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- Unrat kann das Risiko von Verletzungen erhöhen.
- h) **Arbeiten Sie im Saugmodus nicht ohne Fangsack.** Herausgeschleuderte Teile können das Risiko von Verletzungen erhöhen.
- i) **Richten Sie die Bläserdüse niemals in Richtung von Menschen, Tieren oder Fenstern. Seien Sie besonders vorsichtig beim Wegblasen von Unrat in der Nähe von festen Objekten wie Bäumen, Autos oder Wänden, an denen der Unrat abprallen kann.** Weggeschleuderte Teile können das Risiko von Verletzungen erhöhen.
- j) **Verwenden Sie die Maschine nicht, um Brennendes oder Rauchendes, wie z. B. Zigaretten, Streichhölzer oder Asche aufzunehmen oder wegzublasen.** Diese Zündquellen können das Brandrisiko erhöhen.
- k) **Saugen Sie kein Wasser oder andere Flüssigkeiten auf und tauchen Sie kein Teil der Maschine in Flüssigkeit ein.** In die Maschine eindringendes Wasser kann das Risiko eines elektrischen Schlages erhöhen.
- l) **Saugen Sie keine Steine, Kies, Metall oder zerbrochenes Glas auf.** Der Ventilatorflügel kann beschädigt werden und das Risiko einer Verletzung erhöhen.
- m) **Berühren Sie nicht den sich noch drehenden Ventilator. Schalten Sie die Maschine aus, warten Sie bis zum Stillstand des Ventilators, bevor Sie ein Teil entfernen, das den Zugang zum Ventilator freigibt.** Dies verringert das Risiko einer Verletzung durch bewegte Teile.
- n) **Stellen Sie sicher, dass der Schalter ausgeschaltet ist, bevor Sie eingeklemmtes Material entfernen oder die Maschine warten.** Ein unerwarteter Betrieb der Maschine beim Entfernen von eingeklemmtem Material oder bei der Wartung kann das Risiko von Verletzungen erhöhen.

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1 Guide to Using this Manual

1.1 Pictograms

All the pictograms attached to the machine are shown and explained in this manual.

1.2 Symbols in text



WARNING

Warning where there is a risk of an accident or personal injury or serious damage to property.

NOTICE

Caution where there is a risk of damaging the machine or its individual components.

1.3 Engineering improvements

STIHL's philosophy is to continually improve all of its products. For this reason we may modify the design, engineering and appearance of our products periodically.

Therefore, some changes, modifications and improvements may not be covered in this manual.

2 Safety Precautions and Working Techniques



Special safety precautions must be observed when working with this machine. The power supply is a particular source of danger.



It is important that you read and understand the User Manual before commissioning and keep it in a safe place for future reference. Non-compliance with the User Manual may cause serious or even fatal injury.

**WARNING**

- Minors should never be allowed to operate this power tool. Watch children to be sure that they do not play with the power tool.
- This power tool may be operated only by persons who have been instructed in its use and proper handling.
- Persons who are not able to operate the power tool safely due to limited physical, sensory or mental ability may work with it only under supervision or after being instructed appropriately by a responsible person.
- Do not pass on or lend the machine to persons who are not familiar with this model and its handling – always include the User Manual.
- **Disconnect plug from wall outlet** before performing any work on the machine, e.g. cleaning, maintenance, replacing parts.

Observe all applicable local safety regulations, e.g. by trade organizations, social insurance institutions, labor safety authorities etc.

When the machine is not in use, put it in a place where it does not endanger others. Secure it against unauthorized use, disconnect the plug from the power supply.

The user is responsible for accidents or risks involving third parties or their property.

If you have not used this model before: Have your dealer or a trained expert show you how to operate it properly and safely.

The use of noise-emitting power tools may be restricted to certain times by national or local regulations.

Before each use, check that your power tool is in good condition. Pay special attention to the power cord, mains plug and safety devices.

Do not operate your machine if any of its components are damaged.

Do not use the power cord to pull or carry the power tool.

Do not use a high-pressure washer to clean the power tool. The solid jet of water may damage parts of the unit.

Never spray water on the unit – **risk of short circuit!**

2.1 Physical fitness

To operate the power tool you must be rested, in good physical condition and mental health.

If you have any condition which may be aggravated by strenuous work, check with your doctor before operating a power tool.

Do not operate the power tool if you have consumed alcohol or taken medication which may impair responsiveness, or taken drugs.

2.2 Intended Use

The blower is designed for blow-sweeping leaves, grass, paper and similar materials, e.g. in gardens, sports stadiums, car parks and drive-ways.

The vacuum shredder is designed for picking up dry leaves and other lightweight, loose and non-combustible materials.

Do not blow-sweep or vacuum hazardous materials.

Do not operate your power tool indoors.

Do not use the power tool for any other purpose because of the increased risk of accidents and damage to the power tool itself. The product must not be modified in any way - this may also lead to accidents or damage to the unit.

2.3 Operational conditions



Never work with the power tool in the rain, snow or in wet or very damp locations. Do not leave the power tool outdoors in the rain.

2.4 Clothing and equipment

Wear proper protective clothing and equipment.



Clothing must be sturdy but allow complete freedom of movement. Wear snug-fitting clothing, an overall and jacket combination, do not wear a work coat.



Avoid wearing any clothing, scarves, neckties or jewelry which could get into the air intake. Tie up and confine long hair above your shoulders.

Wear sturdy shoes with non-slip soles.

**WARNING**

To reduce the risk of eye injuries, wear close-fitting safety glasses in accordance with European Standard EN 166. Make sure the safety glasses are a snug fit.

Wear "personal" sound protection, e.g. ear defenders.

STIHL can supply a comprehensive range of personal protective equipment.

2.5 Accessories

Only use parts and accessories that are explicitly approved for this power tool by STIHL or are technically identical. If you have any questions in this respect, consult your dealer. Use only high quality parts and accessories. Otherwise there is a risk of accidents or damage to the unit.

STIHL recommends the use of original STIHL parts and accessories. They are specifically designed to match the product and meet your performance requirements.

