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A5 Blade Maintenance

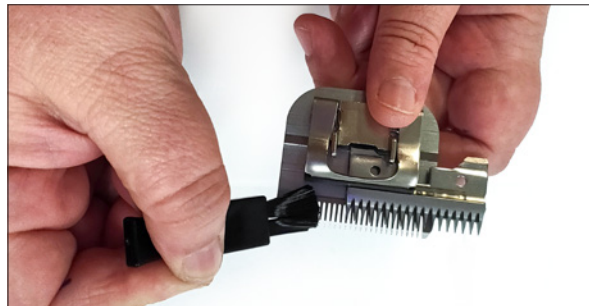
DETACHABLE BLADES



FAQ's

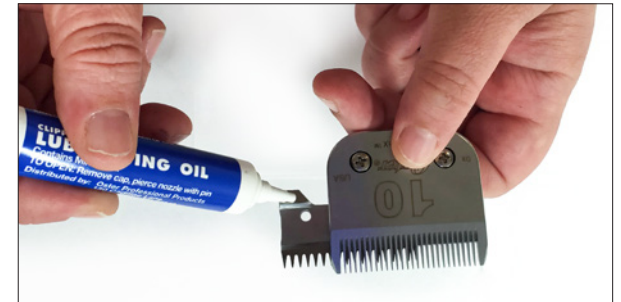
How do I clean my blades?

You can use a toothbrush or brush the hair out from between the teeth. Slide the top cutter across half way and clean out the hair then do the same again on the other side. Make sure you also oil the blades.



How should I oil my clipper or trimmer blades?

To oil your blades, put a drop of oil on each end of the blade and one in the center (across the cutting surface - the teeth). It is not necessary to take the blade apart to oil it. For professional use and for best results, blades should be oiled often during the day.





FAQ's Cont.

What happens if you don't clean your blades?

As dirt builds up things start to happen. The blade doesn't cut like it should. As you go to clip it pulls the hair instead of cutting. Blades can also get hot faster due to lack of cleaning. The easiest way to help with the blade heat problem is to have a few of the same sizes and rotate them when they get warm.

How do I keep blades from getting dull?

Blades become dull quicker when dirt, grit and dander get in between the cutting surfaces of the blade. Always bath and brush the dog prior to clipping as the fur has to be clean or your blades could get damaged as dirt and sand gets in between the teeth. Also oiling your blades is important, as a general rule, for every 10 minutes of clipping time you need to oil your blades. These two things will increase how long your blades stay sharp.

Why do my blades get hot so fast?

The biggest problem for hot blades is that clippers run so much faster than what they did many years ago. The faster the clipper runs, the more heat is generated to the blade. Blade Tensioning can also cause blades to heat up. If the tension is too tight this will cause heat.

What is the best way to keep the blades from heating up?

Lubrication! By keeping your blades cleaned and lubricated at all times. Blades should be oiled, before, during and after use. Keeping your blades clean and lubricated will increase the life of your blades.

How should I store my blades?

Make sure your blades are cleaned and oiled before putting them away. Keep your blades away from areas with high moisture or humidity. If using any cleaning product such as blade wash, please make sure you air dry or use a blow dryer or they will start to rust.

Can my blades be sharpened if they are rusted?

It depends on where and how severe the rust is. Part of our sharpening service is also to check for rust and to buff the surface rust off the blade.

How often can my blades be sharpened?

Most blades can have several sharpenings. Some factors in determining how many times a blade can be sharpened include frequency of use and how well the blade is maintained.

What should I do if my blade is rusted?

During normal professional sharpening, blades are checked for rust. Generally, rust can be removed by a wire wheel. If a blade is pitted with rust, it may not be able to be removed. Prevent rusting by storing blades in dry place and keeping them well oiled.

How do I know if my blade needs sharpening?

If the blades start to pull the hair or you have to make several strokes to get the hair cut, it may be time to sharpen your blades.

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Anatomy of a blade

Screws

It is important that the screws are secured tightly. Loose screws can cause the blade to rattle apart during use. Care is also taken not to strip the screws



Cutter

The cutter blade does the actual cutting



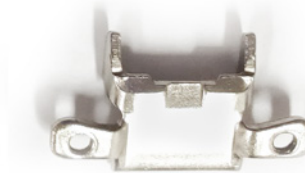
Comb

The comb blade determines at which length the blade cuts



Socket

The "ears" on a socket may become weak as a result of use. The result is blade clatter which can be corrected through socket adjustments or relacing the part. Dropping a blade can sometime result in blade clatter or break a tooth.



Guide



Spring

The spring tension must always be adjusted correctly. Tension that is too tight will cause the clipper motor to run hot, which unnecessarily wears parts out quickly.



Did you know?

SKIP TOOTH BLADES:

The coarse or uneven teeth on a skip tooth blade will feed the hair into the cutting blade more effectively, which allows you to clip under mats. Also used before the bath for rough cuts, and on dogs that must be shaved down completely.

FULL TOOTH:

The teeth on this blade are even, creating a smoother finish. Can be used before or after the bath.

SURGICAL BLADES:

Used to prep an area for surgery. Also used for show cuts on poodles.

Comb attachments work best with Size 40, 30, 15 or 10 blade

