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Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire, and/or serious injury.

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference

## Accessory Guide

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Positioning the Chain Disc

When attaching the chain disc to the tool, make sure the tungsten carbide coated tips of the teeth are pointing in the same direction as the arrow located on the top of the tool’s gear head. The raker should be on the left side of the tooth and the tungsten carbide tips should be pointing counterclockwise. If assembled in reverse, the disc will appear dull and will not cut properly.

Safety Guard

The safety guard is pre-set at the factory. You should check and make sure that the guard is positioned to give your fingers the greatest amount of protection.

We recommend using the safety guard between 23º and 90º. Use the position safest and most comfortable for you when holding the tool.

The chains were designed to cut with the teeth at the bottom and exposed left side of the blade. Removing the safety guard exposes the top half of the blade to the fingers when held in the preferred position. Also, make sure the safety guard is flat against the tool, leaving no space between the two objects.
Turning the Hoof Boss On/ Off

* Using the tip of your finger, push the lock tab on the paddle lever slightly up until you can press the paddle lever down. To turn the tool off, release the paddle lever and allow the locking tab to return to the off position. Hold down the paddle switch during use to keep the motor running.

* Avoid blocking the air vents and try not to press the locking button while trimming, as this can cause the tool to chatter.

* The locking button is there to prevent the disc from free turning in the tool. Accidentally pressing the locking button during operation is not dangerous; however, holding it down during operation can be. Hold the Hoof Boss in a position that keeps your fingers away from the locking button.

CAUTION: Do NOT hold the Hoof Boss by the paddle lever.

Correct Position

* The Hoof Boss should be positioned between 45 to 85 degrees to the hoof you’re working on. You control the depth of cut by the angle of chain disc, the speed the disc is traveling across the hoof and the amount of pressure being applied to the chain disc.

Practice on Wood First

* We recommend you use a piece of cedar or redwood as their densities closely resemble that of a hoof. To practice with the Hoof Boss, first position yourself to the block of wood like it’s a hoof. Never turn the tool on when the chain disc is in direct contact with the wood.

* Holding the tool correctly, angle the chain disc between 45 and 85 degrees to the wood. Gently pull the Hoof Boss toward you, as if you were trimming a hoof. Most of the cutting action will be a sweeping motion that moves toward your body. Use a smooth pulling motion and don’t chop at the wood.

* The chain disc is designed to flow easily across the hoof without any resistance so you do not need to force the chain disc while trimming. Apply light pressure while making a cut, as the chain disc will do the work for you. This feature helps to decrease the wrist, hand, and arm pain usually experienced during trimming.

* The chain disc doesn’t cut “straight in” like a chainsaw. The cutting action is on the face of the chain disc. The Hoof Boss will also cut backwards. The motion is the same with the chain disc angled slightly and the cut is made on the back side of the chain disc.

* You can control the depth of any cut by using a combination of chain disc angle, speed you move the disc across the surface, and pressure you apply to the disc. Keep practicing on the wood until you find the combination of angle, speed, and pressure that works best for you.

DO NOT REMOVE THE SAFETY GUARD
Trimming the Bovine Hoof

* Use the 4-tooth chain disc to trim the sole and the hoof wall. The Hoof Boss cuts with the face of the blade at a slight angle to the hoof. Hold the disc at a 10—15 degree angle. Using a pulling motion, move the disc towards you across the surface of the hoof. Trim from the heel to the toe and/or right to left. The Hoof Boss is designed to duplicate the actions of a manual hoof knife, so you can use the same trimming motion as you would with a manual hoof knife. Do not chop or chip away at the hoof.

* Turn the Hoof Boss over with the chain disc facing towards you to cut in between the two claws and around the tip of the toes.

* Hold the chain disc at a flatter angle to the hoof to make the Hoof Boss less aggressive and to remove smaller amounts of hoof. The lighter you trim, the more control you will have over the tool.

* Use the Hoof Boss to remove hoof material when treating hoof problems and laminitis issues. Remove as little hoof as necessary to treat the problem.

Preparing Blocks / Hoof Blocking

* On the claw that you want to apply a block to, make light, shallow, vertical cuts, at a 45°angle across the claw to create a diagonal line pattern. This will roughen up the hoof and help the glue bond to the hoof.

