



McGregor 1400W Electric Rotary Mower

(Model: MER1434)

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These instructions contain important information that will help you get the best from your mower, ensuring it is assembled correctly and safely. If you need help or have any missing parts call the After Sales Support on **0345 605 2063**

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Warnings Symbols

The following warning symbols appear throughout this manual and indicate the appropriate safety measures you should take when assembling and operating the mower.



Take extra care, beware of hazards.



Read instruction manual.



Wear eye protection.



Wear ear protection.



Do not use the machine in the rain or leave it outdoors when it is raining.



Pay attention that bystanders are not injured by objects thrown out from the machine.



Keep bystanders a safe distance away from the machine.



Sharp blade. Beware of injury to toes or fingers.



Disconnect from the mains supply before any maintenance work.



WARNING! Beware of electric shocks.



Keep the mains cable away from the cutting blade.



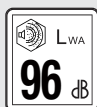
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Warnings Symbols (continued)



Wait until all moving parts have stopped completely before touching them. The blade may continue to rotate after the machine is switched off, a rotating blade can cause injury.



Noise level specification Lwa in dB.



Double Insulation.



The product complies with the applicable European directives and an evaluation method of conformity for these directives was followed.



The product confirms to relevant UK regulatory requirements.



Do not dispose of electrical equipment in domestic waste.



Cutting width.



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General Safety



IMPORTANT! When using equipment, the following safety precautions must be followed to avoid injuries and damage.

- Read all operating instructions carefully and comply with them. It is important to understand these instructions and to acquaint yourself with the machine, its correct usage and all safety requirements.
- Keep this manual in a safe place so that the information is available at all times.
- If you give the equipment to any other person, give them these operating instructions as well.

We accept no liability for damage or accidents which result from non-compliance with these instructions.



Note! Only supply power to the equipment through a circuit protected by an RCD with a maximum trip current of 30 mA.

- Use only plugs or connectors approved for outdoor usage.
- Extension cables must comply to H07RN-F requirements as described in DIN 57 282/VDE 0282 and must have a minimum cross-section of 1.5 mm². The plug must have an earth and any connection must also be earthed and splashproof. Before use, check the cables for signs of damage and ageing. Never use the mower if the cables are not in perfect condition (this also applies to the supply cable on the mower). If the cable is damaged whilst the mower is working, disconnect the mains plug from the power supply immediately and then check the extent of the damage.



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General Safety (continued)

- Never allow children or others who are not familiar with the operating instructions to use the lawnmower. Local regulations may stipulate the minimum age of the user of this type of machinery.
- In areas where the mains supply is weak or bearing a high load, this mower may cause further voltage fluctuations as it starts. In extreme cases, this can cause damage to other equipment working from the same supply. In this case we recommend to temporarily switch off any unneeded equipment or connect it to a different circuit.
- This appliance can be 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.



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Personal Safety

- Always check the mower for signs of damage before each usage.
- Always disconnect the mains lead from the electrical supply before carrying out any inspection, servicing or maintenance work.
- Ensure that all the guards are securely fitted and in good working order.
- Check the grass bag at regular intervals for signs of wear and to ensure that it is always in perfect working order.
- Before each use, inspect the mower to check the cutting blade, fastening bolts and the entire cutting unit for any signs of wear or damage. To prevent imbalance or vibration, worn or damaged cutting blades and fastening bolts must always be replaced in full.
- Damaged parts on the mower must be replaced by qualified personnel. Use only genuine spare parts.
- Repair work on the electrical parts of the lawnmower may only be carried out by a qualified electrician.
- Follow the instructions to fit or remove the blade and wear protective gloves.
- The user remains responsible for any injury to third parties within the working area of the lawn mower whilst the lawnmower is being used.
- Only work in good daylight or appropriate and adequate artificial light.
- Never use the mower when you are tired.
- Never run the mower in enclosed or poorly ventilated



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rooms or if there are inflammable or explosive fluids, vapours or gases nearby.

- Switch off the motor and disconnect the mains lead before clearing blockages in the grass ejection area and before you inspect it if the mower has struck a foreign body.
- Always use the lawnmower with the grass bag correctly fitted.
- Check the site on which you intend to use the lawnmower and remove all objects that may be caught or thrown up by the mower. Foreign bodies must be removed before you start mowing. Keep an eye on the power cable and keep it away from the cutting blade at all times.
- Ensure that you do not push the mower over areas that might damage or snare the power cable.
- Never lift the lawnmower when you start the motor.
- Before you lift the lawnmower to transport it, switch off the motor, disconnect the mains lead and wait until the blade has come to a complete standstill.
- When you start the motor, the lawnmower should not be tilted unless the grass is particularly long. In this case only tilt it up as far as is really necessary and only raise the side that is furthest away from you.
- Never reach towards rotating parts with your hands or feet. Always keep away from the discharge chute.
- Before you attach or empty the grass bag, switch off the motor and wait until the blade has come to a complete standstill.



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- Make sure you keep your feet at a safe distance from the mower blade at all times! Do not stand near the grass ejection chute if the grass bag is not fitted.
- The safety distance from the moving blade produced by the push handle must be maintained at all times.
- If you use the mower on a small incline, mow across the slope (not in an up and down direction). Always be sure of your footing on slopes.
- Be particularly careful when changing direction with the mower whilst working on a slope.
- Do not use the lawnmower on gradients of over 15 degrees.
- Ensure that you have safe footing at all times whilst working with the mower.
- Always wear strong, anti-slip footwear and long trousers when using the mower. Never mow in bare feet or in open-toed sandals.
- When the mower is running ensure that no person or pet, particularly children and animals, is in the immediate vicinity of the lawnmower. Ensure that you keep everybody at least 10meters away from the mower when it is working.
- Switch off the motor and disconnect the plug from the power supply if the mower strikes a foreign body. Check the mower for signs of damage and carry out all necessary repair work before you start the mower again.
- If the lawnmower begins to vibrate abnormally, switch it off immediately, disconnect the plug immediately and check it carefully. Ensure that all the nuts, bolts



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Personal Safety (continued)

and screws are tight and that the mower is in a safe condition for use.

- Do not leave the mower out in the rain. The lawn must not be wet or very damp.
- Only push the mower at a normal walking pace.
- Be particularly careful when you change the direction of the mower or pull it towards you. Avoid pulling it towards you while the blade is moving.
- Switch off the mower if it has to be pushed over surfaces other than grass, and when moving the mower to and from the area you wish to mow.
- Carefully actuate the starter switch in accordance with the instructions. (See Operating Instructions)
- Do not switch the mower on and off frequently over a short period of time, and in particular, do not play with the ON/OFF switch.
- Do not touch the cutting blade until the machine has been disconnected from the mains and the cutting blade has reached a complete standstill.
- Never lift or carry the mower whilst the motor is running.
- Switch off the motor and disconnect the plug whenever you leave the lawnmower.
- Keep the lawnmower in a dry place which is inaccessible to children at all times.
- Before you adjust or clean the mower, or check whether the mains lead is kinked or damaged, switch off the mower and disconnect the plug from the power supply.



