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ELECTRIC MOTOR-OPERATED HAND-HELD TOOLS, TRANSPORTABLE TOOLS AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY – SAFETY –

Part 2-11: Particular requirements for hand-held reciprocating saws

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In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

International Standard IEC 62841-2-11 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 116: Safety of motor-operated electric tools.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This Part 2-11 is to be used in conjunction with the first edition of IEC 62841-1 (2014).

This Part 2-11 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 62841-1, so as to convert it into the IEC standard: Particular requirements for hand-held reciprocating saws.

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- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- notes: in small roman type.

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Part 2-11: Particular requirements for hand-held reciprocating saws

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

Addition:

This part of IEC 62841 applies to **reciprocating saws** such as **jig saws** and **sabre saws**.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

Addition:

ISO 16893-1:2008, *Wood based panels – Particleboard – Part 1: Classifications*

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

Additional definitions:

3.101

reciprocating saw

tool intended for cutting various materials with a blade or blades acting in a reciprocating or oscillating motion

3.102

jig saw

reciprocating saw with a base plate that may allow bevel adjustments

Note 1 to entry: Typical designs of **jig saws** are shown in Figure 102.

3.103

sabre saw

reciprocating saw with a guide plate that may allow tilting movements

Note 1 to entry: Typical designs of **sabre saws** are shown in Figure 103.

4 General requirements

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

5 General conditions for the tests

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

5.17 Addition:

The mass of the tool includes the dust extraction adapter, if any.

6 Radiation, toxicity and similar hazards

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

7 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

8 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

8.14.1 Addition:

For **reciprocating saws**, the additional safety instructions as specified in 8.14.1.101 shall be given. This part may be printed separately from the “General Power Tool Safety Warnings”.

8.14.1.101 Safety instructions for reciprocating saws

- a) **Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surfaces, 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.**
- b) **Use clamps or another practical way to secure and support the workpiece to a stable platform. Holding the workpiece by hand or against your body leaves it unstable and may lead to loss of control.**

NOTE The above warning is not applicable for garden saws for tree or hedge services.

8.14.2 b) Addition:

- 101) Instruction on the correct use of the dust collection system, if any;
- 102) Information regarding the cutting capacity;
- 103) Instruction on how to adjust the tool for different saw blade positions, if applicable.

8.14.2 c) Addition:

- 101) Instruction on how to properly clean/clear the chip ejection opening, if any.

9 Protection against access to live parts

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

10 Starting

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

11 Input and current

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

12 Heating

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

13 Resistance to heat and fire

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

14 Moisture resistance

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

15 Resistance to rusting

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

16 Overload protection of transformers and associated circuits

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

17 Endurance

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18 Abnormal operation

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

18.8 Replacement of Table 4:

Table 4 – Required performance levels

Type and purpose of SCF	Minimum performance level (PL)
Power switch – prevent unwanted switch-on	b
Power switch – provide desired switch-off for jig saws	a
Power switch – provide desired switch-off for sabre saws	b
Any electronic control to pass the test of 18.3	Not an SCF
Any speed limiting device	Not an SCF
Prevent exceeding thermal limits as in Clause 18	a
Prevent self-resetting as required in 23.3	b

19 Mechanical hazards

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

19.1 Replacement of the first paragraph:

Moving and dangerous parts other than the saw blade shall be so positioned or enclosed to provide adequate protection against personal injury. Requirements for the saw blade are given in 19.101.

19.6 This subclause is not applicable.

19.101 Saw blade barrier

1) For **jig saws**

A barrier shall be provided to prevent inadvertent contact with the cutting edge of the saw blade above the plane of the base plate and from the front of the tool. The barrier shall not prevent the visual observation of the saw blade in contact with the workpiece.

Compliance is checked by inspection and by the following test.

*The **jig saw** is set for the right-angled cut. The test probe of Figure 101a) is advanced in any single plane perpendicular to the saw blade and parallel to and above the plane of the base plate as shown in Figure 101b) and Figure 101c). The longitudinal axis of the test probe shall be perpendicular to the toothed edge of the saw blade. The test probe shall be equally shared about the central plane of the saw blade. When the test probe is moved towards the saw blade, it shall not be able to touch its toothed edge.*

2) For other types of **reciprocating saws**

If a **reciprocating saw** is designed with a grip zone adjacent and behind the saw blade, a barrier shall be provided to prevent inadvertent contact with the teeth of the saw blade in any saw blade position in accordance with 8.14.2 b) 103). <https://c30-ba4a-dc773ba99e16/iec-62841-2-11-2015>

The barrier shall:

- be located between the grip zone and the teeth of the saw blade;
- have a minimum height of 6 mm above the grip surface; and
- extend a minimum of 6 mm on either side of the ~~teeth~~ **central plane** of the saw blade, **see Figure 104.**

A barrier is not required if the tool is supplied with an auxiliary front handle.

Compliance is checked by inspection and by measurement.

20 Mechanical strength

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

20.5 Addition:

Reciprocating saws are regarded as tools that are likely to cut into concealed wiring or their own cord.

21 Construction

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

21.18.1 *Addition:*

For **jig saws**, power switches other than momentary power switches are permitted.

21.18.1.2 This subclause is not applicable.

21.30 *Addition:*

Reciprocating saws are regarded as tools that are likely to cut into concealed wiring or their own cord.

21.35 This subclause is not applicable.

22 Internal wiring

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

23 Components

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

23.3 *Replacement of the first paragraph:*

Protection devices (e.g. overload or over-temperature protection devices) or circuits that switch off the tool shall be of the non-self-resetting type unless the tool is equipped with a **momentary power switch** with no provision for being locked in the “on” position.

24 Supply connection and external flexible cords

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

25 Terminals for external conductors

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

26 Provision for earthing

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

27 Screws and connections

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

28 Creepage distances, clearances and distances through insulation

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.