Never attempt to modify your power tool in any way since this may increase the risk of personal injury. STIHL excludes all liability for personal injury and damage to property caused while using unauthorized attachments.

2.6 Before starting work

Check the machine

- Switch/trigger must move easily to **STOP** or **0**
- The trigger/switch lever must be on **STOP** or **0**.
- The blower tubes must be properly assembled
- Handles must be clean and dry, free from oil and dirt, for safe control.
- Check condition of blower wheel and blower housing – see chapter on "Using the Vacuum Attachment".

To reduce the risk of accidents and personal injury, do not operate your power tool if it is not properly assembled and in good condition!

Do not operate your power tool if any of its components are damaged or not properly mounted.



Risk of injury from contact with rotating blower wheel. Risk of injury from contact with rotating blower wheel. Always switch off the motor and disconnect the plug from the power supply before removing the intake screen, suction tube, blower tube or elbow. Wait for the blower wheel to come to a complete standstill.

Wear of the blower housing (cracks, nicks, chips) may result in an increased risk of injury from thrown foreign objects. If the blower housing is damaged, consult your dealer – STIHL recommends you contact a STIHL servicing dealer

Never attempt to modify the controls or safety devices

Electrical connection.

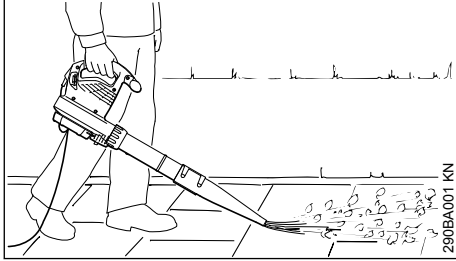
Reduce the risk of electric shock:

- Voltage and frequency of the machine (see rating plate) and the voltage and frequency of your power supply must be the same.
- Examine the connecting cord, power plug and extension cord for damage. Damaged cords, couplings and plugs or connecting cords that do not comply with the regulations must not be used
- Always connect the engine analyzer to a properly installed wall outlet.
- Check that the insulation of the power cord, extension cord, plug and coupling is in good condition
- Never touch the power plug, power cord and extension cord and electrical plug connections with wet hands.

Position the connecting and extension cords correctly:

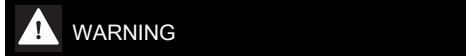
- Check minimum cross section of wires (wire gauge) – see "Connecting to Power Supply".
- To **reduce the risk of stumbling**, position and mark the connecting cord so that it cannot be damaged or endanger others.
- Using unsuitable extension cords can be dangerous. Use only extension cords approved for outdoor use which are labeled as such and have the appropriate wire gauge.
- The plug and coupling of the extension cord must be water-proof and must never be immersed in water.
- Do not chafe on edges, pointed or sharp objects
- don't trap or squeeze the cord in or under doors or windows
- If cords are twisted – unplug the power tool and straighten them out
- always unroll the connecting cord from the cable reel completely to avoid risk of fire due to overheating

2.7 Holding and guiding the machine



The blower is designed for one-handed operation. It can be carried by the control handle in either the right or left hand.

Always hold the power tool firmly in your hand.



Operate the machine only with the blower tube completely mounted – **risk of injury!**

The round nozzle is particularly suitable for use on uneven surfaces (e.g. fields and lawns).

The flat nozzle (either included with unit or available as special accessory) produces a broad and powerful airstream at ground level. It can be aimed and controlled very accurately. This nozzle is highly effective for blow-sweeping sawdust, leaves, grass cuttings, etc. on flat surfaces.

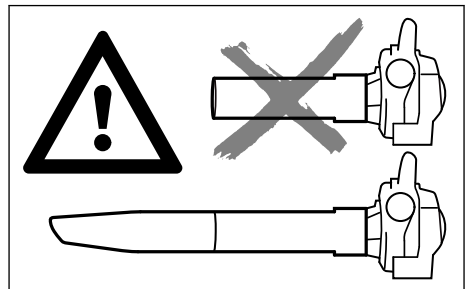
2.8 Using the Vacuum Attachment

For specific assembling instructions, see appropriate chapter in this User Manual.



The vacuum attachment is designed for two-handed operation. Hold and operate the unit with your right hand on the control handle and your left hand on the assist handle (union nut).

Wear the catcher bag shoulder strap over your right shoulder, not across your chest. This enables you to quickly remove the power tool and catcher bag in an emergency.



To reduce the risk of injury, operate your power tool only with a properly mounted suction tube and closed catcher bag.



To reduce the risk of personal injury from fire, never attempt to pick up hot or burning substances (e.g. smoldering ashes, glowing cigarettes).



To reduce the risk of fatal injury from fire or explosion, never attempt to pick up combustible fluids (e.g. gasoline) or materials soaked in combustible fluids.

NOTICE

Vacuuming abrasive material (such as grit, stone chips, etc.) causes the impeller wheel and impeller housing to wear at a rapid rate. This results in a considerable loss of suction power. In such a case you should contact your dealer. STIHL recommends you have this work done by a STIHL servicing dealer.

Take particular care when vacuuming wet leaves since they may block the blower wheel and elbow.

To clear a blockage in the machine:

- Switch off the machine and disconnect the mains plug
- Remove the elbow and suction tube – see "Assembling the Vacuum Shredder".
- Clean the elbow and blower housing.

2.9 While working



If the power cord is damaged, immediately disconnect the plug from the power supply to avoid the **risk of electrocution**.

Avoid damage to the power supply cord. Do not drive over it, pinch or tug it.

Never jerk the connecting cord to disconnect it from the wall outlet. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.

The power cord and power plug must never be touched with wet hands.

In case of imminent danger or in an emergency, move the trigger/switch to **STOP** or **0**.

Your power tool is designed to be operated by one person only. Do not allow other persons in the work area.

Children, animals and onlookers must remain at a safe distance.



To reduce the risk of injury from thrown objects, do not allow any other persons within 15 meters of your own position.