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Operating and Maintenance Safety



CAUTION! Read all safety requirements and instructions.

Any errors made in following the safety requirements and instructions may result in an electric shock, fire or serious injury.

Keep all safety regulations and instructions in a safe place for future use.

- Do not use the lawnmower if the cords are damaged or worn.
- Do not connect a damaged cord to the mains supply or touch a damaged cord before it is disconnected from the mains supply. A damaged cord could allow parts to become live and cause a risk of electrocution.
- Do not attempt to touch the blades before the machine is disconnected from the supply and the blades have come to a complete stop.
- Keep extension cords away from the blade. The blade can cause damage to cords and lead to contact with live parts.



Disconnect from the mains supply (i.e. remove the plug from the mains socket);

- Whenever leaving the machine unattended.
- Before cleaning a blockage.
- After striking a foreign object.
- Whenever the machine starts vibrating abnormally.



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Intended Use



This lawnmower is designed for domestic use only:

- This electric lawnmower is intended for mowing lawns in domestic and hobby gardens.
- This product is not to be used in wet weather conditions and may not be used to mow wet or unusually high grass.
- This product is intended for private domestic use only, not for any commercial trade use.

It must not be used for any purposes other than those described. Any use of the machine that deviates from its intended use and is not included in these instructions, is considered unauthorised use and relieves the manufacturer from his or her legal liability. This includes the use of unapproved accessories and replacement parts.

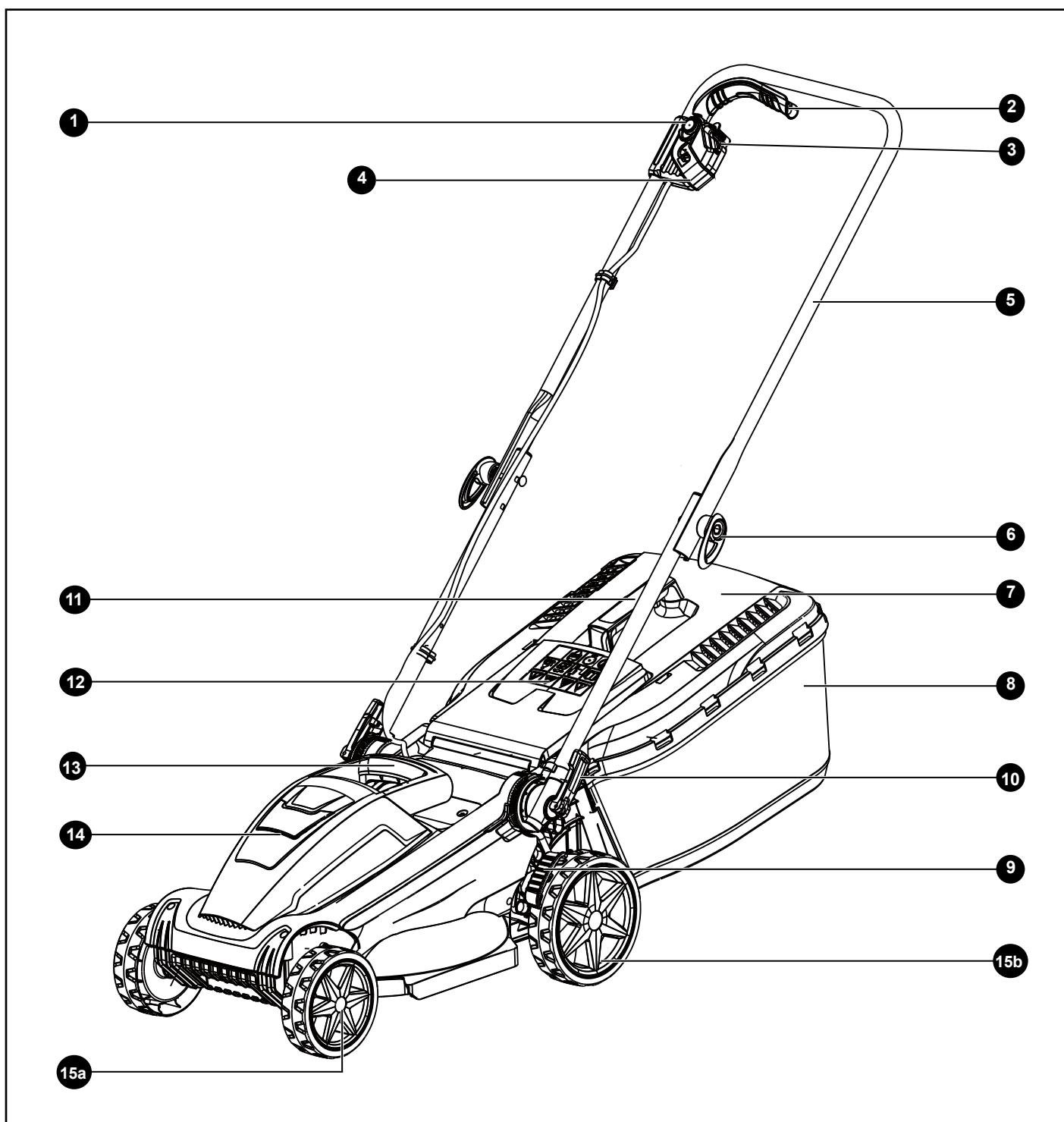
Service

This tool is manufactured in accordance with the relevant safety regulations. To avoid danger, electrical appliances must only be repaired by qualified technicians. Call our after sales support on 0345 605 2063 for advice.

