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1 Scope

IEC 62841-1:2014, Clause 1 is applicable, except as follows:

Addition:

This document applies to hand-held **die grinders** and to small **rotary tools** for mounted **accessories** not exceeding 55 mm in diameter and for mounted sanding **accessories** not exceeding 80 mm in diameter such as

- threaded **cones and plugs** that are threaded on a mandrel with an unrelieved shoulder flange,
- mandrel **mounted wheels**, and
- rotary files

with a **rated speed** not exceeding a peripheral speed of the accessory of 80 m/s at **rated capacity**.

This document does not apply to straight and vertical grinders utilizing flanges for driving an abrasive accessory.

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NOTE 101 Straight and vertical grinders are covered by IEC 62841-2-3.

2 Normative references

IEC 62841-1:2014, Clause 2 is applicable, except as follows:

Addition:

IEC 62841-1:2014, *Electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

IEC 62841-1:2014, Clause 3 is applicable, except as follows:

Addition:

3.101

cones and plugs (pl)

organic or inorganic bonded abrasives of various shapes and sizes with a threaded insert

3.102**die grinder**

hand-held tool with the rotating spindle in-line with the motor shaft equipped with a collet or chuck intended for use with **mounted wheels** or threaded mandrel mounted **cones and plugs**

3.103**mounted wheels** (pl)

organic or inorganic bonded abrasives of various shapes and sizes that are permanently mounted on a mandrel

3.104**rated capacity**

maximum diameter of the rotating **accessory** to be fitted on the tool as specified by the manufacturer's instruction

3.105**rated speed**

maximum attainable speed as designated by the manufacturer, with any **accessory** permitted by the manufacturer's instructions installed, at **rated voltage** or at the upper limit of the **rated voltage range**

3.106**rotary tool**

hand-held tool having a collet or chuck capacity not exceeding 4 mm and without any gear or other mechanical speed reduction, to be fitted with a variety of **accessories** for grinding, cutting, drilling, carving, polishing, brushing, etc.

4 General requirements

IEC 62841-1:2014, Clause 4 is applicable.

5 General conditions for the tests

IEC 62841-1:2014, Clause 5 is applicable.

6 Radiation, toxicity and similar hazards

IEC 62841-1:2014, Clause 6 is applicable.

7 Classification

IEC 62841-1:2014, Clause 7 is applicable.

8 Marking and instructions

IEC 62841-1:2014, Clause 8 is applicable, except as follows:


8.1 Addition:

Tools shall also be marked with:

- **rated speed** in revolutions per minute;
- **rated capacity** in mm.

8.2 Addition:

Tools shall also be marked with:

" **WARNING** Always wear eye protection" or sign ISO 7010-M004:2011-05 or the following product safety label:



The eye protection symbol may be modified by adding other personal protective equipment such as ear protection, dust mask, etc.

NOTE 101 In Canada and the United States of America, the following additional requirements apply:

Tools shall be marked with the following additional safety warnings:

- **WARNING** – To reduce the risk of injury, use only accessories rated at least equal to the maximum speed marked on the tool.

In Canada, the equivalent French wording is as follows: "AVERTISSEMENT – Pour réduire le risque de blessure, utiliser uniquement des accessoires convenant au moins à la vitesse maximale indiquée sur l'outil."

Alternatively, **rotary tools** with an adjustable speed setting may use the following:

- **WARNING** – To reduce the risk of injury, use accessories rated for the operating speed setting of the tool.

In Canada, the equivalent French wording is as follows: "AVERTISSEMENT – Pour réduire le risque de blessure, utiliser les accessoires convenant à la vitesse d'utilisation de l'outil."

If the above cautionary markings are included as part of a list of cautionary markings, the words "WARNING To reduce the risk of injury" need not be repeated.

8.3 Addition:

Tools shall also be marked with:

- an indication of direction of rotation of the spindle. This shall be indicated by an arrow, raised or sunk, or by any other means no less visible and indelible;
- for tools provided with a threaded spindle, the spindle thread size; and
- for tools designed for operation at more than one speed, with clearly identifiable symbols for each of the speed settings in such a way that in conjunction with the instruction manual it is clear which speed corresponds with each of the settings.

