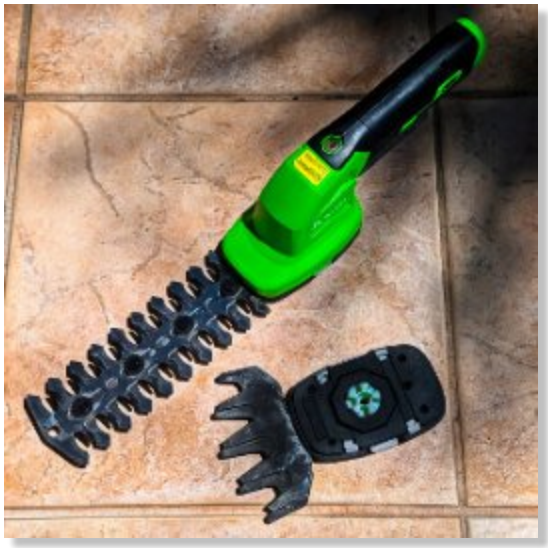
TOOL TALK





They just keep coming, these miraculous, low-cost, high-output power tools designed to put a dent in your yard chores. And did we mention *light?!* This month's feature is a *highly* portable hedge/grass trimmer combo that's the the poster child for 'grab and go'. These are available online, at astonishing values, given the technology and add-ons crammed into one small box.

I had my doubts! How could I not? A single 2100 mAh battery, something you would expect in hand-held clippers, *for hair!* This version, given all the hoopla and rave reviews that just *had* to be AI baloney, would find its first test on 60 feet of the backside of our Viburnum along one side of the house. No, this is not a trimmer for your big-boy bushes, ***the blade is all of 7" long!*** This is a trimming 'quick fix' for those light jobs, and because the first task I gave it was that backwall trim, I didn't mind the length at all. That part of the hedge I manage normally with a 28" electric, with a power cord which, in those confines between hedge and house, never wants to cooperate. This little guy is all of 1 ½ pounds in the hand. Battery life? I started at one end of the hedge with 3 green LED 'bars' of power. When I finished 60 feet later, I had, wait for it, the *3 green bars I started with!*



The battery in the handle makes for a compact unit.

The included grass clipper, which changes places nicely with a clap right in place of the hedge cutter, works great on our army of Muhly grass clumps around the place, and for a grass-edging tune-up.

It's the miracle of the brushless motor, which just sips power, and delivers torque and power-to-weight combo that's off the charts. And it will trim just about nothing off your wallet.

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