This distance must also be maintained in relation to objects (vehicles, window panes) – **risk of property damage!**

Do not direct the air blast towards bystanders or animals – the machine may eject small objects at high speed – **risk of injury!**

When blow-sweeping and vacuum shredding (in open ground and gardens), watch out for small animals to avoid harming them.

Never leave a running machine unattended.

Walk slowly forwards as you work – observe the nozzle outlet at all times – do not walk backwards – **risk of stumbling**.

Keep the connecting cord behind the power tool at all times – do not walk backwards – **risk of stumbling**.

Hold your power tool in a normal, relaxed working position. Make sure you always have a firm and secure footing.

Take care in slippery conditions on slopes and uneven ground.

Watch out for obstacles: Be careful of refuse, tree stumps, roots and ditches which could **cause you to trip or stumble**

Do not work on a ladder or in unstable locations.

Be particularly alert and cautious when wearing hearing protection because your ability to hear warnings (shouts, alarms, etc.) is restricted.

Work calmly and carefully – in daylight conditions and only when visibility is good. Proceed with caution, do not put others in danger.

Take breaks when you start getting tired or feeling fatigue – **risk of accidents!**

Static electricity may build-up while blow-sweeping large quantities of very dusty material and suddenly discharge in certain unfavorable conditions (e.g. very dry work area).

Always wear a dust mask if dust is generated.

Vacuuming unsuitable materials may block the impeller wheel. Switch off the unit immediately and disconnect the plug from the power supply. Then clear the blockage.

Never attempt to insert objects into the impeller housing through the intake screen or the nozzle. They may be expelled at very high speed by the blower – **risk of injury**.

If there is a noticeable change in running behavior (e.g. higher vibrations), stop work and rectify the cause of the problem.

If your power tool is subjected to unusual stress for which it was not designed (e.g. heavy impact or a fall), always check that it is in good condition before continuing work – see also "Before Starting Work". Make sure the safety devices are

working properly. Do not continue operating the machine if it is damaged. In case of doubt, contact a dealer.

If the machine continues to run (does not switch off) after the trigger switch is released, disconnect the plug from the wall outlet and consult your STIHL servicing dealer. The machine has a malfunction.

Before leaving the power tool unattended: Switch it off and disconnect the plug from the power supply.

2.10 After finishing work

Disconnect the mains plug from the power supply.

Never jerk the connecting cord to disconnect it from the wall outlet. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.

Always clean dust and dirt off the power tool. Do not use any grease solvents for this purpose.

2.11 Vibrations

Prolonged use of the power tool may result in vibration-induced circulation problems in the hands (whitefinger disease).

No general recommendation can be given for the length of usage because it depends on several factors.

The period of usage is prolonged by:

- Hand protection (wearing warm gloves)
- Work breaks

The period of usage is shortened by:

- Any personal tendency to suffer from poor circulation (symptoms: frequently cold fingers, tingling sensations).
- Low outside temperatures.
- The force with which the handles are held (a tight grip restricts circulation).

Continual and regular users should monitor closely the condition of their hands and fingers. If any of the above symptoms appear (e.g. tingling sensation in fingers), seek medical advice.

2.12 Maintenance and repairs

! WARNING



Before starting any work on the machine: Always disconnect the machine from the mains power supply.

- Use only high-quality spare parts. Otherwise, there may be a risk of accidents and damage to the unit. If you have any questions in this respect, consult a servicing dealer.
- To avoid risks, work on the machine (e. g. replacing a damaged power cord) may only be carried out by authorized dealers or qualified electricians.

Clean plastic parts with a cloth. Harsh detergents can damage the plastic.

Clean ventilation slots in motor housing as needed.

The machine must be serviced regularly. Do not attempt any maintenance or repair work not described in the Instruction Manual. All other work should be carried out by a servicing dealer.

STIHL recommends the use of genuine STIHL spare parts. Such parts have been optimized for the machine and the user's requirements.

STIHL recommends that maintenance and repair work be carried out only by authorized STIHL dealers. STIHL dealers receive regular training and are supplied with technical information.

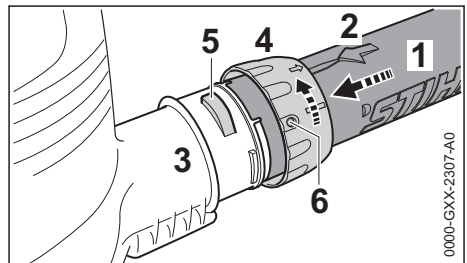
3 Assembling the Blower

- ▶ Disconnect the plug from the power supply.

3.1 Mounting the Blower Tube

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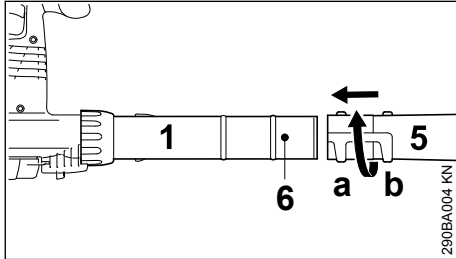
Your blower can be switched on only when the blower tube is properly mounted. The union nut activates a switch which closes the circuit to allow the motor to be switched on.



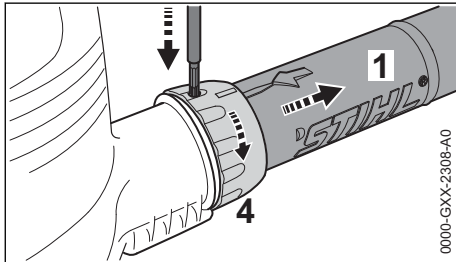
- ▶ Line up the recesses. The arrow (2) must be on the top of the blower tube (1).
- ▶ Push the blower tube (1) into the blower housing stub (3) as far as the stop.
- ▶ Push the union nut (4) over the blower housing stub (3) and turn it in the direction of the arrow until the tab (5) engages the opening (6) in the union nut.

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- ▶ You will hear the safety switch being activated.

