylon cutting head (optional accessory)

NOTICE: The bump feed will not operate properly if the head is not rotating.



#### 1. Most effective cutting area

The nylon cutting head is a dual string trimmer head provided with a bump & feed mechanism.

To cause the nylon cord to feed out, the cutting head should be bumped against the ground while rotating.

NOTE: If the nylon cord does not feed out while bumping the head, rewind/replace the nylon cord by following the procedures described under "Maintenance".

#### 4. ASSEMBLY

**★**WARNING: Always be sure that the tool is switched off and battery cartridge is removed before carrying out any work on the tool. Failure to switch off and remove the battery cartridge may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.

Never start the tool unless it is completely assembled. Operation of the tool in a partially assembled state may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up.

Warning - sharp edges! Wear gloves during tool assembly.

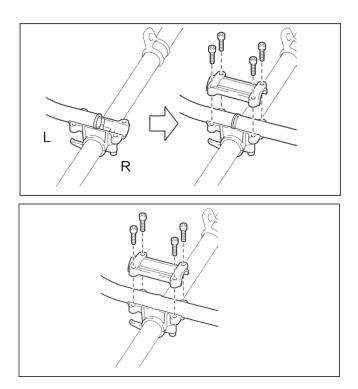
#### a. <u>Installing the grip</u>

NOTE: The power switch should be turned off before performing any operations on the mower (brush cutter). Always wear protective gloves!



NOTE: Note: Before starting the lithium-ion brush cutter, make sure it is fully installed.

- -Place the handle on the handle frame. When facing the tool, the lever must be on the right side.
- -Attach the handle end to the handle frame and attach the clip to it. Use four bolts to loosen it for adjustment.
- -Adjust the handle angle and tighten all bolts evenly with a hex wrench.



#### b. Installing the guard

Observe the applicable safety standards and use only the combination of tools/protective devices shown in the diagram.

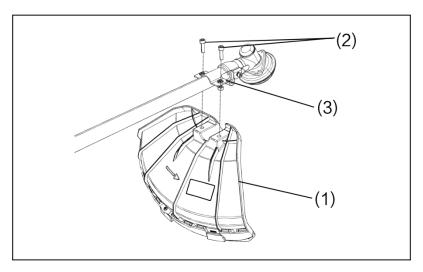


#### Always use original blade / nylon grass head

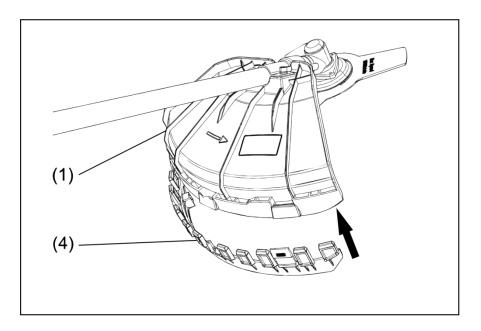
- -The blade must be fully polished without cracks or breakage. If the blade hits a rock during operation, immediately turn off the engine and inspect the blade.
- -Grind or replace the blade every three hours of operation.

-If the nylon cutter hits the stone during operation, immediately turn off the engine and check the nylon cutter.

NOTE: For personal safety and in order to comply with accident prevention regulations, appropriate protective devices should always be installed. It is forbidden to operate the equipment without the guards installed.



Secure the protective device (1) to the clamp (3) using two bolts M6x25 (2).



When using a nylon cutter or blade, the protective device (4) should be loaded into the protective device (1)

#### c. <u>Installing blade/nylon cutter</u>

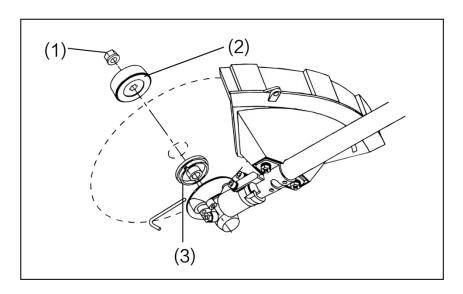
The blade or nylon grass head can be easily replaced by first turning the device upside down.



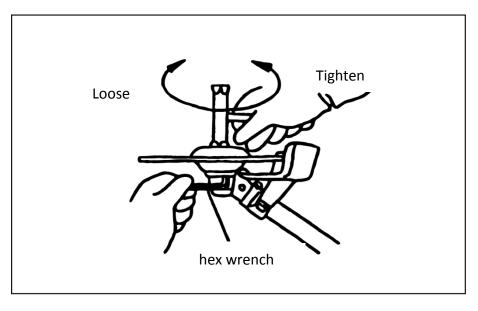




- -Insert the hex wrench into the hole in the gearbox and turn the washer (3) with a hex wrench until it locks.
- -Use a socket wrench to loosen the nut (1) (left-hand thread) and remove the nut (1) and the blade platen (2).