In the Box

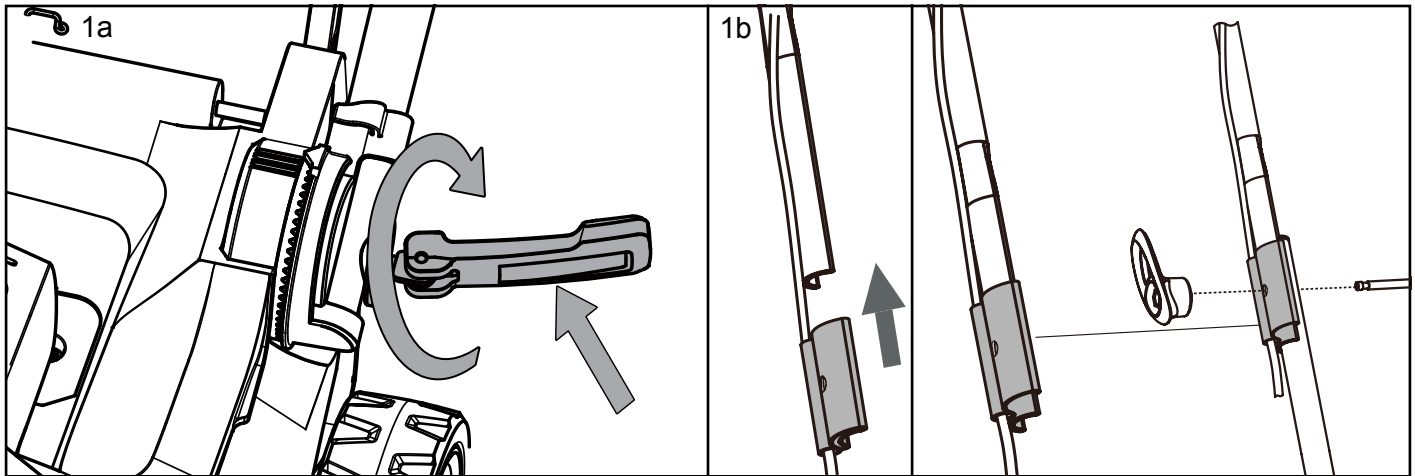
Parts 4071152 (Model: MER1434)

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Lock-off safety button | 6 Wing knob | 10 Quick release lever | 14 Motor housing |
| 2 Switch lever | 7 Grass collection bag top | 11 Grass collection bag handle | 15a Front wheels |
| 3 Cable strain-relief | 8 Grass collection bag | 12 Deflector guard | 15b Rear wheels |
| 4 Switch box housing | 9 Cutting height adjuster | 13 Carrying handle | |
| 5 Upper handle bar | | | |



Assembly

Step 1 - Handle



- To fix the lower handle into position, tighten the quick release levers in a clockwise direction and then locking them into position by folding the levers snug against the handle support. These levers should be folded in towards the bar using moderate force to lock them in position. If they feel too tight when you fold them, turn them anti-clockwise to loosen them and then attempt to fold them again. Do not use excessive force. (1a).
- The top handle section is assembled to the bottom handle support using a bolt, and Wing Knob on either side. (1b).
- Before fitting the wing knob, check and ensure the cable guide is attached on the upper handle. If not, attach the cable guide on the upper handle as shown. Ensure the hole on the cable guide is aligned with the hole on the upper handle. Insert the bolt through the inside of the lower handle, cable guide and upper handle assembly. Secure wing knob to the bolt as shown.

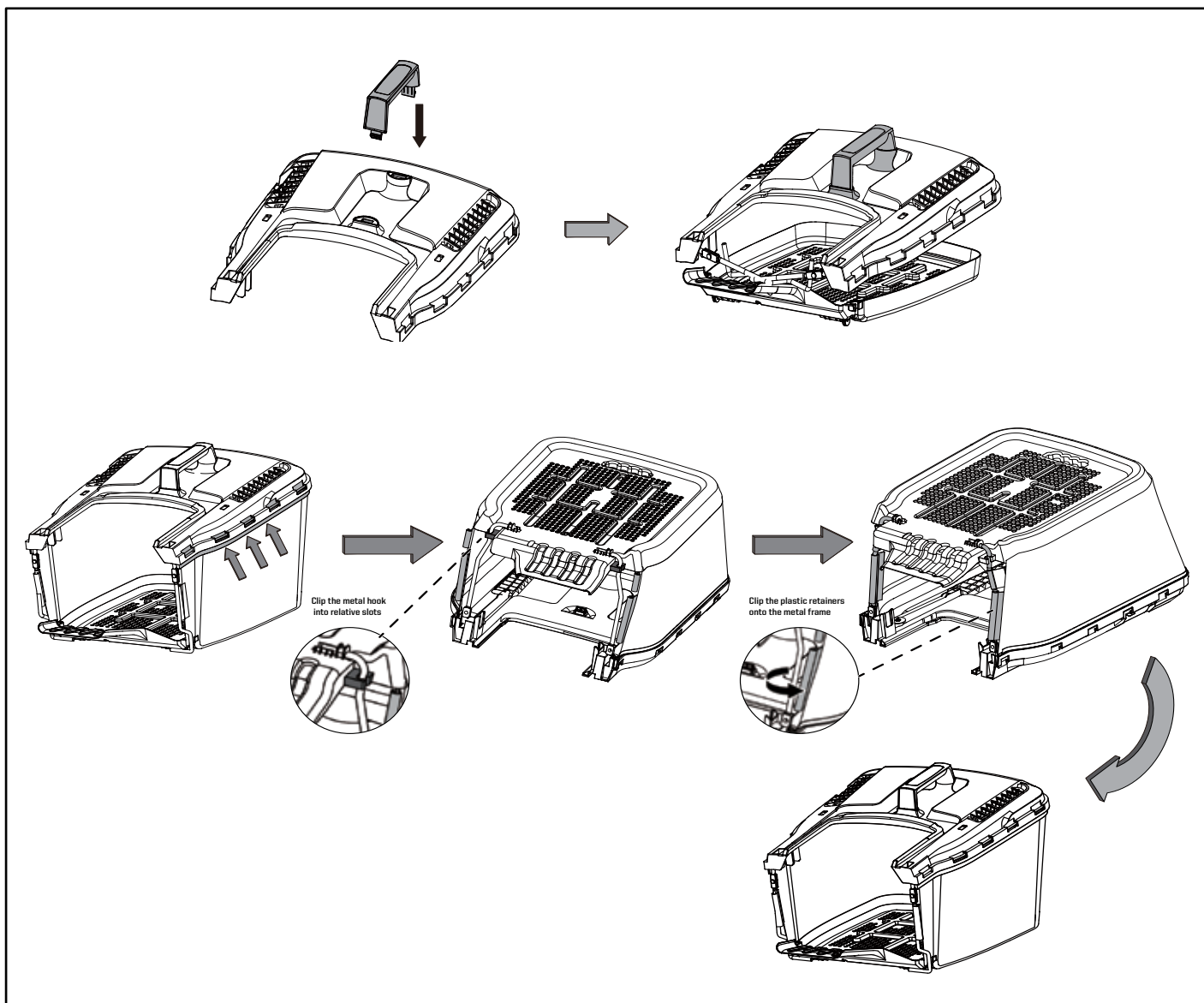
To tighten - turn clockwise or to loosen- turn anticlockwise, before folding them.