3.2 Mounting the Nozzle

- ▶ Push the nozzle (5) onto the blower tube (1) as far as lug (6), position (a) (long) or position (b) (short), and rotate the nozzle in the direction of the arrow to it lock in position.

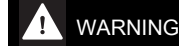
3.3 Removing the Blower Tube

- ▶ Switch off the motor.
- ▶ Press down the lock button by inserting a suitable tool through the opening in the union nut.
- ▶ Rotate the union nut (4) in the direction of arrow as far as the stop.
- ▶ Remove the blower tube (1).

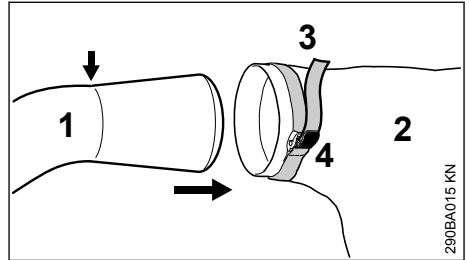
4 Assembling the Vacuum Shredder

Your vacuum shredder can be switched on only when the elbow and suction tube are properly mounted. The union nuts activate a switch which closes the circuit to allow the motor to be switched on.

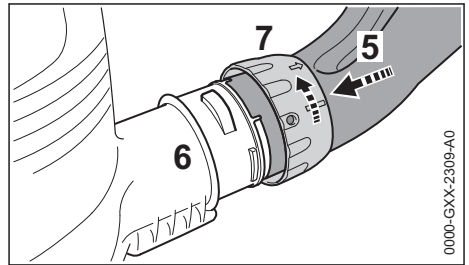
- ▶ Disconnect the plug from the power supply.

4.1 Mounting the Elbow

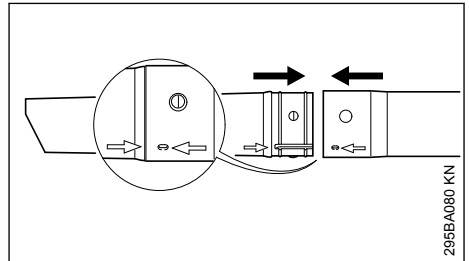
Make sure the zipper on the catcher bag is closed.



- ▶ Push the elbow (1) into the catcher bag (2) as far as the mark (smaller arrow).
- ▶ Tighten strap (3) on catcher bag and press down the buckle tab (4).

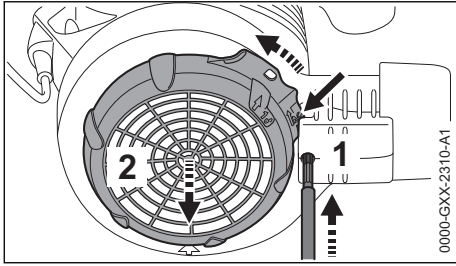


- ▶ Line up the recesses.
- ▶ Push the elbow (5) into the blower housing stub (6) as far as stop.
- ▶ Push the union nut (7) over the blower housing stub (6) and turn it in the direction of the arrow as far as the stop. You will hear the safety switch being activated.

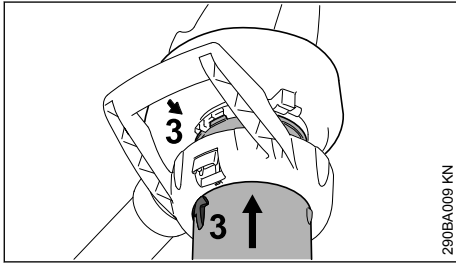
4.2 Assembling the Suction Tube

- ▶ Line up the arrows on the suction tube and extension tube. Push together and lock in position.

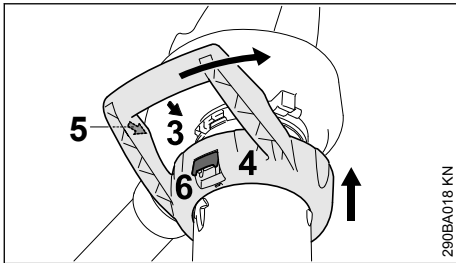
4.3 Mounting the Suction Tube



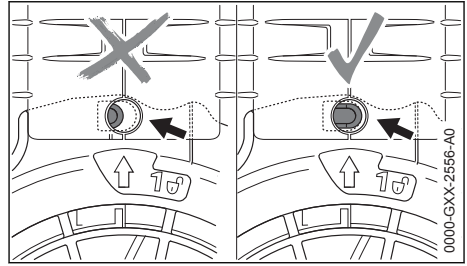
- ▶ Switch off the motor.
- ▶ Press down the lock button (1) by inserting a suitable tool through the opening.
- ▶ Push lug (arrow) against blower housing and hold it there.
- ▶ Rotate the intake screen (2) in the direction of arrow as far as the stop and lift it away.



- ▶ Line up the arrows (3).
- ▶ Push the suction tube into the intake opening as far as the stop.

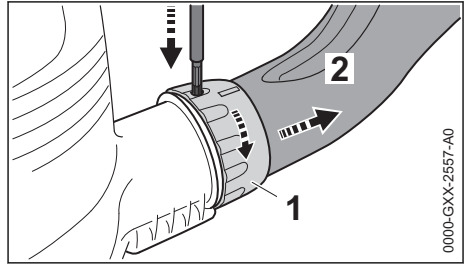


- ▶ Push the handle (4) over the intake opening.
- ▶ Line up the arrows (3 and 5).
- ▶ Rotate the handle (4) in direction of arrow until the lever (6) engages audibly on the blower housing.



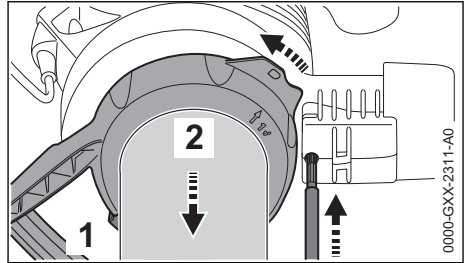
Lock button (arrow) must engage in position.