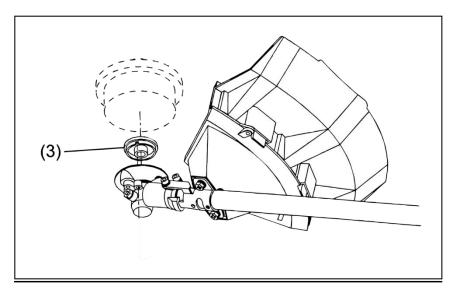


Install the blade onto the shank so that the rail of the shims (3) engages the shaft hole in the blade. Install the clamp washer (2) and secure the insert with the nut/spring washer (1). [Tightening torque: 13-23N-m]

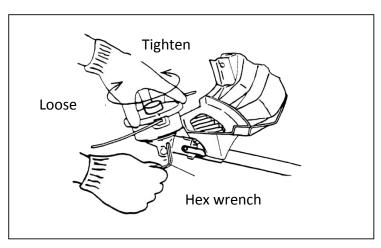


Note: Gloves should be worn throughout the operation of the blade.

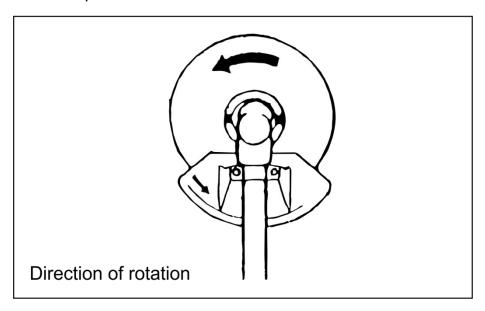
Note: The nuts (and spring washers) that hold the blades are consumables. If the spring washer is worn or deformed, replace the nut.



Note: When installing a nylon cutter, it is not necessary to use the blade presser (2) and the nut (1). The nylon cutter should be located above the gasket (3).



- Screw the nylon cutter onto the shaft.



- Make sure the blade rotates counter clockwise.

#### 5. Operating

#### a. Correct operation of the tool

**★**WARNING: Special care must be taken at all times to control the tool. Do not bias the tool towards itself or the work area. Failure to carefully control the machine may result in serious injury to the tool operator or nearby personnel.

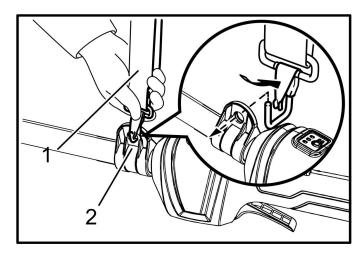
#### b. Correct posture

**★**WARNING: Be sure to place the tool on the right hand side so that the bar always puts the tool in front of your body to maximize control and reduce the risk of damage from rebound

Pass your head and left shoulder through the shoulder strap as shown, place it on your left shoulder and place the tool on the right hand side so that the lever is always in front of your body



c. Fixed shoulder strap



1.Shoulder strap 2.Hanger

- Hang the shoulder strap on your left shoulder. Make sure it does not

fall off easily when pulled. Hang the tool as shown.

#### d. Adjust the position of hanger and shoulder strap

- To change the position of the hanger, use the included wrench to loosen the set screw on the hanger and then move the hanger.

#### 6. MAINTENANCE

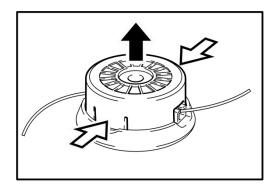
**★**WARNING: Always be sure that the tool is switched off and battery cartridge is removed before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance on the tool. Failure to switch off and remove the battery cartridge may result in serious personal injury from accidental start-up. Keep the machine in good working condition.

NOTICE: Never use gasoline, benzene, thinner, alcohol or the like. Discoloration, deformation or cracks may result.

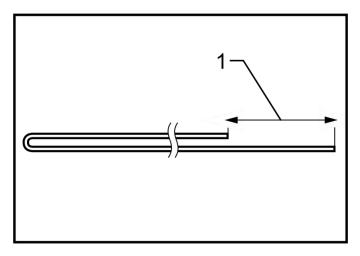
#### a. Replacing the nylon cord

**AWARNING:** Never use metal wire, rope or the like. Use recommended nylon cord only, otherwise it may cause damage to the tool and result in serious personal injury.

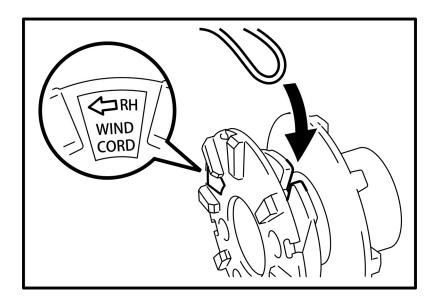
Make sure that the cover of the nylon cutting head is secured to the housing properly as described below. Failure to properly secure the cover may cause the nylon cutting head to fly apart resulting in serious personal injury.



Take off cover from housing, pressing two latches which are slotted section oppositely on side of housing.

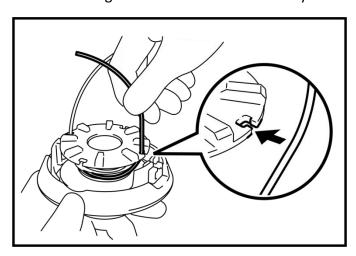


1.80-100mm



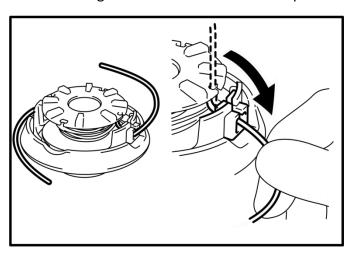
Hook the middle of the new nylon cord to the notch located at the center of the spool between the 2 channels provided for the nylon cord.