WARNING! Make sure the cable guide is attached correctly on the upper handle to avoid the cable getting damaged when the upper handle is folded up and down.

Assembly

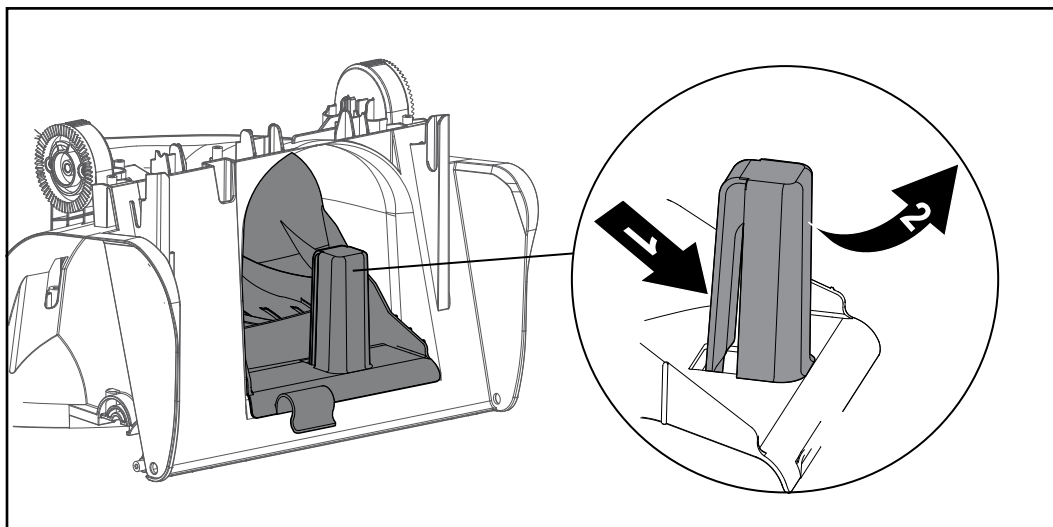
Step 2 - Grass Collection Bag



- Insert the handle into the slots on the top of the grass collection bag. Clip the plastic retainers found on both sides of the cloth bag onto the metal frame of the plastic upper. Fully insert the rods of the metal frame into the slots on either side of the plastic base. Ensure the side clamping sleeves are properly fixed onto the frame.

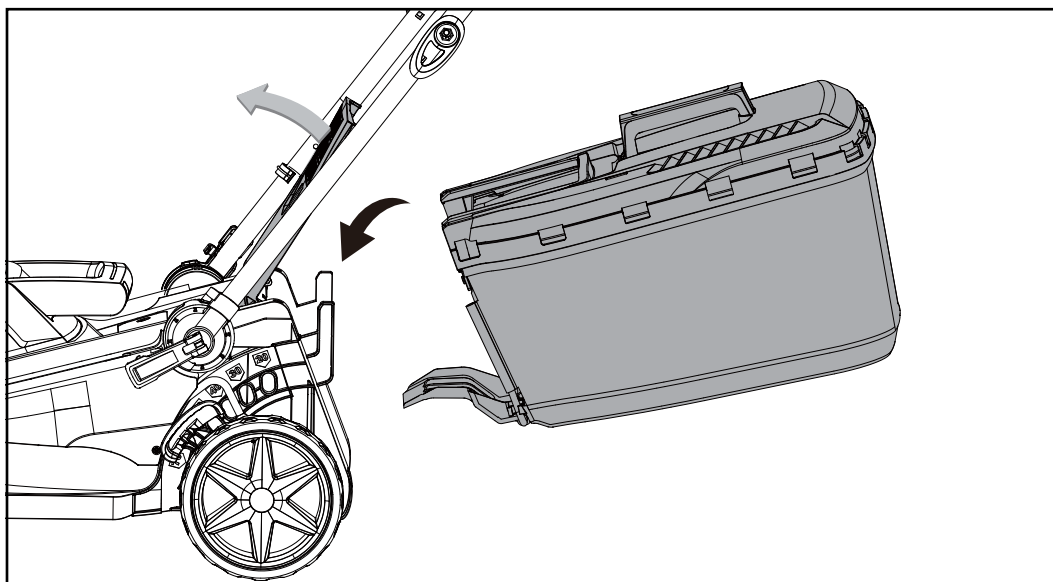
Assembly

Step 3 - Removing the Mulch Plug (if applicable)



- To remove the mulch plug, grip the post and squeeze the lever, push down to release the catch. (1)
- Once the catch is released, the mulch can be lifted out of the mower. (2)

Step 4 - Attaching the Grass Collection Bag



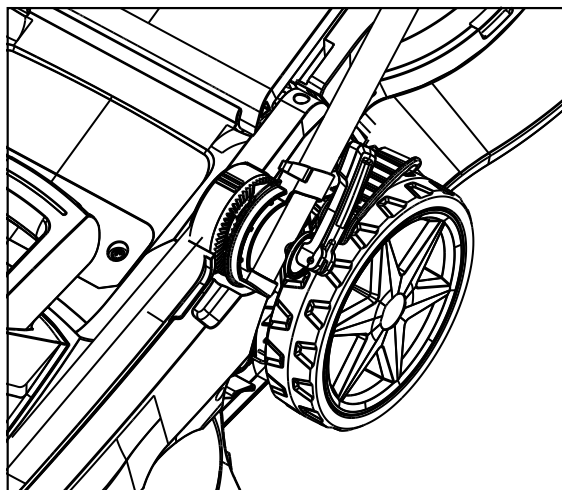
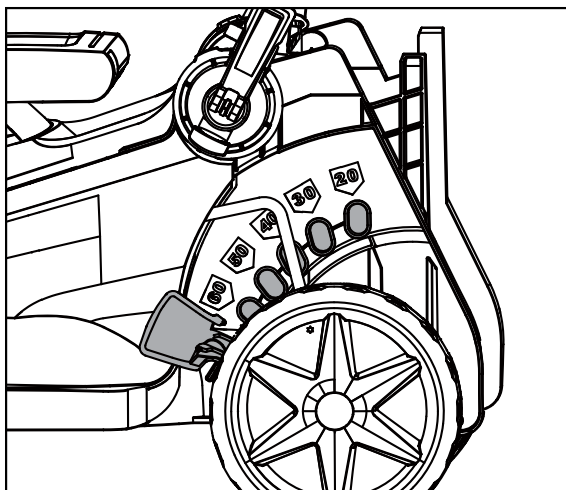
- Ensure the mulch plug is not inserted into the lawn mower before fitting the grass collector. If it is, remove by squeezing the lever on the mulch plug post and lift it out of the mower.
- Lift the deflector guard.
- Place the grass collection bag on the mounting bracket provided at the back of the lawnmower.
- Lower the deflector guard onto the grass collection bag.