4.4 Removing the Elbow

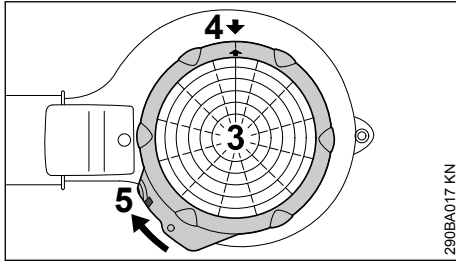


- ▶ Shut off the engine.
- ▶ Press down the lock button (1) by inserting a suitable tool through the opening.
- ▶ Rotate the union nut (1) in the direction of arrow as far as the stop.
- ▶ Remove the elbow (2).

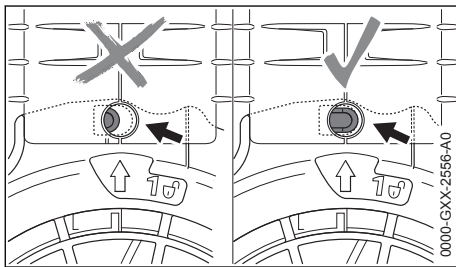
4.5 Removing the Suction Tube



- ▶ Shut off the engine.
- ▶ Press down the lock button (1) by inserting a suitable tool through the opening.
- ▶ Depress lever (1) and rotate handle (2) in direction of arrow as far as the stop.
- ▶ Remove the handle together with the suction tube.



- ▶ Position the intake screen (3) on the intake opening.
- ▶ Line up the arrows (4).
- ▶ Rotate the intake screen (3) in direction of arrow until the lug (5) engages audibly on the blower housing.



Lock button (arrow) must engage in position.

5 Connecting to Power Supply

The voltage and frequency of the machine (see rating plate) must match the voltage and frequency of the power connection.

The minimum fuse protection of the power connection must comply with the specifications – see "Specifications".

The machine must be connected to the power supply via an earth-leakage circuit breaker to disconnect the power supply if the differential current to earth exceeds 30 mA.

The power connection must correspond to IEC 60364 and relevant national regulations.

5.1 Extension cord

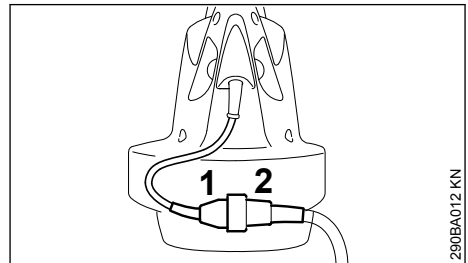
The design of the extension cord must at least fulfill the same features as the connecting cord on the machine. Observe the design marking (type designation) on the connecting cord.

The cores in the cord must have the following minimum cross-section depending on the mains voltage and cord length.

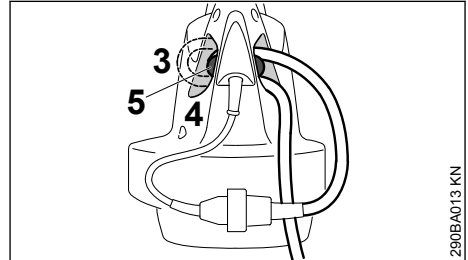
Cord length	Minimum cross-section
220 V – 240 V:	
Up to 20 m	1.5 mm ²
20 m to 50 m	2.5 mm ²
100 V – 127 V:	
Up to 10 m	AWG 14 / 2.0 mm ²
10 m to 30 m	AWG 12 / 3.5 mm ²

5.2 Strain relief (cord retainer)

The strain relief protects the appliance cord against damage.



- ▶ Insert the plug (1) into the extension cord coupling (2).



- ▶ Make a loop in the extension cord.
- ▶ Pass the loop (3) through the opening (4).
- ▶ Slip the loop over the hook (5) and pull it tight.

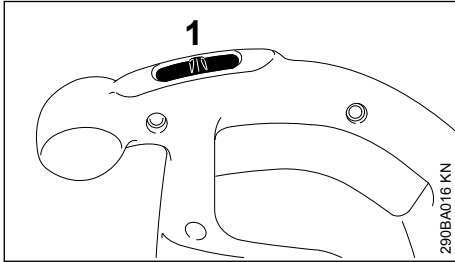
5.3 Connecting to Wall Outlet

Make sure your machine is switched off before you connect it to the power supply – see "Switching Off".

- ▶ Connect the extension cord plug to a properly installed wall outlet.

6 Switching On

- ▶ Make sure you have a secure and balanced footing.
- ▶ Hold the unit in the normal working position.

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- ▶ Move switch (1) to I or II (position II depends on model).

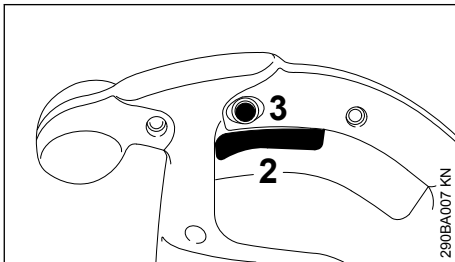
Units with single switch setting (I):

I = full power

Units with two switch settings (I and II):

I = half power

II = full power

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- ▶ Squeeze trigger switch (2) on control handle.

Blowing and suction power are infinitely variable.

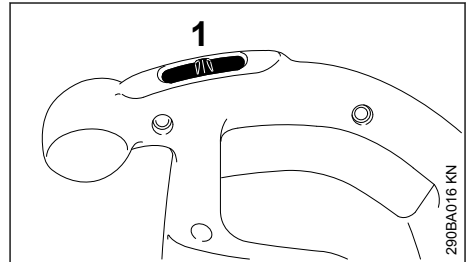
Press in the lock button (3) to lock the trigger switch (2) in the maximum power position in the blower and vacuum modes.

7 Switching Off

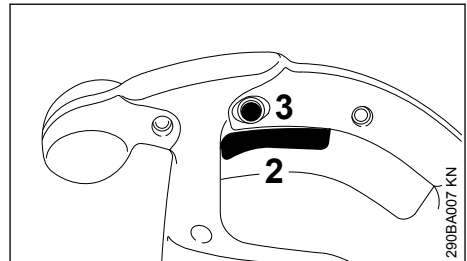
During long work breaks – disconnect the plug from the power supply.

