

# Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer

Safety & Operating Instructions



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# **MARNING!**

Read and understand this manual and all instructions before operating this Trimmer.

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#### **Conventions used in this Manual**



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# **MARNING!**

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# A CAUTION!

This indicates a hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

#### NOTICE

This information is important in the proper use of your tool. Failure to follow this instruction could result in damage to your tool or property.

TIP: This is a helpful hint to guide you in getting the most out of your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer.

**NOTE:** This information may be helpful to you in using your Trimmer.

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#### **NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer Product Specifications**

Motor	
Input	18V DC
Controls	
ON/OFF	Single Trigger Switch w/Lock-Off Button
Handles	Rubber Molded over the Handles
Trimmer Housing	
Material	Injected Polypropylene
Weight	6.6 lbs. (including Battery)
Trimming	
Blade Length	22 inches
Blade Speed	3,000 Strokes/minute
Maximum diameter cut	5/8 inch
Battery Pack (optional)	
Voltage	18V DC, 2.6 AH
Battery Pack Charger	18V Lithium Charger (optional), plugs into standard electrical outlet

# A CAUTION!

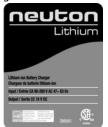
Use only the Neuton Lithium Charger with Neuton Lithium Battery Packs. Do not use the Neuton Lithium Charger with Battery Packs from other manufacturers or other Neuton products.

Charge Time 30-60 minutes to recharge
Replacement Easy to snap-in and out of Trimmer housing

#### **Chapter 1: Important Safety Considerations**

We want you to enjoy years of safe and productive use from your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer. We do not want you injured, so please take a few moments to read the following instructions for safely operating your new Tool. Take a moment to study the following labels and make a note of their location *before* you operate the Trimmer. Replace damaged or missing safety and information labels immediately.







WARNING Label on side of Motor, 260931

Battery Charger WARNING Labels

Battery Pack WARNING Label, 286541

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22" Hedge Trimmer



#### **Protecting Yourself and Those around You**

#### **WARNING!**

- Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the Trimmer and the activity of trimming. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.
- Never allow bystanders, or pets in your work area when operating the Trimmer. Stop the tool if anyone enters the area.
- Only allow responsible individuals who have a thorough understanding of these instructions to operate the Trimmer. Never allow children to operate the tool.
- If you are ever unsure about an action you are about to take, please do not do it.

#### **Dressing Appropriately**

#### **WARNING!**

- Always wear protective goggles or safety glasses with side shields that are marked to comply with ANSI Z87.1 standard when using your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer to protect your eyes from possible thrown clippings.
- We recommend the use of ear protectors or earplugs rated for at least 20 DBA to protect your hearing.
- Wear shoes with non-slip treads when using the Trimmer. If you have safety shoes, wear them. Do not use the Trimmer while barefoot or wearing sandals with exposed toes or heels.
- Wear a protective covering to contain long hair and avoid wearing loose clothing or jewelry, which can catch on the Trimmer's moving parts.
- We recommend wearing long pants and rubber gloves while using this tool. Be sure the gloves fit properly and do not have loose cuffs or drawstrings.

#### **Preparing to Use Your Trimmer**

#### **WARNING!**

- Read, understand, and follow all instructions on the Trimmer and in the manual. Be thoroughly familiar with the control and the proper use of the Trimmer before starting.
- Thoroughly inspect the area where you will be using the Trimmer, and remove all wire, sticks, and any other foreign objects which could get
  caught in the Trimmer Blades.

#### **Operating Your Trimmer Safely**

#### A DANGER!

- If the Trimmer jams on any electrical cord or line, DO NOT TOUCH THE BLADES; THEY CAN BECOME ELECTRICALLY LIVE AND VERY
  DANGEROUS. Safely disconnect the damaged electrical cord or line from its power source. If possible, do so safely. If in doubt, call an
  electrician or an electrical contractor for assistance. Failure to heed this DANGER will result in death or serious personal injury.
- This Trimmer can sever body parts! Keep hands and feet away from the Blades and always keep both hands on the Handles when using the Trimmer.