8.6 Addition:

n **rated speed**

8.14.1.101 Additional safety instructions for die grinders and small rotary tools

8.14.1.101.1 General

The additional safety instructions as specified in 8.14.1.101.2 to 8.14.1.101.5 shall be given, as applicable. These additional safety instructions may be printed separately from the "General Power Tool Safety Warnings".

For the safety instructions specified in 8.14.1.101.2 to 8.14.1.101.5, the terms such as grinding/grinder, sanding/sander, wire brushing/wire brush, polishing/polisher, carving/carving tool or cutting-off/cut-off tool, are selected as recommended by the manufacturer. These terms in the warnings and headings shall be consistently used or deleted based on the selected operations. The "and"/"or" conjunctions may be used as appropriate.

If the power tool is recommended only for one of the listed operations, the heading of that section is to be used for all warnings.

8.14.1.101.2 Safety instructions for all operations

Safety warnings common for grinding, sanding, wire brushing, polishing, carving or abrasive cutting-off operations:

NOTE 101 In the above heading those operations not applicable are omitted.

- a) **This power tool is intended to function as a grinder, sander, wire brush, polisher, carving or cut-off tool. Read all safety warnings, instructions, illustrations and specifications provided with this power tool. Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.**

NOTE 102 Only those operations that are applicable are listed.

- b) **Operations such as grinding, sanding, wire brushing, polishing or cutting-off are not recommended to be performed with this power tool. Operations for which the power tool was not designed may create a hazard and cause personal injury.**

NOTE 103 Only those operations that were not included in the first warning are listed. If all listed operations are applicable, then this warning is omitted, but all subsequent warnings are given without exclusion.

- c) **Do not use accessories which are not specifically designed and recommended by the tool manufacturer. Just because the accessory can be attached to your power tool, it does not assure safe operation.**
- d) **The rated speed of the grinding accessories must be at least equal to the maximum speed marked on the power tool. Grinding accessories running faster than their rated speed can break and fly apart.**

NOTE 104 In Canada and the United States of America, the warning in item d) above is replaced by the following:

- **The rated speed of the accessories must be at least equal to the maximum speed marked on the power tool. Accessories running faster than their rated speed can break and fly apart.**

An alternate wording for **rotary tools** with an adjustable speed is following:

- **The rated speed of the accessories must be at least equal to the operating speed setting marked on the power tool. Accessories running faster than their rated speed can break and fly apart.**
- e) **The outside diameter and the thickness of your accessory must be within the capacity rating of your power tool. Incorrectly sized accessories cannot be adequately controlled.**
- f) **The arbour size of wheels, sanding drums or any other accessory must properly fit the spindle or collet of the power tool. Accessories that do not match the mounting hardware of the power tool will run out of balance, vibrate excessively and may cause loss of control.**
- g) **Mandrel mounted wheels, sanding drums, cutters or other accessories must be fully inserted into the collet or chuck. If the mandrel is insufficiently held and/or the overhang of the wheel is too long, the mounted wheel may become loose and be ejected at high velocity.**

- h) **Do not use a damaged accessory. Before each use inspect the accessory such as abrasive wheels for chips and cracks, sanding drum for cracks, tear or excess wear, wire brush for loose or cracked wires. If power tool or accessory is dropped, inspect for damage or install an undamaged accessory. After inspecting and installing an accessory, position yourself and bystanders away from the plane of the rotating accessory and run the power tool at maximum no-load speed for one minute. Damaged accessories will normally break apart during this test time.**
- i) **Wear personal protective equipment. Depending on application, use face shield, safety goggles or safety glasses. As appropriate, wear dust mask, hearing protectors, gloves and workshop apron capable of stopping small abrasive or workpiece fragments. The eye protection must be capable of stopping flying debris generated by various operations. The dust mask or respirator must be capable of filtrating particles generated by your operation. Prolonged exposure to high intensity noise may cause hearing loss.**
- j) **Keep bystanders a safe distance away from work area. Anyone entering the work area must wear personal protective equipment. Fragments of workpiece or of a broken accessory may fly away and cause injury beyond immediate area of operation.**
- k) **Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surfaces only, when performing an operation where the cutting accessory may contact hidden wiring or its own cord. Cutting accessory contacting a "live" wire may make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.**

NOTE 105 The above warning is omitted if polishing is the only recommended operation.