When the machine is not in use, shut it off so that it does not endanger others.

Secure it against unauthorized use.

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- ▶ Move the switch (1) to 0

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- ▶ Release trigger switch (2) on control handle.

If the lock button (3) is engaged, squeeze the trigger switch briefly and let it go.

8 Storing the Machine

- ▶ Thoroughly clean the machine.
- ▶ Store the machine in a dry, high or locked location, out of the reach of children and other unauthorized persons.

9 Maintenance and Care

The following intervals apply to normal operating conditions only. If your daily working time is longer or operating conditions are difficult (very dusty work area, etc.), shorten the specified intervals accordingly.		before starting work	after finishing work or daily	weekly	monthly	yearly	if problem	if damaged	if required
Complete machine	Visual inspection (condition)	x							
	Clean		x						
Control handle	Check operation	x							
Cooling inlets	Clean								x
Safety labels	Replace							x	

10 Minimize Wear and Avoid Damage

Observing the instructions in this manual helps reduce the risk of unnecessary wear and damage to the power tool.

The power tool must be operated, maintained and stored with the due care and attention described in this instruction manual.

The user is responsible for all damage caused by non-observance of the safety precautions, operating and maintenance instructions in this manual. This includes in particular:

- Alterations or modifications to the product not approved by STIHL.
- Using tools or accessories which are neither approved or suitable for the product or are of a poor quality.
- Using the product for purposes for which it was not designed.
- Using the product for sports or competitive events.
- Consequential damage caused by continuing to use the product with defective components.

10.1 Maintenance Work

All the operations described in the "Maintenance Chart" must be performed on a regular basis. If these maintenance operations cannot be performed by the owner, they should be performed by a servicing dealer.

STIHL recommends that you have servicing and repair work carried out exclusively by an authorized STIHL servicing dealer. STIHL dealers are

regularly given the opportunity to attend training courses and are supplied with the necessary technical information.

If these maintenance operations are not carried out as specified, the user assumes responsibility for any damage that may occur. Among other things, this includes:

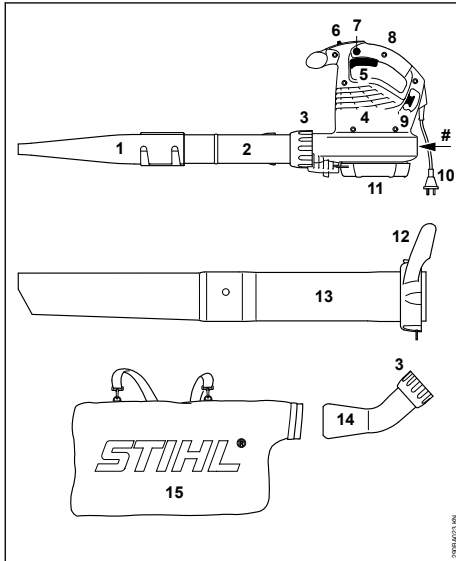
- Damage to the motor due to neglect or deficient maintenance (e.g. not cleaning cooling air inlets).
- Damage due to incorrect electrical connection (voltage, inadequately rated connecting cords).
- Corrosion and other consequential damage resulting from improper storage.
- Damage to the product resulting from the use of poor quality replacement parts.

10.2 Parts Subject to Wear and Tear

Some parts of the power tool are subject to normal wear and tear even during regular operation in accordance with instructions and, depending on the type and duration of use, have to be replaced in good time. Among other parts, this includes:

- Fanwheel
- Catcher bag

11 Main Parts



- 1 Fan nozzle
 - 2 Blower tube
 - 3 Union nut
 - 4 Cooling inlets
 - 5 Trigger (BGE 81, SHE 81 only)
 - 6 Switch (BGE 61, BGE 71, SHE 71 only)
 - 7 Lock button (BGE 81, SHE 81 only)
 - 8 Control handle
 - 9 Strain relief hook (cord retainer)
 - 10 Appliance plug
 - 11 Protective screen
 - 12 Union nut with handle*
 - 13 Suction tube*
 - 14 Elbow*
 - 15 Catcher bag*
- # Serial number

12 Specifications

12.1 Motor (BGE 61)

120V version

Power supply: 120 V, 60 Hz,
9.2 A
Protect with a fuse 15 A
Engine power 1100 W
Protection class, safety class II □

240V version

Power supply: 240 V, 50 Hz,
4.8 A
Protect with a fuse 10 A
Engine power 1100 W
Protection class, safety class II □

12.2 Motor (BGE 71 / SHE 71)

120V version

Power supply: 120 V, 60 Hz,
9.2 A
Protect with a fuse 15 A
Engine power 1100 W
Protection class, safety class II □

230V version

Power supply: 230 V, 50 Hz,
4.8 A
Protect with a fuse 10 A
Engine power 1100 W
Protection class, safety class II □

230V - 240V version

Power supply: 230 V - 240 V,
50 Hz, 4.8 A
Protect with a fuse 10 A
Engine power 1100 W
Protection class, safety class II □

12.3 Motor (BGE 81 / SHE 81)

230V version

Power supply: 230 V, 50 Hz,
6.1 A
Protect with a fuse 10 A
Engine power 1400 W
Protection class, safety class II □

230V - 240V version

Power supply: 230 V - 240 V,
50 Hz, 6.1 A
Protect with a fuse 10 A
Engine power 1400 W
Protection class, safety class II □

12.4 Maximum air flow rate

	Blower mode	Suction mode, vacuuming
BGE 61	670 m ³ /h	---
BGE 71	670 m ³ /h	580 m ³ /h
BGE 81	750 m ³ /h	650 m ³ /h
SHE 71	670 m ³ /h	580 m ³ /h
SHE 81	750 m ³ /h	650 m ³ /h

* Standard on SHE, special accessory for BGE

12.5 Air velocity with nozzle

	Blower mode
BGE 61	66 m/s
BGE 71	66 m/s
BGE 81	76 m/s
SHE 71	58 m/s
SHE 81	67 m/s

12.6 Dimensions

Width	210 mm
Altitude	334 mm
Depth	330 mm

12.7 Weight

BGE 61	3.0 kg
BGE 71	3.0 kg
BGE 81	3.3 kg
SHE 71	4.1 kg
SHE 81	4.4 kg

12.8 Noise and vibration values

Sound and vibration levels are determined on the basis of the operating status at nominal maximum speed.

