

Castellari Lopper user guide...

Castellari have been manufacturing high quality horticultural tools in Italy for over 30 years and their technology draws from the combination of three of Italy's best smitheries.

Loppers:

The Castellari Loppers are unique by way of their design, their special lever cutting action, their counter blade operation, and their weight to size ratio. Their lightweight design, strength and reduced cutting effort allows for continuous use. The cavity in the blades reduce friction and increase branch penetration, and the twin pivot bolt system provide greater leverage when cutting. The blades are made from high quality carbon steel and the handles are extruded aluminium with an anodized surface capable of supporting extreme tension.

Silky Store NZ have four individual Castellari Loppers on offer...

1. **Potatore 60cm** – a very compact and lightweight straight blade lopper, ideal for any user that would like to make the pruning day more productive and easier. The Potatore Loppers have a 35mm cutting capacity.
2. **Tucano M 80cm** – the long reach handles make this straight blade lopper ideal for orchard pruning either from the ground or the ladder. The Tucano M 80 Loppers have a 50mm cutting capacity.
3. **Tucano C 60cm and C 80cm** – these curve blade loppers give their best in medium to thick cuts and the curvature of the blade and counter blade prevent branches from slipping. The Tucano C 60 Loppers have a 40mm cutting capacity and the C 80 Loppers have a 50mm cutting capacity.

Use:

The main point to remember when cutting with the Castellari Loppers is not to twist the handles during use. Attempt to keep the handles and blade straight.

Maintenance:

If and when the pivot bolts in these loppers are replaced, it is recommended to rub a small amount of loc-tite onto the thread of the bolt. This will secure the bolt in place once screwed into the locking nut or bush. It is also recommended you mark the bolts before you disassemble anything for replacement, so there is no mix up when putting back together. For regular users we also suggest the bushes are replaced once per season and keep them lubricated with white lithium grease. Sharpening the blades must also be done on a regular basis to ensure the tools works at its optimum level. These blades are an anvil operation and therefore need to be sharpened on both sides, following the bevel with a fine or medium grit file. If the blade is blunt you can put too much pressure on the cut and risk damaging the branch and tool. The maximum cut for the 60cm loppers is 40mm and 45mm for the 80cm loppers.

Although Castellari Loppers are made from the finest steel, they can still rust if not properly maintained. We recommend you clean and oil the blades after use and then store away in a moisture-free place with the cutting blades closed.