

Dear Valued Customer,

Thank you for your purchase of the **BaSt-Ing Mechanical Wedge**.

To ensure safe and effective operation, please review the following important tips before use:

Before You Start

- **Read the instruction manual thoroughly** prior to use.
 - Ensure you have a **clear understanding of how the unit operates** before applying it in the field.
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Preparation & Maintenance

- **Lubricate the unit daily** and before each use to ensure smooth operation.
 - Prepare the **back cut correctly** to allow proper wedge placement.
 - **Remove thick bark** in the back cut to ensure the wedge plates achieve a solid bite.
 - Create a **small scarf entry point** in the back cut to assist wedge positioning.
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Operating Guidelines

- Be aware of the **maximum extension** of your wedge.
 - The **26-ton model includes limiters** – this is very important.
Do not over-extend the wedge.
 - Ensure the **wedge tip does not contact the hinge wood**.
If required, *keyhole the hinge wood* to prevent interference.
 - Consider using a **second BaSt-Ing Mechanical Wedge** for additional support on larger or more difficult trees.
 - Be mindful of **weight transfer up the tree when wedging** (commonly referred to as “whipping the tree”).
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Proper preparation and understanding will ensure safe operation and optimal performance of your BaSt-Ing Mechanical Wedge.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.