



LONG REACH PRUNERS

Extending the life of your long reach pruner

Following a few simple steps will help ensure a long and productive life for your long reach pruner.

1. **LUBRICATE.** Lubricating internal rods (the barrel at the bottom in the handle) and extension slides (the barrel at the top near the blade) will reduce friction, improve cutting performance, and extend the life of the rod or slide.
2. **CLEAN.** Cleaning the blades after each operation can extend the life of the blades. Avoid cutting wires and other metal as this can damage the edge of the blade. As a general rule, it is not necessary nor advisable to adjust or tighten the torque of the centerbolt of the blade of ARS pruners.
3. **DON'T EXCEED THE CUT CAPACITY.** Long reach pruners are meant for pruning. They do not replace loppers or saws, which should be used for larger branches. Cutting too big a branch will stress the metal bands on the inside of the telescoping long reach pruners or the rods (and, in particular, the barrel at the bottom of the rods) inside fixed-length units.
4. **(EXTENDABLE UNITS) HOLD LEVER IN WHILE TELESCOPING.** This prevents the brass pin from dragging along the housing and wearing down prematurely. The pin locks the unit in place—once the pin is worn, this connection is interrupted.
5. **(EXTENDABLE UNITS)** For our customers who like to use the units to pull vines, please be aware that the pin locks into holes in the upper pipe. When you pull on the vines, you may elongate the holes. Once the holes have been stretched, the pin will no longer lock into place and the unit will not operate in that position. This cannot be repaired, but the upper pipe can be replaced.



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