Always ensure the grass deflector and the grass collection bag are fitted securely

Preparation

Step 1 - Setting the Cutting Height

A higher cut height should generally be selected for the first cut of the season. When cutting longer grass, cut the grass in 2 or more passes by lowering the cutting height gradually at each pass. These techniques will help to avoid over-stressing your grass.



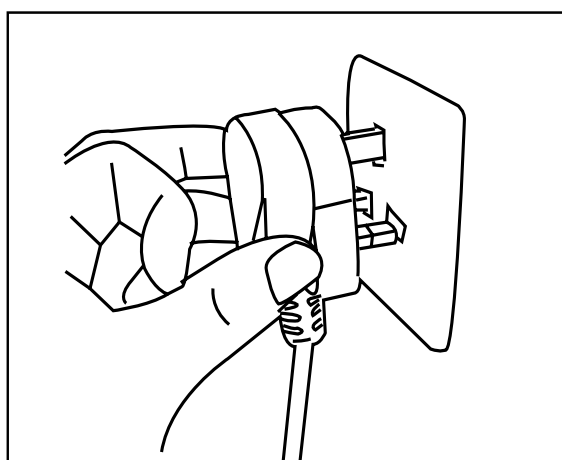
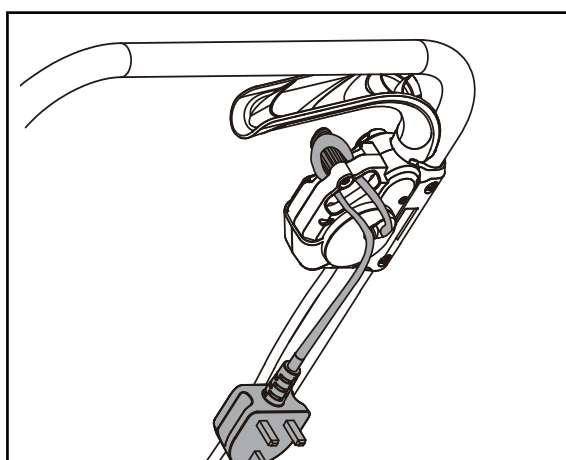
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Cutting adjustment	Rear
Cutting heights	20 / 30 / 40 / 50 / 60 / 70



IMPORTANT! Ensure the power cord is disconnected from the mains supply before adjusting the cutting height.

- To adjust the cutting height, gently pull the height adjustment lever towards you to disengage it from its existing position and move it to the desired cutting height position. Ensure it clicks back firmly into position.

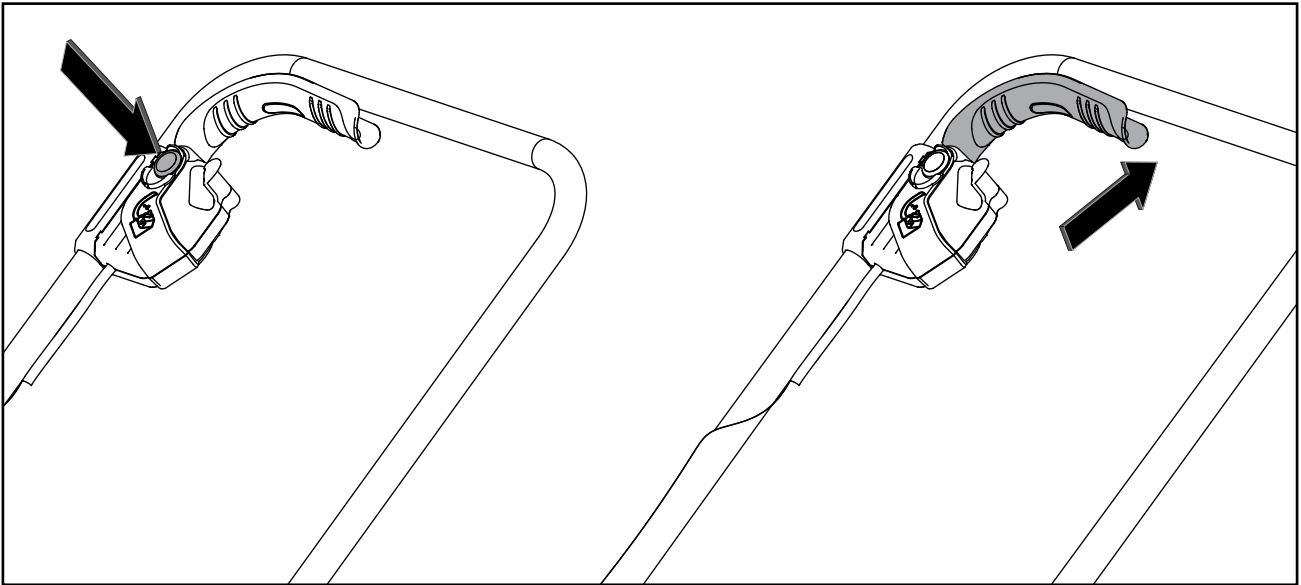
Step 2 - Connecting to the power supply



- Hook the mains cable through the cable strain-release.
- Connect the mower to your power supply socket.
- Before switching on, ensure that the mower is not in contact with any foreign objects.

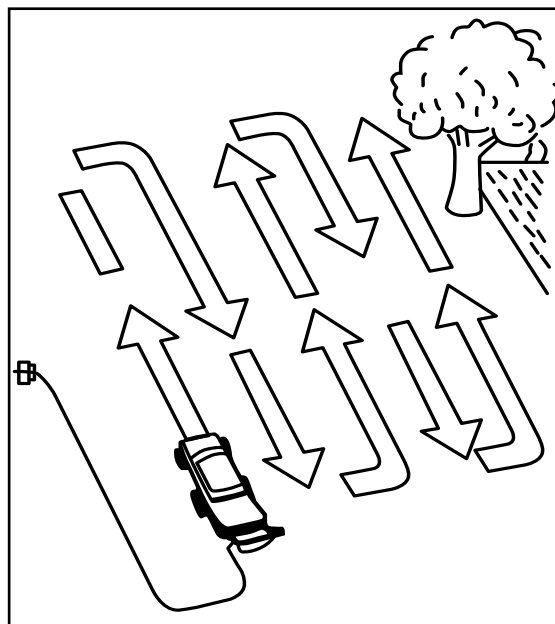
Operation

Step 1 - On/Off Operation



- To switch on, press the safety lock-off button on the handle, then activate the start/stop switch lever. Release the lock-off button.
- To switch off, release the start/stop switch lever.
- After switching off the equipment, the blade may continue to turn for several seconds. Do not touch the moving blade. There is a risk of serious injury.

