

Starting a STIHL Brushcutter

1. Place brushcutter on the ground

Place the brushcutter safely on the ground, resting it on the support on the engine and the cutting tool guard. The cutting tool must not touch the ground or any other objects, as it may rotate during starting. Make sure you have a secure footing.

2. Press the fuel pump

Press the fuel pump at least five times, even if it is still filled with fuel. This reduces the number of start-up strokes required, making the start-up sequence easier.

3. Set the choke lever to cold or warm start

When the engine is cold, the choke must be closed. To do this, move the choke lever to the *cold start* position, which is the top position.

If the engine is warm, move the choke lever to the *warm start* position, which is the middle position. Please also use this position if the engine is already running but still cold.

4. Secure footing: press the brushcutter firmly onto the ground

Make sure that you have a firm footing and check again that the brushcutter is secure. Press the device firmly onto the ground so that it cannot tip over during the start-up sequence. Check that the cutting tool is unobstructed.

5. Pull the starter cord

With your right hand, slowly pull out the starter grip until you feel the first stop. Then, give the starter cord a quick, forceful pull. For **machines with ErgoStart**, pull the starter cord gently and with a constant force, using as vertical a movement as possible. Be careful not to pull the cord out all the way to the end.

Do not let the starter grip spring back freely; instead, guide it back in the opposite direction to the pull-out direction so that the starter cord can wind up correctly

6. Engine starts briefly

When initially starting the brushcutter, the engine will run for approximately 5 to 7 seconds. During this time, briefly press the locking lever on the multi-function handle and accelerate. This will cause the choke lever to automatically jump to the rest position (the lowest position) and the engine goes into neutral. You do not need to pull the starter handle again. The cutting tool stops rotating when the engine is idling.

If you fail to operate the throttle lever within approximately 5 to 7 seconds, the engine will stop. Now manually set the choke to the *warm start* position (the middle position) and pull the starter grip again until the engine starts.

7. Lift the brushcutter off the ground

Slowly pick the brushcutter up from the ground, taking care to avoid unintentional acceleration. The brushcutter is now ready for use.

8. Switching off the power tool

Set the stop switch on the multi-function handle to the stop position, position 0. The engine will then shut off. When released, the stop switch springs back to position I.