# **M** WARNING!

- Do not use your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer for any job other than the intended use.
- Avoid unintentional starting don't carry the NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer with your finger on the ON/OFF Switch.
- Do not put any part of your body near the Trimming Blades when operating. Keep both hands on the Handles.
- Never attempt to move cut material or hold material that you are cutting when the Blades are moving.
- Remove the Battery Pack when inspecting, cleaning, or clearing any jammed material from the Trimmer Blades.
- Never pick up or hold the Trimmer by the cutting Blades.
- Be aware that the cutting Blades coast to a stop after releasing the ON/OFF Trigger; they do not stop immediately.
- Do not operate the Trimmer in gaseous or explosive atmospheres. Motors in these tools normally spark, and the sparks might ignite fumes.
- Never over reach and keep proper footing and balance at all times.
- Do not force the Trimmer it will do the job better and with less likelihood of a risk of injury when cutting at its own rate.
- Operate only in daylight or in an area well lit by artificial light.

# A CAUTION!

- Never operate the Trimmer in the rain.
- Do not operate the Trimmer on a ladder or on a scaffold.
- Watch out for traffic when operating near roadways.
- Stay alert and watch what you are doing. Do not operate the Trimmer when you are tired or under the influence of medication, drugs, or alcohol.
- If the Trimmer vibrates abnormally, stop the motor, remove the Battery Pack, and inspect the tool for any damage. Check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting and any other condition that may affect its operation. Repair the damage before restarting and operating the Trimmer. **NOTE:** Excessive vibration is generally a sign of trouble.
- Do not operate the Trimmer if it does not start normally or stop normally with the ON/OFF Switch.
- Never use the Trimmer with a damaged or missing Guard.

#### **Handling the Battery Pack Safely**

# **▲** WARNING!

- Always charge the Battery Pack indoors, never charge it the rain or in wet conditions.
- Use only the Neuton Lithium Charger with Neuton Lithium Battery Packs. Do not use the Neuton Lithium Charger with Battery Packs from other manufacturers or other Neuton products. Use of a different Charger may cause a fire or explosion.
- Never attempt to alter or open the Battery Pack or Charger. There are no customer serviceable parts inside. Use normal household voltage (110 volts) when charging the Battery Pack. Plug the Charger Power Supply directly into the electrical outlet.
- Exercise care in handling the Battery Pack in order not to short-circuit it with conducting materials such as rings, bracelets, and keys. When short-circuited, the Battery Pack or conductor may overheat and cause burns.
- Electrolyte leakage from the Battery Pack can be harmful causing serious chemical burns if on the skin or in the eyes. Remove contaminated clothing and wash skin with soap and water. If electrolyte gets in your eyes, flush with cold water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention. Inhalation of vapors from a ruptured Battery Pack can cause respiratory irritation, provide fresh air, and seek medical attention.
- Never dispose of the Battery Pack in a fire, as the Battery Pack may explode. Never open or mutilate the Battery Pack; released materials are flammable. If fire or explosion occurs, do not breathe the fumes. A burning Battery Pack will create toxic fumes. Fire fighters should use self-contained breathing apparatus. The fire in the Battery Pack will need to burn out, but the fire can be kept from spreading. If possible, separate the Battery Pack from other flammable materials and use sand, copper powder or powdered graphite fire extinguishers, dry ground dolomite or soda ash to smother the fire.
- Do not ship damaged Battery Packs and be sure to use the original packaging materials when shipping Batteries and tools back to Neuton Power Equipment if you decide you do not want them. Special labeling on the packaging is required because the Batteries are considered hazardous materials. Check with airlines before trying to check Lithium batteries with your baggage. New regulations are being considered that may restrict packaging and shipping of these Batteries as well as tools with Batteries installed.
- Please dispose of your used Battery Packs responsibly by recycling them, never throw away used Battery Packs in your household trash. Call your local Solid Waste Management District or your local waste handler to locate the collection site nearest you. Some collection sites recycle Battery Packs year-round; others collect them periodically.