For further details on compliance with Vibration Directive 2002/44/EC, see

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12.8.1 Continuous sound pressure level L_p according to IEC 62841-4-6

	Blower mode	Suction mode, vacuuming
BGE 71	85 dB(A)	85 dB(A)
BGE 81	89 dB(A)	88 dB(A)
SHE 71	85 dB(A)	85 dB(A)
SHE 81	89 dB(A)	88 dB(A)

12.8.2 Sound power level L_w according to IEC 62841-4-6

	Blower mode	Suction mode, vacuuming
BGE 71	100 dB(A)	101 dB(A)
BGE 81	103 dB(A)	103 dB(A)
SHE 71	100 dB(A)	101 dB(A)
SHE 81	103 dB(A)	103 dB(A)

12.8.3 Vibration value a_{HV} according to IEC 62841-4-6

Blower mode

	Handle, right
BGE 71	1 m/s ²
BGE 81	4.1 m/s ²
SHE 71	1 m/s ²
SHE 81	4.1 m/s ²

Suction mode, vacuuming

	Handle, right	Handle, left
BGE 71	0.8 m/s ²	1.2 m/s ²
BGE 81	2.6 m/s ²	5.6 m/s ²
SHE 71	0.8 m/s ²	1.2 m/s ²
SHE 81	2.6 m/s ²	5.6 m/s ²

The K-factor in accordance with Directive 2006/42/EC is 2.0 dB(A) for the sound pressure level and sound power level; the K-factor in accordance with Directive 2006/42/EC is 2.0 m/s² for the vibration level.

12.9 REACH

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

For information on compliance with the REACH regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 see

www.stihl.com/reach


13 Maintenance and Repairs

Users of this machine may only carry out the maintenance and service work described in this user manual. All other repairs must be carried out by a servicing dealer.

STIHL recommends that you have servicing and repair work carried out exclusively by an authorized STIHL servicing dealer. STIHL dealers are regularly given the opportunity to attend training courses and are supplied with the necessary technical information.

When repairing the machine, only use replacement parts which have been approved by STIHL for this power tool or are technically identical. Only use high-quality replacement parts in order to avoid the risk of accidents and damage to the machine.

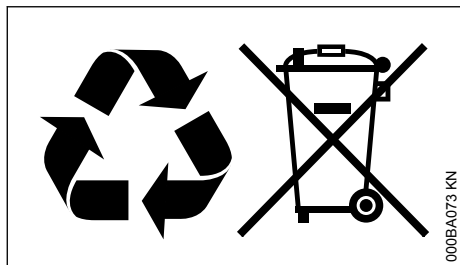
STIHL recommends the use of original STIHL replacement parts.

Original STIHL parts can be identified by the STIHL part number, the **STIHL** logo and the STIHL parts symbol  (the symbol may appear alone on small parts).

14 Disposal

Contact the local authorities or your STIHL servicing 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.

15 EC Declaration of Conformity

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declares under its sole responsibility that

Designation: Electric blower, electric vacuum shredder
Make: STIHL
Series: BGE 61
BGE 71
BGE 81
SHE 71
SHE 81

Serial identification number: 4811

conforms to the relevant provisions of Directives 2011/65/EU, 2006/42/EC, 2000/14/EU and 2014/30/EC and has been developed and manufactured in compliance with the following standards in the versions valid on the date of production:

EN 55014-1, EN 55014-2 and EN 62841-1, taking account of IEC 62841-4-6 and prEN 62841-4-6.

The measured and guaranteed sound power levels were determined according to Directive 2000/14/EC, Annex V.

Measured sound power level

BGE 71:	98 dB(A)
BGE 81:	101 dB(A)
SHE 71:	98 dB(A)
SHE 81:	100 dB(A)

Guaranteed sound power level

BGE 71:	100 dB(A)
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BGE 81:	103 dB(A)
SHE 71:	100 dB(A)
SHE 81:	102 dB(A)

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EN 55014-1, EN 55014-2 and EN 62841-1, taking account of IEC 62841-4-6 and prEN 62841-4-6.

The measured and guaranteed equivalent sound power level has been determined in accordance with the UK Regulation Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for use Outdoors Regulations 2001, Schedule 8.

Measured sound power level

BGE 71:	98 dB(A)
BGE 81:	101 dB(A)
SHE 71:	98 dB(A)
SHE 81:	100 dB(A)

Guaranteed sound power level

BGE 71:	100 dB(A)
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17 Addresses

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18 General Power Tool Safety Warnings

18.1 Introduction

This chapter reproduces the pre-formulated, general safety precautions specified in the IEC 62841 (EN 62841) standard for electric motor-operated hand-held tools.

STIHL is required to reproduce the wording.

The safety advice described under “Electrical Safety” for avoiding electric shock does not apply to STIHL cordless products.



Read all the safety precautions, instructions, illustrations and specifications accompanying this electric power tool. Failure to follow the safety warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury. **Keep all safety warnings and instructions for future reference.**

The term “electric power tool” used in the safety advice refers to electric power tools powered by mains electricity (by means of a power cord) or electric power tools powered by rechargeable batteries (without a power cord).

18.2 Work area safety

- Keep your work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- Do not work with the electric power tool in potentially explosive environments in which there are inflammable liquids, gases or dusts.** Electric power tools create sparks, which can ignite dusts or fumes.
- Keep children and other people away while you are operating the electric power tool.** Distractions can cause you to lose control of the electric power tool.