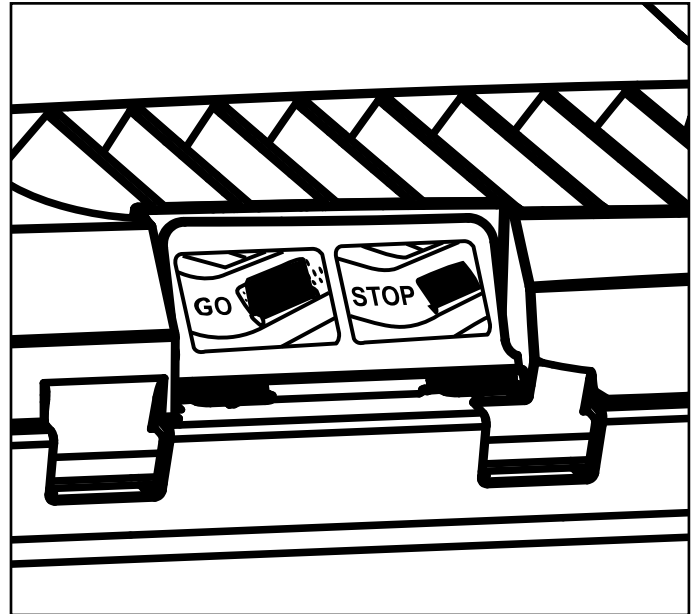
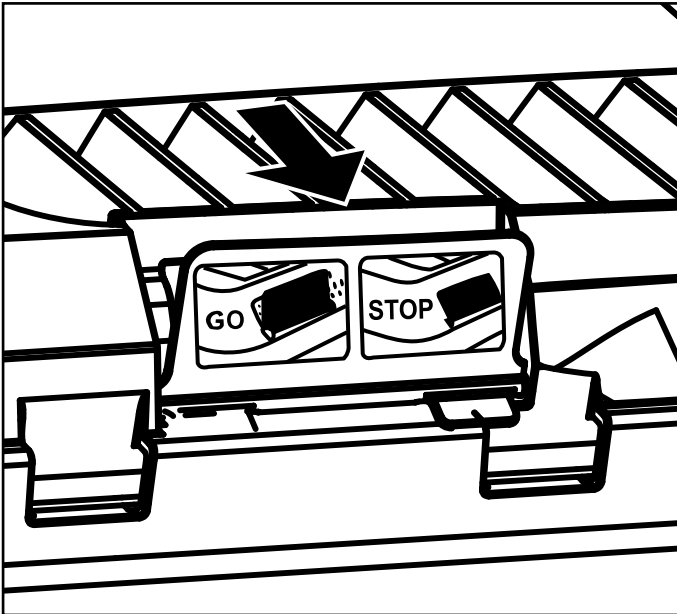
Step 2 - Mowing Direction



- Place the mains lead in loops on the ground near the wall socket. Mow away from the socket and cable and ensure that the mains lead is always on the section of lawn that you have already mowed so that you do not run over the mains lead with the mower. The blades can cause damage to the power cord if contact is made and risk electrocution.

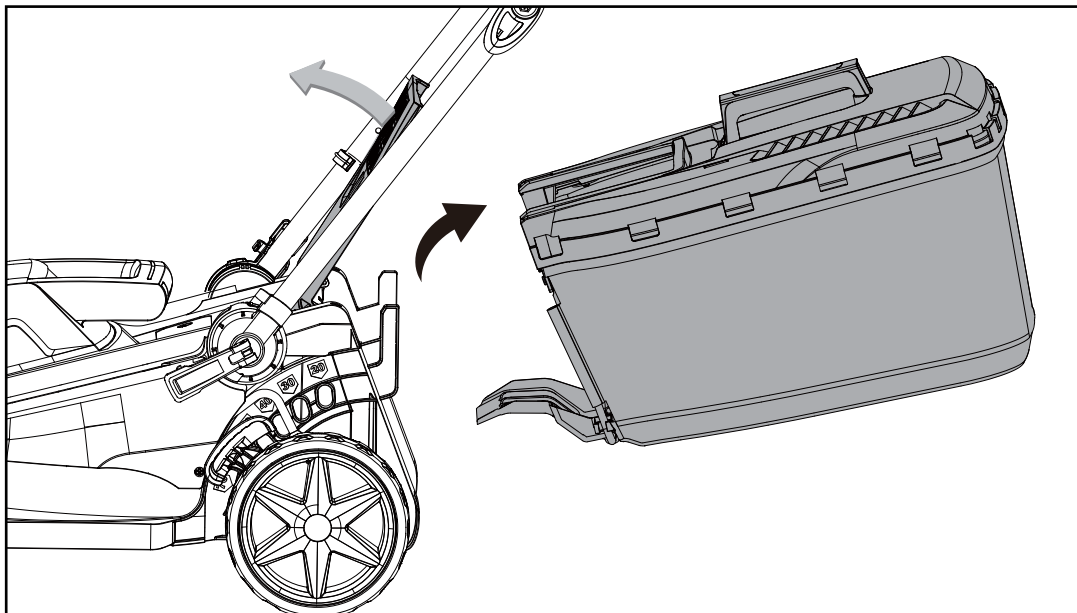
Operation

Step 3 - Grass Collection Bag Full Indicator



- When this flap remains open as you work, it means that the grass collector is not full (air flowing freely through the grass collector).
- When this flap remains closed it means that the grass collector is full and needs to be emptied (no airflow through the grass collector)