You can also visit the Web site of Earth 911 for more information [www.earth911.org]. Once there, click the Municipal HHW link under Hazardous Household Waste, and enter your zip code. The site lists recycling centers located near you. You can also visit our website <a href="https://www.neutonpower.com">www.neutonpower.com</a> and click on "Customer Service" to find distribution centers across the country that will accept your Battery Pack for 100% recycling of the plastic and lithium.

To learn more about hazardous waste recycling, visit the Web site for the Environmental Protection Agency [www.epa.gov].

No list of Warnings and Cautions can be all-inclusive. If situations occur not covered by this manual, the operator must apply common sense and operate the NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer in a safe manner. Visit our website at <a href="https://www.neutonpower.com">www.neutonpower.com</a> or call Toll Free: 1-866-NEUTON1 (638-8661) for assistance.

# Chapter 2: Unpacking the Hedge Trimmer and Charging the Battery Pack

#### **Carton Contents:**

- NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer (fully assembled) w/Blades Cover
- Battery Pack and Charger (optional)
- Safety and Operating Instructions

#### **Unpacking:**

- 1. Carefully remove the Trimmer, Battery Pack (optional), Charger (optional), and the Safety and Operating Instructions from the Shipping Carton. Make sure that all items listed in the Carton Contents are included.
- 2. Inspect the product carefully to make sure no breakage or damage occurred during shipping. If you find damaged or missing parts, call Toll Free: **1-866-NEUTON1** (**638-8661**) for assistance.

**NOTE:** Do not discard the Shipping Carton and packaging material until you are fully satisfied with your new NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer.

#### Charge the Battery Pack before your first use:

The NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer uses a sealed, Lithium-Ion Battery Pack. The Battery Pack is 18 volts and rated at 2.6 amphours. The Battery Pack should not leak, regardless of the position in which it is stored. Read "Handling the Battery Safely" in Chapter 1 for additional information. The Battery Pack is completely maintenance free. You never need to add water. With all rechargeable Batteries, after years of use, they will eventually need replacement.

You MUST charge the Battery Pack for at least 30-60 minutes before you use the Trimmer for the first time. If you do not charge it before using the Trimmer, the Battery Pack's charging capacity may decrease.

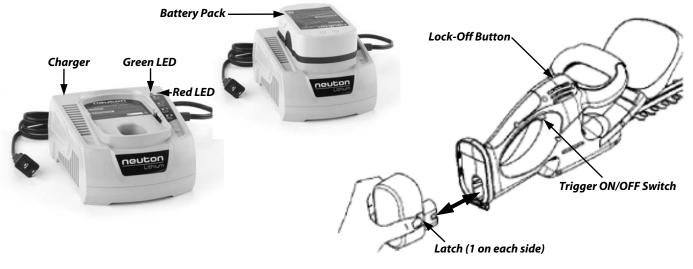
#### NOTICE

- Make sure the Charger Power Supply is plugged into a normal household voltage, 120volts, 60Hz, AC only.
- You should operate the Battery Charger in a dry place with temperatures between 32°F (0°C) and +80°F (+26.7°C). Operating above +80°F can cause Battery Pack leakage, rust, or degradation of the Battery Pack performance.
- Disconnect Charger Power Supply from the household voltage power when not in use to prevent damage to the Charger during a power surge.
- Periodically inspect the Cord on the Charger unit for damage. If damage occurs, do not use the Charger until you have replaced or repaired the Cord. Do not abuse the Cord. Never carry the Charger by the Cord. Always pull the plug – and not the Cord – when disconnecting the Power Supply from the electrical outlet (wall outlet) and from the Charger. When using an extension Cord with your Charger, use a heavy-duty extension Cord of a type 'suitable for outdoor use' (although you should never charge the Battery Pack in the open outdoors).
- The Battery Pack requires 2-3 charging and discharging cycles before reaching full charge ability.
- A Battery Pack may last much longer if you charge it as soon as it starts to lose power and not let it completely discharge. Recharge the Battery Pack as soon as the cutting power of your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer is no longer effective. This would be a good time to have a spare Battery Pack ready to go. Recharge the Battery Pack for 30-60 minutes until fully charged and remove it from the Charger.
- A good time to consider purchasing a replacement Battery Pack is when it looses its power quickly.
- 1. Plug the Charger into a standard household electrical outlet (Figure 1). The Green LED will glow.
- 2. Place Battery Pack in the Charger (*Figure 1*). The Battery Pack and Charger have keyways so they will fit together only one way. When properly connected, the RED LED will glow (*Figure 1*). If the RED LED flashes, this indicates a defective or wrong type Battery.
- 3. The Charger Indicator Light will glow RED continuously while charging. When fully charged the RED LED will change to GREEN, the Charger will shut OFF automatically after two (2) hours and the LED will remain GREEN.