Wind both ends firmly around the spool in the direction marked on the head for right hand direction indicated by RH.

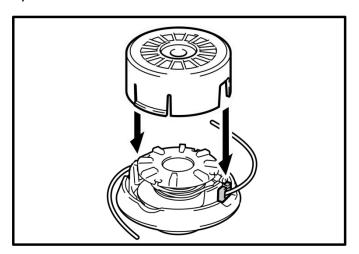


Wind all but about 100 mm of the cords, leaving the ends temporarily

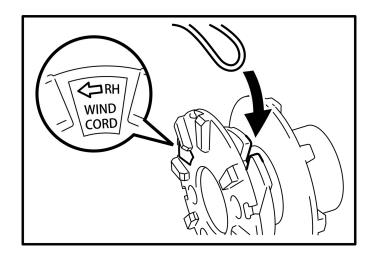
hooked through a notch on the side of the spool.



Mount the spool on the cover so that the grooves and protrusions on the spool match up with those on the cover. Now, unhook the ends of the cord from their temporary position and feed the cords through the eyelets to come out of the cover.



Align the protrusion on the underside of the cover with the slots of the eyelets. Then push the cover firmly onto the housing to secure it. Make sure the latches fully spread in the cover.



#### 7. TROUBLE SHOOTING

Before asking for repairs, conduct your own inspection first. If you find a problem that is not explained in the manual, do not attempt to dismantle the tool. Instead, ask BUILDER Authorized Service Centers, always using BUILDER replacement parts for repairs.

Malfunction status	Cause	Action
	Battery cartridge is not installed.	Install the battery cartridge.
Motor does not run.	Battery problem (under voltage)	Recharge the battery. If recharging is not effective, replace battery.
	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
	Rotation is in reverse.	Change the direction of ratation with the reversing switch.
Motor stops running after a little use.	Battery's charge level is low.	Recharge the battery. If recharging is not effective, replace battery.
	Overheating.	Stop using of tool to allow it to cool down.
It does not reach maximum RPM.	Battery is installed improperly.	Install the battery cartridge as described in this manual.
	Battery power is dropping.	Recharge the battery. If recharging is not effective, replace battery.
	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
Cutting tool does not rotate: stop the machine immediately!	Foreign object such as a branch is jammed between the guard and the nylon cutting head.	Remove the foreign object.
stop the machine immediately!	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
Abnormal vibration: stop the machine immediately!	One end of the nylon cord has been broken.	Bump the nylon cutting head against the ground while it is rotating to cause the cord to feed.
	The drive system does not work correctly.	Ask your local authorized service center for repair.
Cutting tool and motor cannot stop: Remove the battery immediately!	Electric or electronic malfunction.	Remove the battery and ask your local authorized service center for repair.

#### 8. Warranty

We guarantee this product for 2 full years.

The warranty period for this item starts on the day of purchase. You can prove the date of purchase by sending us the original receipt.

We insure over the entire warranty period:

- Free repair of possible malfunctions.
- Free replacement of damaged parts.
- Including the free service of our specialized personnel (i.e. free assembly by our technicians)

Provided that the damage is not due to improper use of the device.

To help you with your product, we invite you to use this link or call us on +33 (0)9 70 75 30 30:

https://services.swap-europe.com/contact

You must create a "ticket" via their platform:

- Register or create your account
- Indicate the reference of the tool.
- Choose the subject of your request
- Explain your problem
- Attach these files: Invoice or receipt, identification plate photo (serial number), photo of the part you need (eg broken transformer plug pins)



#### 9. DISPOSAL



Electrical products should not be discarded with household products. According to the European Directive 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment and its implementation into national law, electrical products used must be collected separately and disposed of at collection points provided for this

purpose. Talk with your local authorities or dealer for advice on recycling.



#### **BUILDER SAS**

ZI, 32, rue Aristide Bergès – 31270 Cugnaux - France
Tel: +33 (0)5.34.502.502 Fax: +33 (0)5.34.502.503

Declares that the machine:

# Cordless Brushcutter FDBEN220V

Serial No: 20191234619-20191234818

The people name holding the technical file: Mr Olivier Patriarca Have been designed in compliance with the following standards:

EN ISO 11806-1:2011; EN 50636-2-91:2014

EN 60335-1:2012+A11:2014; EN60335-2-29: 2004+A2:2010

EN 55014-1:2017; EN 55014-2:2015

And in accordance with the following directives:

Directive Machine 2006/42/EC; Directive EMC 2014/30/EU

Noise Directive 2000/14/EC Annex VI & Directive 2005/88/EC

Sound power level

\_awn trimmer: Lwa: 98 dB(A)

Brushcutter: Lwa: 98 dB(A

Cugnaux, 18/12/2019

Philippe MARIE / PDG