* You can use the Hoof Boss to gently scoop out part of the block for a better fit around the wound, promoting faster healing.

* Hold the block up to the claw, mark the block where you need to make the cut. Secure the block in a flat position and gently pull the tool along the wood to carve out a space that matches the size of the injury.

* Use the Hoof Boss to remove a block and its glue from the hoof by running the disc over the wood and shaving off the block until only the clean, healed hoof remains.

DAIRY COW / BOVINE

Work Area Set Up

* Use a properly grounded 12 gauge extension cord made for outside use. You can also use an external Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) for extra safety.

* Always wear proper eye protection and gloves during operation.

* Before trimming with the Hoof Boss, make sure the hoof is secure, thoroughly clean, and free of debris.
**Work Area Set Up**

* Use a properly grounded 12 gauge extension cord made for outside use. You can also use an external Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) for extra safety.

* Always wear eye protection, gloves, and a dust mask. Cleaning the hoof will make it easier for you to see what you are doing and will also extend the life of the disc. The trimming process creates a very fine hoof dust that can irritate your eyes and lungs if you are not wearing proper safety protection.

* We recommend you put your animal on a raised platform to secure them. This makes the trimming faster, safer, and easier as you can conveniently move around the animal with the Hoof Boss.

* As an alternative to using a platform, you may tie the animal to a post with a halter or have another person hold the animal while you trim the hooves.

**Trimming the Goat / Sheep Hoof**

* Make sure the animal is secure and the hoof is clean and free of debris. Cleaning the hoof will make it easier for you to see what you are doing and will also extend the life of the disc.

* The Hoof Boss works like a power rasp to remove hoof material, so you want to hold the disc at a very slight angle to the hoof. Holding the disc completely flat will cause it to wobble or walk across the hoof.

* Start trimming by practicing on your most relaxed animal first. Take your time when trimming, and allow yourself to become comfortable using the tool. The best way to learn the trimming technique is by practicing. Evaluate to find what pressure, speed, and angle works best for you and the hoof you are trimming.

* Hold the hoof to be trimmed firmly in your hand. Begin trimming by applying light pressure to the hoof to remove the hoof material. Increase the pressure as you begin to get comfortable with the tool and accustomed to the amount of hoof material the Hoof Boss removes. Gradually apply more pressure to hooves that are overgrown or tougher but never force the disc into the hoof.

* You can trim the sole, wall, and heel of each toe using the Hoof Boss. You can trim between the two toes by using your finger to spread them apart so the disc can fit. You can trim the heel in the same way.

* Use the Hoof Boss to trim your animal’s horns. The technique is the same as trimming a hoof.

**Cleaning the tungsten carbide discs.**

* Moisten the disc with a liquid detergent and brush the disc briskly with a stiff-bristled brush. Dry with a paper towel. This ensures a smooth, even trim.
Work Area Set Up

* When using the tool, always keep yourself between the power outlet and the horse. This will make your cord management easier and safer. Use a grounded 12 gauge extension cord made for outside use. Use an external Ground Fault Circuit Interceptor (GFCI) for extra safety.

* Wear eye protection. When trimming, the chain disc creates almond-shaped slivers that are likely to be thrown towards the operator’s face. Always wear proper eye protection to ensure that none of the debris will fly into your eyes causing harm.

* Wear heavy duty gloves. Always protect your hands when using the Hoof Boss. Your hands will be in a close proximity to the tool.

* It’s possible that the thrown hoof slivers might slightly irritate your horse. If you find this to be true with your horse, we suggest you drape the horse with a light blanket.

* Always bind up your horse’s tail with the enclosed tail tie before trimming. Eliminate any risk of the tail getting caught in the Hoof Boss.

* We recommend that you secure your horse’s hoof in a hoof stand. It makes trimming safer and allows you to reduce the strain on your body

Acclimate the Horse to the Hoof Boss

* When introducing a horse to the Hoof Boss for the first time, always acclimate the horse to the Hoof Boss before trimming.

  * Show the Hoof Boss to the horse and let them sniff it.
  * Turn the Hoof Boss on so the horse can hear and adjust to the sound.
  * With the Hoof Boss running, let the horse feel the vibration of the Hoof Boss as it moves through your body by holding the Hoof Boss in one hand and touching the horse with your free hand.
  * Touch the Hoof Boss to your horse’s hoof and begin trimming. If your horse seems uncomfortable at any point, stop trimming and calm them before resuming use.