# A CAUTION!

When installing the Battery Pack, **DO NOT** push the Lock-Off Button or squeeze the Trigger ON/OFF Switch (*Figure 2*).

- 1. Install the Charged Battery Pack in your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer by aligning the connector on the Battery Pack with the receptacle at the rear of the Trimmer and insert the Battery Pack (*Figure 2*) until the Latches on each side of the Battery Pack snap into place; assuring a secure connection to the Trimmer. Again, the Battery Pack and Trimmer Housing have keyways so they will fit together only one way.
- 2. To remove the Battery Pack, simply press both Latches on sides of the Battery Pack to release the Battery Pack from the NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer Housing (*Figure 2*) and pull the Battery Pack straight back.



#### Chapter 3: Operating Your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer

#### **Starting the Trimmer**

#### NOTICE

- Starting, stopping, and restarting an electric Motor repeatedly within a few seconds can generate a great deal of heat and damage the
  Motor. To protect the life of your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer, always wait at least five (5) seconds after stopping before
  restarting the Trimmer.
- Avoid collisions with hard objects, which could damage the Cutting Blades.
- 1. Perform the Daily Checks listed on the back cover of this manual.
- 2. Pull the Lock-Off Button toward you (*Figure 2* on page 5) with your thumb and squeeze the Trigger ON/OFF Switch (*Figure 2* on page 5) with your fingers. Once the Motor starts you can remove your thumb from the Lock-Off Button. If the Trimmer does not start, make sure the Battery Pack is charged and locked firmly into place in the Trimmer Housing.
- 3. To stop the Trimmer, simply release the Trigger ON/OFF Switch.

#### **Using the Trimmer**

# **MARNING!**

- Never hold the tool by the Blade Guard.
- Be certain that the Cutting Blades are not in contact with the hedge that you are trimming when you start the Motor.

#### **Proper Trimming Position** (Figure 3)

Hold the Trimmer firmly in both hands and while keeping the unit below waist level; turn the tool ON.

TIP: To obtain exceptionally level hedges, you can stretch a piece of string along the length of the hedge as a guide.

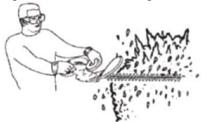
**NOTE:** Do not use the NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer for cutting stems greater than 1/2". Use the Trimmer only for cutting normal shrubbery found around houses and buildings.

#### **Trimming New Growth (Figure 4)**

Use a wide, sweeping motion, while feeding the Blade Teeth through the twigs is most effective. A slight downward tilt of the Blade, in the direction of motion gives the best cutting.

#### Side-Trimming Hedges (Figure 5)

Begin at the bottom of the hedge and sweep up.





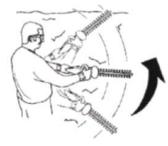


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#### Chapter 4: Maintaining Your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer

# **MARNING!**

 $Always\ remove\ the\ Battery\ Pack\ before\ performing\ any\ maintenance,\ or\ repairs\ to\ your\ Trimmer.$ 

The Cutting Blades, made from high quality hardened steel, with normal usage; they will not require re-sharpening. However, if you accidentally hit a wire fence, stones, glass, or other hard objects, you may put a nick in the Blade. There is no need to remove this nick as long as it does not interfere with the movement of the Blade. If it does interfere, make sure to remove the Battery Pack from the Trimmer and use a fine-toothed file or sharpening stone to remove the nick.