18.3 Electrical safety

- Electric power tool plugs must match the outlet. The plug must not be modified in any way. Do not use an adapter plugs with electric power tools fitted with a protective earth.** Unmodified plugs and matching outlets will reduce the risk of electric shock.
- Avoid touching surfaces, such as pipes, radiators, ovens and refrigerators with any part of your body.** There is an increased risk of electric shock if your body is earthed or grounded.
- Keep electric power tools away from rain or moisture.** Water entering an electric power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- Do not use the connecting cable for any other purpose. Never carry or pull the electric power tool by the connecting cable or remove the plug by pulling on the cable. Keep the connecting cable away from heat, oil, sharp edges or moving parts.** Damaged

or entangled connecting cables increase the risk of electric shock.

- e) **When operating an electric power tool outdoors, only use an extension cord that is also suitable for outdoor use.** Use of an extension cord suitable for outdoor use reduces the risk of electric shock.
- f) **If operating an electric power tool in a damp location is unavoidable, use a residual current device (RCD) protected supply.** The use of an RCD reduces the risk of electric shock.

18.4 Personal safety

- a) **Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense when operating an electric power tool. Do not use the electric power tool if you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication.** A moment of inattention while operating the electric power tool may result in serious personal injury.
- b) **Use personal protective equipment. Always wear safety glasses.** Protective equipment such as a dust mask, non-skid safety shoes, a hard hat or hearing protection fit for the respective type of electric power tool and the respective job will reduce personal injuries.
- c) **Prevent unintentional starting. Check that the electric power tool is switched off before you connect it to the mains and/or the battery, pick it up or carry it.** Accidents can happen if you carry the electric power tool with your finger on the ON/OFF switch or with the electric power tool switched on.
- d) **Remove any setting tools or wrenches before turning the electric power tool on.** A tool or spanner left attached to a rotating part of an electric power tools can lead to injury.
- e) **Avoid placing your body in an unnatural position. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** This enables better control of the electric power tool in unexpected situations.
- f) **Wear suitable clothing. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Keep your hair and clothes away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewelry or long hair may be caught in moving parts.
- g) **If dust extraction and collection devices can be mounted, they should be connected and used correctly.** Use of dust collection can reduce dust-related hazards.
- h) **Do not be lulled into a false sense of security and do not disregard the safety rules even if you are thoroughly familiar with the electric**

power tool. Carelessness can result in serious injuries within fractions of a second.

18.5 Handling and use of electric power tools

- a) **Do not force the electric power tool. Always use an electric power tool that is intended for the task you are undertaking.** The correct electric power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- b) **Do not use an electric power tool if its switch is defective.** Any electric power tool that cannot be switched on or off via the switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- c) **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or take a removable battery pack out of the electric power tool before making any device adjustments, changing accessories, or storing power tools.** Such preventive safety measures reduce the risk of starting the electric power tool accidentally.
- d) **Unused electric power tools must be stored out of the reach of children. Do not let anyone use the electric power tool who is not familiar with it or has not read the instructions and advice.** Electric power tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- e) **Maintain electric power tools and accessories with care. Check for misalignment or jamming of moving parts, breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect the functionality of the electric power tool. If damaged, have the electric power tool repaired before use.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained electric power tools.
- f) **Keep cutting tools clean and sharp.** Carefully maintained cutting tools with sharp cutting edges are less likely to jam and are easier to control.
- g) **Use the electric power tool, accessories, tool bits etc. in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed.** Use of the electric power tool for operations different from those intended may result in a hazardous situation.
- h) **Keep handles and grip surfaces dry, clean and free from oil and grease.** Slippery handles and grip surfaces do not allow proper operation and control of the electric power tool in unforeseen situations.

18.6 Service

- a) **Have your electric power tool serviced by a qualified repair person using only genuine spare parts.** This will ensure that the safety of the electric power tool is maintained.

18.7 Blower/ Vacuum Shredder Safety Warnings

General safety warnings for blowers/vacuum shredder

- a) **Do not use the machine in bad weather conditions, especially when there is a risk of lightning.** This decreases the risk of being struck by lightning.
- b) **Before use, check the supply cord and any extension cord for signs of damage or aging. Do not touch the cord before disconnecting the supply. Do not use the machine if the cord is damaged or worn.** A damaged supply cord may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.
- c) **Check the debris collector frequently for wear or deterioration.** A worn or damaged debris collector may increase the risk of personal injury.
- d) **Wear eye protection and ear protection.** Adequate protective equipment will reduce the risk of personal injury.
- e) **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 risk of injury to the feet.
- f) **Do not wear loose fitting clothing or articles such as scarves, strings, chains, ties, etc., that could get drawn into the air inlets. Tie back or cover long hair to make sure it does not get drawn into the air inlets.** If any of these items are drawn into the air inlets, it can increase the risk of personal injury.
- g) **Keep bystanders away while operating the machine.** Thrown debris can increase the risk of personal injury.
- h) **Do not use in vacuum mode without the debris collector in place.** Thrown objects can increase the risk of personal injury.
- i) **Never point the blower nozzle in the direction of people or pets or in the direction of windows. Use extra caution when blowing debris near solid objects, such as trees, automobiles and walls that can cause debris to rico-**

chet. Thrown objects can damage property and increase the risk of personal injury.

- j) **Do not use the machine to pick up or blow anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches or hot ashes.** These ignition sources may increase the risk of fire.
- k) **Do not vacuum water or other liquids or immerse any part of the machine in liquid.** Water entering the machine may increase the risk of electric shock.
- l) **Do not vacuum stones, gravel, metal or broken glass.** The fan wheel can get damaged and may increase the risk of personal injury.
- m) **Do not touch the fan while still in motion. Turn off the machine, wait until the fan stops and unplug the machine, before removing any part that may give access to the fan.** This reduces the risk of injury from moving parts.
- n) **When clearing jammed material or servicing the machine, make sure the power switch is off and the power cord is disconnected.** Unexpected actuation of the machine while clearing jammed material or servicing may increase the risk of personal injury.

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