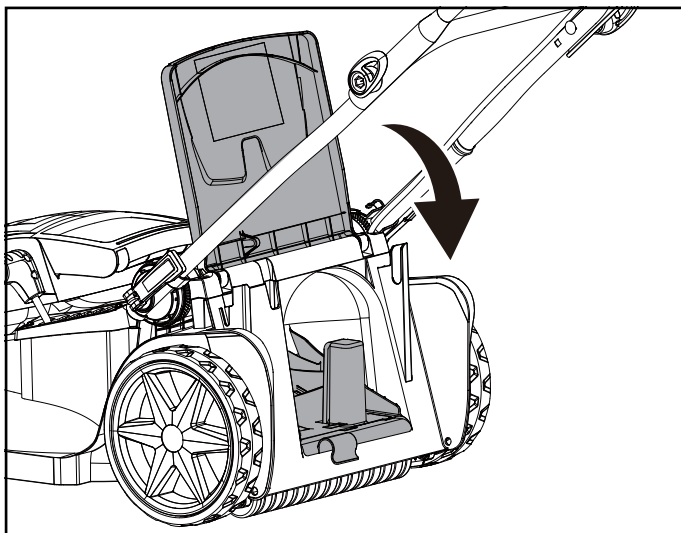
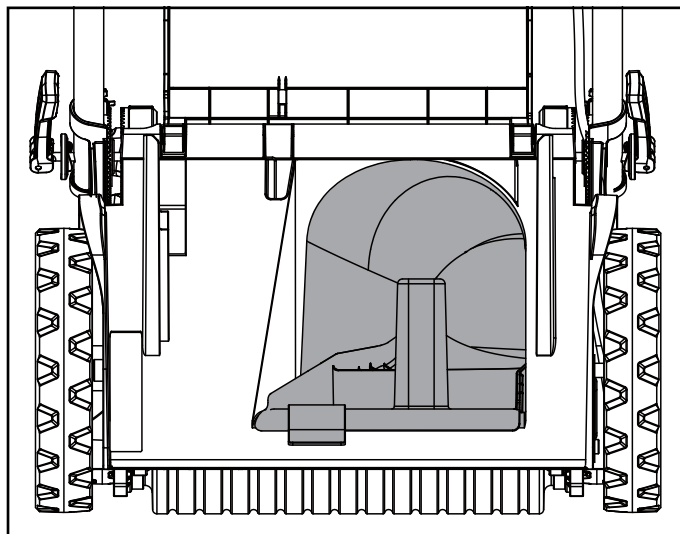
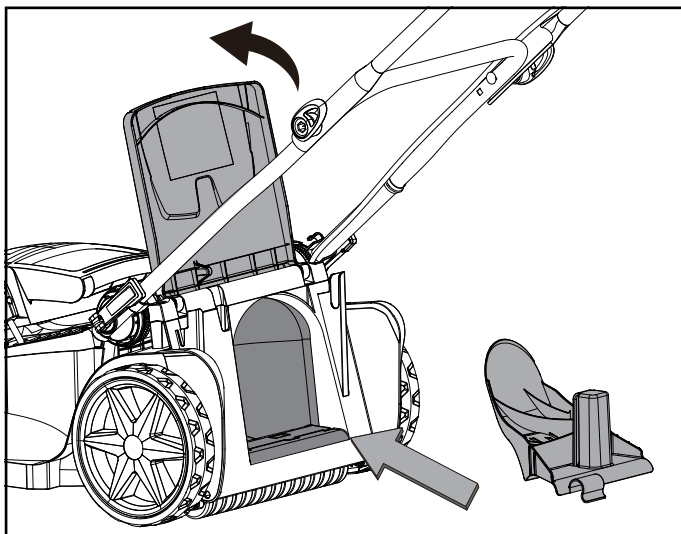
Step 4 - Emptying Grass Collection Bag



- To remove the grass collector, raise the deflector guard with one hand and remove the grass collector holding its handle with your other hand. To maintain safety, the deflector guard automatically closes to the rear discharge position when you remove the grass collector.

Operation

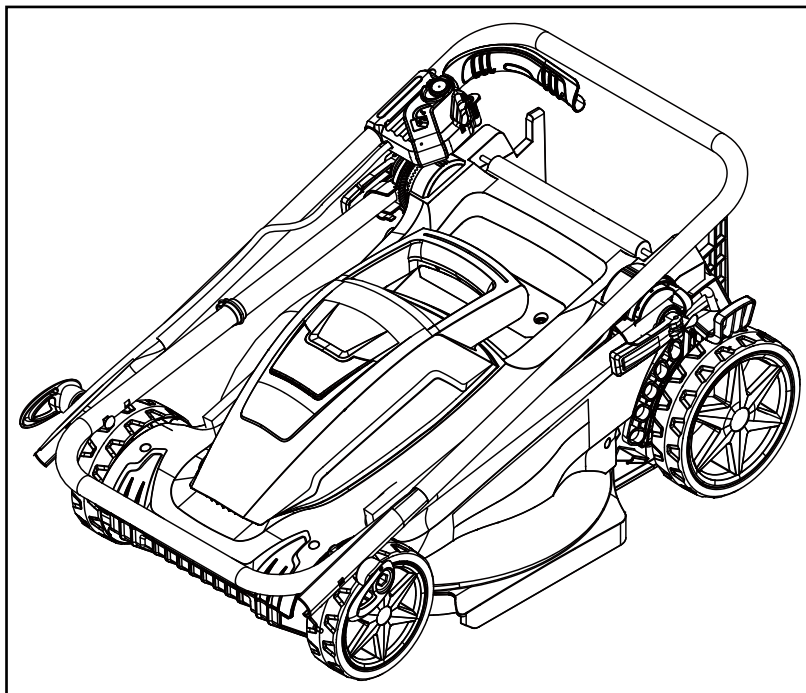
Step 5 - Using the Mulching Plug (if applicable)



- Before fitting the mulching plug, disconnect the lawnmower from the mains supply.
- Lift the deflector guard, remove the grass collection bag and insert the mulching plug into rear discharge chute, ensuring it is correctly fitted. Lower the deflector guard.
- The mulching plug retains the cut grass inside the deck and cuts this grass several more times into very small particles before it is deposited back onto the lawn. This finely cut grass acts as a nutrient for the lawn.

Maintenance and Repair

Storing



The handles can be folded for easy storage.

- Loosen (turn anti-clockwise) the two wing knobs on the upper handle assembly to allow for folding.
- Unfold the quick release levers on the lower handle section and turn anti-clockwise to loosen.
- Ensure the power cable is not caught between the folding sections.

Cleaning



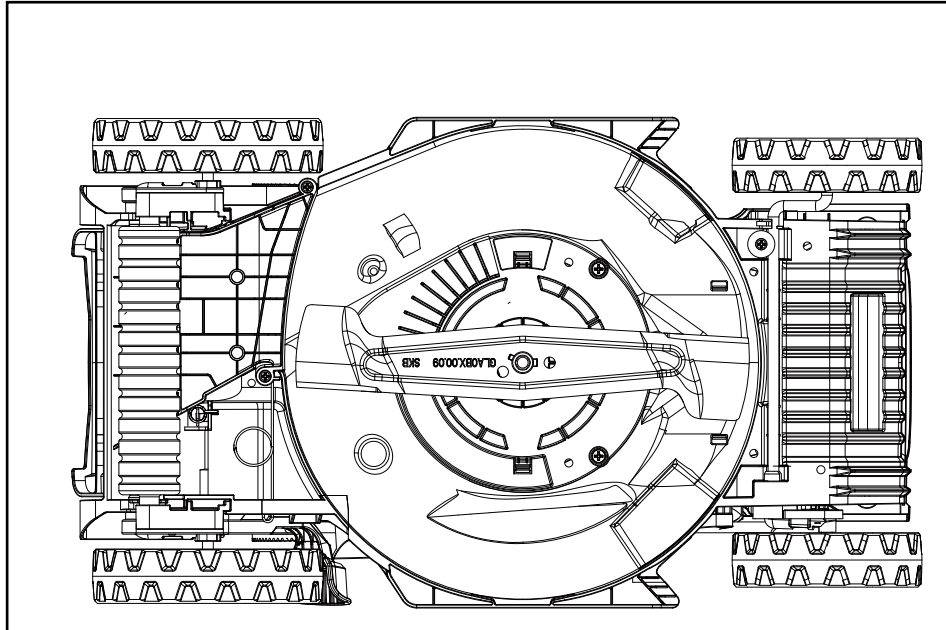
WARNING! Always switch the product off, disconnect it from power supply and let the product cool down before performing inspection, maintenance and cleaning work!