- l) **Always hold the tool firmly in your hand(s) during the start-up. The reaction torque of the motor, as it accelerates to full speed, can cause the tool to twist.**
- m) **Use clamps to support workpiece whenever practical. Never hold a small workpiece in one hand and the tool in the other hand while in use. Clamping a small workpiece allows you to use your hand(s) to control the tool. Round material such as dowel rods, pipes or tubing have a tendency to roll while being cut and may cause the bit to bind or jump toward you.**
- n) **Position the cord clear of the spinning accessory. If you lose control, the cord may be cut or snagged and your hand or arm may be pulled into the spinning accessory.**
- o) **Never lay the power tool down until the accessory has come to a complete stop. The spinning accessory may grab the surface and pull the power tool out of your control.**
- p) **After changing the bits or making any adjustments, make sure the collet nut, chuck or any other adjustment devices are securely tightened. Loose adjustment devices can unexpectedly shift, causing loss of control, loose rotating components will be violently thrown.**
- q) **Do not run the power tool while carrying it at your side. Accidental contact with the spinning accessory could snag your clothing, pulling the accessory into your body.**
- r) **Regularly clean the power tool's air vents. The motor's fan will draw the dust inside the housing and excessive accumulation of powdered metal may cause electrical hazards.**
- s) **Do not operate the power tool near flammable materials. Sparks could ignite these materials.**
- t) **Do not use accessories that require liquid coolants. Using water or other liquid coolants may result in electrocution or shock.**

NOTE 106 The above warning does not apply for power tools specifically designed for use with a liquid system.

8.14.1.101.3 Further safety instructions for all operations

Kickback and related warnings

Kickback is a sudden reaction to a pinched or snagged rotating wheel, sanding band, brush or any other accessory. Pinching or snagging causes rapid stalling of the rotating accessory which in turn causes the uncontrolled power tool to be forced in the direction opposite of the accessory's rotation.

For example, if an abrasive wheel is snagged or pinched by the workpiece, the edge of the wheel that is entering into the pinch point can dig into the surface of the material causing the wheel to climb out or kick out. The wheel may either jump toward or away from the operator, depending on direction of the wheel's movement at the point of pinching. Abrasive wheels may also break under these conditions.

Kickback is the result of power tool misuse and/or incorrect operating procedures or conditions and can be avoided by taking proper precautions as given below.

- a) **Maintain a firm grip on the power tool and position your body and arm to allow you to resist kickback forces.** *The operator can control kickback forces, if proper precautions are taken.*
- b) **Use special care when working corners, sharp edges etc. Avoid bouncing and snagging the accessory.** *Corners, sharp edges or bouncing have a tendency to snag the rotating accessory and cause loss of control or kickback.*
- c) **Do not attach a toothed saw blade.** *Such blades create frequent kickback and loss of control.*
- d) **Always feed the bit into the material in the same direction as the cutting edge is exiting from the material (which is the same direction as the chips are thrown).** *Feeding the tool in the wrong direction causes the cutting edge of the bit to climb out of the work and pull the tool in the direction of this feed.*
- e) **When using rotary files, cut-off wheels, high-speed cutters or tungsten carbide cutters, always have the work securely clamped.** *These wheels will grab if they become slightly canted in the groove and can kickback. When a cut-off wheel grabs, the wheel itself usually breaks. When a rotary file, high-speed cutter or tungsten carbide cutter grabs, it may jump from the groove and you could lose control of the tool.*

NOTE 101 Only those accessories are listed that are permitted to be used with the tool.