#### <u>Lubrication</u> (*Figure 6*)

Before each use, remove any debris on Blades and apply lightweight machine oil along the edge of the top and bottom straps. Make sure the Handles remain clean and dry.

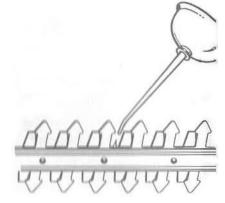


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#### Chapter 5: Troubleshooting Your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer

#### **Troubleshooting Tips**

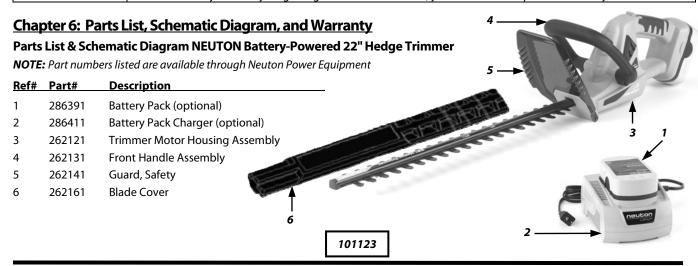
Most difficulties are easy to fix. Consult the Troubleshooting Table for common problems and their solutions. If you continue to experience problems or need repairs beyond these minor adjustments, visit our website at <a href="https://www.neutonpower.com">www.neutonpower.com</a> or call Neuton Power Equipment Toll Free at: 1-866-NEUTON1 (638-8661) for assistance.

#### **WARNING!**

Always remove the Battery Pack before performing any adjustments, maintenance, or repairs to your Trimmer.

#### **Troubleshooting Table**

PROBLEM	CORRECTIVE ACTION	
The Trimmer Motor	$\Rightarrow$ Check that you installed the Battery Pack correctly and that the Battery Pack is fully charged.	
fails to start.	$\Rightarrow$ Make sure that you fully push in the Lock-Off Button before squeezing the ON/OFF Trigger Switch.	
The Battery Pack will not charge.	⇒ Check to see if the Battery Pack is all the way into the Charger. Insert the Battery Pack until the RED LED Light illuminates.	
	$\Rightarrow$ The Charger Power Supply is not in a working outlet. Check the outlet with a lamp or other appliance.	
	$\Rightarrow$ Check to see if the outlet that you are using for the Charger Power Supply is controlled from a wall switch.	
	⇒ The surrounding air temperature is too hot or too cold. Move Charger and Battery Pack to a location where the surrounding air temperature is between 32°F (0°C) and +80°F (+26.7°C).	
The Trimmer runs	⇒ The Battery Pack was probably not at full charge prior to cutting. Charge the Battery Pack, if necessary.	
slow and the Blades	$\Rightarrow$ Check the Blades for damage or binding. Straighten the Blades or Blades support as required.	
are hot and noisy.	⇒ Lubricate the Blades as required.	
The Battery loses its	⇒ The Battery Pack was probably not at full charge prior to trimming. Charge the Battery Pack, if necessary.	
charge quickly.	<b>NOTE:</b> You will need to charge a new Battery Pack 2-3 times to achieve maximum trimming time.	
	⇒ The Battery Pack may be getting old. After some time, you will need to replace the Battery Pack.	



# 2-Year Limited Warranty Terms and Conditions

The NEUTON® Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer has a warranty for two (2) years against defects in materials or workmanship when put to personal residential household use. For the purposes of the warranty, "personal residential household use" refers to non-commercial residential use and further excludes misuse, accidents, or damage due to inadequate maintenance.

Neuton Power Equipment certifies that the NEUTON® Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer is fit for ordinary purposes for which a product of this type is used. Neuton Power Equipment however, limits the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness in duration to a period of two (2) years in personal residential household use.

The 2-Year Limited Warranty on the NEUTON® Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer starts on the date the tool shipped from our factory. The 2-Year Limited Warranty is applicable only to the original owner.

The owner is responsible for the performance of all the required maintenance as defined by the manufacturer's owner manual.

