

Course Objectives: To enable course members to:

- State and comply with safety and legal requirements of a brush cutter/trimmer, with an emphasis on safe practices, warning signs and guards
- State and identify the correct protective clothing to wear and the standards required
- Perform routine maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's handbook
- Identify faults and defects on a brushcutter/trimmer and decide which the operator can easily remedy, and which should be referred to a specialist engineer
- Identify which cutting head to select for the relevant operating conditions
- Carry out fuel mixing correctly and be able to start the brushcutter/trimmer from both a hot and a cold condition in a safe manner
- Operate the brushcutter/trimmer in a safe manner having regard for the safety of themselves, the public, property and environmental factors
- Plan systematic working operations
- Use the manufacturer's instruction book and parts list

The use of the manufacturer's instruction book is stressed at all times to ensure maintenance and adjustments are carried out to manufacturers' recommendations

Who is the course designed for?

Any person who is or will be required to operate this machine.

Duration:

Brushcutter: Two days for novices and one day for experienced operators
Trimmers: 1 day

Instructor/Trainee Ratio

1:6 Max - Machine Trainee Ration = 1:1 or 1:2

Equipment & Facilities:

Trainee Equipment

- Brushcutters/trimmers complying with safety regulations as per pre-course handout
- Operators' instruction books and service manuals for all machinery
- Ear defenders & goggles
- Fuel in appropriate container & Tool kit

Venue

- Dry, clean workshop with adequate workbenches with light and heating if necessary.
- Suitable site for practical operation including foliage requiring at least two different cutting heads.