8.14.1.101.4 Additional safety instructions for grinding and cutting-off operations

Safety warnings specific for grinding and abrasive cutting-off operations:

- a) **Use only wheel types that are recommended for your power tool and only for recommended applications. For example: do not grind with the side of a cut-off wheel.** *Abrasive cut-off wheels are intended for peripheral grinding, side forces applied to these wheels may cause them to shatter.*
- b) **For threaded abrasive cones and plugs use only undamaged wheel mandrels with an unrelieved shoulder flange that are of correct size and length.** *Proper mandrels will reduce the possibility of breakage.*
- c) **Do not "jam" a cut-off wheel or apply excessive pressure. Do not attempt to make an excessive depth of cut.** *Overstressing the wheel increases the loading and susceptibility to twisting or snagging of the wheel in the cut and the possibility of kickback or wheel breakage.*
- d) **Do not position your hand in line with and behind the rotating wheel.** *When the wheel, at the point of operation, is moving away from your hand, the possible kickback may propel the spinning wheel and the power tool directly at you.*
- e) **When wheel is pinched, snagged or when interrupting a cut for any reason, switch off the power tool and hold the power tool motionless until the wheel comes to a complete stop. Never attempt to remove the cut-off wheel from the cut while the wheel is in motion otherwise kickback may occur.** *Investigate and take corrective action to eliminate the cause of wheel pinching or snagging.*
- f) **Do not restart the cutting operation in the workpiece. Let the wheel reach full speed and carefully re-enter the cut.** *The wheel may bind, walk up or kickback if the power tool is restarted in the workpiece.*

- g) **Support panels or any oversized workpiece to minimize the risk of wheel pinching and kickback.** *Large workpieces tend to sag under their own weight. Supports must be placed under the workpiece near the line of cut and near the edge of the workpiece on both sides of the wheel.*

8.14.1.101.5 Additional safety instructions for wire brushing operations

NOTE 101 If wire brushing operation is not recommended by the manufacturer, this Subclause 8.14.1.101.5 is omitted.

Safety warnings specific for wire brushing operations:

- a) **Be aware that wire bristles are thrown by the brush even during ordinary operation. Do not overstress the wires by applying excessive load to the brush.** *The wire bristles can easily penetrate light clothing and/or skin.*
- b) **Allow brushes to run at operating speed for at least one minute before using them. During this time no one is to stand in front or in line with the brush.** *Loose bristles or wires will be discharged during the run-in time.*
- c) **Direct the discharge of the spinning wire brush away from you.** *Small particles and tiny wire fragments may be discharged at high velocity during the use of these brushes and may become imbedded in your skin.*

8.14.2 a) Addition:

101) Information on types of **accessories** in accordance with 8.14.1.101.2 a).

8.14.2 b) Addition:

- 101) Instruction on mounting of **accessories** and use and care of abrasive products;
- 102) Instruction on proper insertion of the mandrels into the collet or chuck, information about the maximum allowable overhang and information about the maximum mandrel length;
- 103) Instruction on the use of all the different types of wheels specified in the instructions in accordance with 8.14.2 a) 101), e.g. side grinding, peripheral grinding;
- 104) Instruction to properly support the workpiece;
- 105) Instruction on proper handling of the tool depending on the operation (one- or two-handed control);
- 106) In case of **cones and plugs** with a threaded hole intended to be mounted on a threaded mandrel, critical dimensions and other data shall be given in order to prevent the mandrel end from touching the bottom of the hole of the abrasive product;
- 107) Instruction that the maximum recommended diameter of **mounted wheels**, threaded **cones and plugs** shall not exceed 55 mm and that the maximum recommended diameter of sanding accessories shall not exceed 80 mm.

8.14.2 c) Addition:

101) Instruction on storage and handling of recommended **accessories**.

9 Protection against access to live parts

IEC 62841-1:2014, Clause 9 is applicable.

10 Starting

IEC 62841-1:2014, Clause 10 is applicable.