

Trimmer or brushcutter?

Trimmers and brushcutters are in appearance identical products, whether on the look or the usage. Only identical in appearances, though...

The trimmer is above all else, intended for finishing jobs. It can be used against walls, around trees or borders, under benches... that is to say everywhere the lawn mower cannot access. The trimmer is therefore an additional tool, used after lawn cutting. It must solely be used to cut off the grass that goes over, as the diameter of the cutting wire is relatively limited. This tool is therefore, aimed at homeowners, which have a medium- sized, well looked after garden.

The brushcutter is generally more expensive, as more robust. It can tackle higher grass, brambles, and even small branches. It can be used to maintain larger areas or areas difficult to access with a lawn mower. Its engine is more powerful and the wire cutting is thicker (up to 4 mm in diameter). It is also heavier than a trimmer. The brushcutter presents certain advantages to garden owners or professionals that wish to cut off larger vegetal or look after and maintain larger grounds.

Once you have defined which tool answers the best your needs, it is time to think about the accessories and optional specifications that could be useful to you.

- Engine power: to define in function of your needs
- guard protection : Protect the surrounding plants from the cutting wire when working near by
- replacement of the cutting wire : the wire being fragile, it regularly breaks. Some machines allow the replacement of the cutting wire by simple pressure
- centrifugal clutch : the cutting head stops turning as soon as you release the throttle
- anti-vibration system : for a more comfortable use
- handle adjustable in height : to adjust to your morphology
- presence of a single or double handlebar : more comfortable when used for a long period of time
- presence of a harness : the weight of the machine rests on your shoulders (a high specifications brushcutter can weigh up to 8 kg)

Finally, some models have a split shaft, which make them more easily transportable and above all multifunction. You will be able for example to attach the following accessories: blower, brushcutter, edge cutter, edge trimmer, cultivating hoe and long loppers.

Protection:

The cut off vegetal can be projected, and the guard protection is not infallible. The wearing of boots is therefore highly recommended when using a strimmer or a brushcutter. The wearing of special protective trousers and protective glasses is also highly recommended.