Cleaning

- Keep all safety devices, air vents and the motor housing free of dirt and dust as far as possible. Wipe the equipment with a soft brush or blow it with compressed air at low pressure after usage.
- Clean the mower regularly with a soft brush. Do not use cleaning agents or solvents; these may damage plastic components.
- Ensure that no water can seep into the device.

Maintenance and Repair

Blade Maintenance



If the blade is blunt, it can be sharpened in a specialised workshop. If the blade is damaged or showing signs of imbalance, it must be replaced.

Carry out the following steps to change the blade:

- Turn the mower over and rest it carefully on its side.
- Use safety gloves and hold the blade firmly. Turn the blade bolt anticlockwise to remove the blade.
- Install the new blade in the reverse order. Ensure that the blade is positioned correctly and the screw tightened firmly. The blade's wings should be angled upwards (towards the mower).
- Tighten the fastening bolt. The tightening torque should be approx. 25 Nm.



IMPORTANT! Always wear safety gloves when engaging in any maintenance work.

Only replace the blade with a suitable replacement blade as this will ensure top performance and safety under all conditions.

Technical Data

Technical Data Table

Model	MER1434
Trade name	MER1434
Voltage	220-240 V ~ 50 Hz
Power input	1400W
Motor speed	3450/min
Cutting width	34cm
Cutting height adjustment	20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70mm; 6 levels
Volume of grass bag	35 liters
Wheel size	140/170 mm
Measured sound pressure level L_{pA}	71.65 dB(A)
Measured sound power level L_{WA}	91.65 dB(A) K=0.49 dB(A)
Guaranteed sound power level L_{WA}	96 dB(A)
Vibration at the handlebars a_{hv}	< 2.5m/s ²
Protection class	□ II

Part List

PART NUMBER 4071152 (MER1434)	ACCESSORIES
111232102	Blade
111232101	Grass bag
111228107	Wing knobs
111232109	Quick clamp

Technical Data

Recycling and Disposal

Recycle unwanted materials instead of disposing of them as waste. All tools, hoses and packaging should be sorted, taken to the local recycling centre and disposed of in an environmentally safe way.

Recycle rather than dispose of unwanted material in landfill whenever possible. The machine must be delivered in rigid packaging to avoid damage during transportation. The packaging and the machine itself are manufactured from recyclable materials and should be disposed of accordingly.

Only dispose of electrical/electronic/battery items in separate collection schemes, which cater for the recovery and recycling of materials contained within. Your cooperation is vital to ensure the success of these schemes and for the protection of the environment.

Recycle packaging where facilities exist.



This symbol is known as the Crossed out Wheelie Bin Symbol. When this symbol is marked on a product or battery, it means that it should not be disposed of with your general household waste. Some chemicals contained within electrical/electronic products or batteries can be harmful to health.

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Troubleshooting

General Troubleshooting



WARNING!

Only perform the steps described within these instructions!

All further inspection, maintenance and repair work must be performed by an qualified specialist!

Always turn off the machine and remove the plug before making any adjustment.

The following table provides solutions to common problems encountered with the mower.

Fault	Possible Cause	Solution
Mower does not start	No power at mains socket	Check the fuse, switch, socket, cable, wire and have any repairs carried out by a qualified electrician
	Defective on/off switch	Contact the after sales helpline
	Defective motor	
	Grass too long	Set at a higher cut setting. Lift the front wheels slightly by pressing down on the handle bar.
Motor stops	Blade is blocked	Disconnect from mains and remove blockage
Untidy finish, motor labours	Cut height too low	Set a higher cut height
	Blade blunt	Sharpen or replace the blade
	Blade area blocked	Remove blockage
	Blade assembled incorrectly	Install the blade correctly
Blade fails to turn	Blade blocked by grass	Remove blockage
	Drive belt broken	Contact the after sales helpline
	Blade bolt loose	Tighten the blade bolt
Strange noises, rattling or vibrations	Blade bolt loose	Tighten the blade bolt
	Blade damaged	Replace the blade
Smoke or burning smell	Drive belt worn or damaged	Set a higher cutting height. Contact the after sales helpline

Getting Help

Customer Helpline

Our dedicated UK based after sales helpline is open to assist you with assembly, parts queries and technical support. We are open during office hours.

Our experts are here to get you back enjoying your garden in no time.

Calling our service does not affect your statutory rights.

After sales support number: 0345 605 2063

Guarantee

Dear Customer,

In the unlikely event that your device develops a fault, please contact our after sales helpline on the telephone number shown below.

1. These guarantee terms cover additional guarantee rights and do not affect your statutory warranty rights. Claims must be accompanied by Proof of Purchase. This must be in the form of a Sales receipt or Bank statement and must show that the product has been purchased within 2 years prior to the claim, from the retailer that it was originally sold to.
2. Our guarantee covers problems caused by material or manufacturing defects.

Please note that our devices have not been designed for use in commercial, trade or industrial applications. Consequently, the guarantee is invalidated if the equipment is used in commercial, trade or industrial applications or for other equivalent activities.

3. The following are also excluded from our guarantee:

- A. Faults due to accidents, customer misuse or unauthorised repairs.
- B. Failure due to lack of routine maintenance.
- C. Failure as a result of not using the equipment in accordance with the manual and safety instructions.
- D. Accidental damage or wear to any cables, the drive belt or the blade.

4. The guarantee is valid for a period of 2 years starting from the purchase date of the device.

Guarantee claims should be submitted before the end of the guarantee period within two weeks of the defect being noticed. No guarantee claims will be accepted after the end of the guarantee period. The original guarantee period remains applicable to the device even if repairs are carried out or parts are replaced. In such cases, the work performed or parts fitted will not result in an extension of the guarantee period, and no new guarantee will become active for the work performed or parts fitted.

5. Please keep your sales receipt in a safe place.