Trimming the Equine Hoof w/ Chain Disc

* Before trimming make sure the hoof is secure, thoroughly clean, and free of debris.

  * Trimming the Frog. If the Frog is hard and dry you may want to use the Hoof Boss; however, if the frog is soft, we don’t recommend using our tool on it. Watch your instructional DVD for more information/.

  * Trimming the Sole. Hold the chain disc at a slight angle to the hoof, and smoothly pull the tool towards you. Stand the blade more vertical when trimming the sole. It’s less aggressive. The Hoof Boss is designed to duplicate the actions of a manual hoof knife, so you can use the same motions you used with a manual hoof knife. Do not chop or chip away at the hoof. A smooth, gentle pulling motion is all you need to get an easy trim. Depending on the dryness of the hoof, a little more pressure may be required.

  * Trimming the Flare. Hold the chain disc perpendicular to the hoof and pull the disc from the top of the flare down. Depending on the dryness of the hoof a little more pressure may be required to trim the flare.
Using the Power Rasp
After trimming, you can use the power rasp to put an extra fine finish on the hoof, if desired. To do so, slightly angle the disc to the hoof and move it back and forth like you would if you were using a manual rasp.

SHARPENING THE CHAIN TRIMMING DISC
Using the Hoof Boss with a chain that has been properly sharpened makes trimming safer and easier, as well as extends the life of the chain.

Sharpen the blade after about 20-25 trims. This takes a couple of minutes and will help the blade last longer. You may sharpen after each use if you’d like. Use diamond coated chainsaw file #11050. UNPLUG the grinder prior to sharpening the chain.

A diamond coated chain saw file is required to sharpen the tungsten carbide teeth. Follow these steps to sharpen the tungsten-carbide coated teeth.

1. Before you begin, make sure the disc is clean and free from oil, dirt, and debris. Make sure the file you are using is a 5/32” (4 mm) gauge coarse, continuous diamond surface chainsaw file.

2. Inspect the chain, paying specific attention to the tungsten carbide teeth. If any of the teeth are damaged, overly worn, missing, chipped, broken, or bent, you will need to replace the chain as it could be dangerous to use.

3. Set your file in the tungsten-carbide coated notch on the front of the tooth. The curve of the file should exactly fit the curve of the tooth and the top of the file should be flush with the top of the tooth. Hold the file at the same angle that the tooth was originally filed.

4. Slide the file across the face of the tooth, using a moderate twisting motion to discharge metal chips (filings). Push the file from the longer side of the tooth to the shorter side.

5. Check the clearance of the rakers (the curved hook shaped links between the teeth). They should clear each tooth by about 1/10”. File down any raker that sits too high.

*Trimming Miniature Horse Using the Garnet colored Mini Trimming Disc angle it slightly to the hoof and use a back-and-forth motion to buff away hoof sole, wall, and flare. It works like a rasp to gently but effectively buff away hoof material leaving a smooth, even finish.

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SAFETY TIPS

1. Never operate the tool without the safety guard set in the proper position to protect your fingers. Failure to properly use the safety guard may result in personal injury.

2. Secure the animal before trimming.

3. Always make sure the Hoof Boss is turned off before connecting it to a power source.

4. Always wear safety glasses, a dust mask and heavy duty gloves during operation.

5. Make sure to start the Hoof Boss away from your animal’s hoof. Never start the tool if the disc is in direct contact with the hoof.

6. Do not force the disc or apply excessive pressure into the hoof.

7. Keep hands away from disc during operation. Do not reach underneath while disc is rotating. Do not touch the tool until the disc has come to a complete stop.

8. Unplug the Hoof Boss when installing, cleaning, or removing discs.

9. Continually pay full attention to the use of the tool to ensure your safety and the safety of your animals.

10. Even though the Hoof Boss is very easy to use, it can still be dangerous if not handled properly. Follow all safety instructions and stay focused on the use of the tool.

Before using the Hoof Boss, or any tool, to perform maintenance or corrective trimming on an animal’s hoof you should be knowledgeable about the anatomy of the hoof and what specific trimming is required to maintain a healthy hoof.

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