

Using *The Ringer* Tree Girdler

No. 18019 The Ringer Tree Girdler



Place "The Ringer" in your left or right hand, palm up, as shown in Figure B. Push the tool away from you and slightly toward the center of the tree for optimum leverage. A strip of bark and cambium is produced from girdling the tree, as shown in Figure C. Turn the wingnut to change the blade angle of adjustment as shown in Figure A. To girdle large diameter trees with thick bark, or trees that are not perfectly round, adjust the blade angle back by turning the wing nut clockwise. For smaller diameter trees, turn the wing nut counter-clockwise to move the blade angle forward.

It is not necessary to adjust for small changes in tree diameter. Ensure that the depth of the girdle is sufficient to cut through the cambial layer, and that the girdle makes a complete joining ring, otherwise continued growth will occur. Some tree species may require two girdles 6 inches apart to be effective, therefore trials should be conducted prior to treating large areas. Cut off any live limbs below the girdle with a hatchet to prevent resprouting. Personal Safety Precautions must be adhered to. Workers must wear safety clothing while working with these forestry tools.

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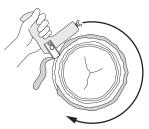


Fig. B
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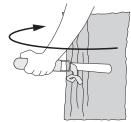


Fig. C
A strip of bark and cambium r is produced from girdling the tree.



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