The owner is responsible for the replacement of normally wearing parts such as the Battery Pack and the Cutting Blades.

During the warranty period, the owner is responsible for all shipping and transportation charges, if required.

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Neuton Power Equipment shall not be liable under any circumstances for any **incidental or consequential damages or expenses** of any kind, including, but not limited to, cost of equipment rentals, or cost of hiring services to perform tasks normally performed by the NEUTON® Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer.

THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU HAVE OTHER RIGHTS, WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE.

#### Daily Checklist, Cleaning and Storing for your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer

To help maintain your NEUTON Trimmer for optimum performance, we recommend you follow this checklist each time you use your Trimmer.

# **WARNING!**

Do not insert the Battery Pack until you have completed all of the daily checks.

- [] BATTERY PACK: Make sure the Battery Pack has a full charge.
- [ ] INSPECT: Before inserting the Battery Pack, inspect for any visible damage to the Cutting Blades or Motor Housing.

  Inspect the Safety Guard and remove any debris from the Trimmer.
- [] LUBRICATE: Apply lightweight machine oil along the edge of the top and bottom straps. See page 6.
- [] NOISES: If you notice anything unusual, such as a vibration or odd sound, shut the Trimmer OFF immediately. Remove the Battery Pack and check the Trimmer for any damage.

If you cannot find the cause of the problem or are uncertain what to do, then have the Trimmer inspected by a qualified repair shop before using it or visit our website at <a href="https://www.neutonpower.com">www.neutonpower.com</a>.

# A CAUTION!

- Remove the Battery Pack and allow the Trimmer to cool for at least five (5) minutes before servicing or storing.
- If you drop the Trimmer, carefully inspect it for damage. If the Battery is damaged, Blade is bent, Housing cracked, or Handles broken or
  if you see any other condition that may affect the Trimmer's operation, visit our website at <a href="https://www.neutonpower.com">www.neutonpower.com</a> or call Neuton
  Power Equipment Toll Free at: 1-866-NEUTON1 (638-8661) for assistance before putting it back into use.

#### **Cleaning the Trimmer**

Use only mild soap and a damp cloth to clean the Trimmer. Never let any liquid get inside the Trimmer Housing and NEVER immerse any part of the Trimmer Housing into a liquid.

#### **Storing**

- [ ] Always, store the Trimmer with a full Battery Pack charge.
- [ ] Ensure that the plastic Blade Cover is in place when storing.
- [] Do not store the Trimmer near chemicals, such as fertilizers, organic or other solvents. Do not expose brake fluids, gasoline, petroleum-based products, penetrating oils, etc., to the plastic parts of the Trimmer. These products are often highly corrosive and may cause permanent damage, weaken, or destroy the plastic to your Trimmer.
- [] When not in use, your NEUTON Battery-Powered 22" Hedge Trimmer should be stored indoors in a dry and high or locked-up place, out of reach of children.
- [ ] For superior Battery Pack performance, always store the Battery Pack and Charger in a **DRY** environment with temperatures between 32°F (0°C) and +80°F (+26.7°C). Storing above +80°F can cause Battery Pack leakage, rust, or degradation of the Battery Pack performance. The lower the storage temperature is within the specified range, the better. The Battery Pack will discharge more slowly at low temperatures. Charge the Battery Pack for 30-60 minutes, until fully charged, prior to storage and then every one (1) to two (2) months; and then again prior to the first seasons use. To prevent permanent damage to the Battery Pack, never store it in a discharged condition. Be sure to remove the Battery Pack from the Charger after charging. In addition, you can safely keep the Battery Pack in your tool when storing for the long term.

# **▲** WARNING!

Do not store the Battery Pack near children or pets, with metal objects that could short circuit the terminals, or close to a source of heat, sparks, open flame or on the floor as it may be damp or subject to accidental flooding. In addition, never expose the Battery Pack to abnormal shaking or shocks. Regularly observe the external appearance of the Battery Pack. Never use a Battery Pack that shows cracks, changes shape, or obviously damaged.

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