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This Part 3-14 is to be used in conjunction with the first edition of IEC 62841-1 (2014).

This Part 3-14 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 62841-1, so as to convert it into the IEC standard: Particular requirements for transportable drain cleaners.

Where a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 3-14, that subclause applies as far as relevant. Where this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text in Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

The following print types are used:

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

### Part 3-14: Particular requirements for transportable drain cleaners

#### 1 Scope

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

Addition:

This part of IEC 62841 applies to transportable drain cleaners.

NOTE 101 **Drain cleaners** are also known as pipe cleaners.

This standard does not apply to hand-held **drain cleaners**.

NOTE 102 Hand-held drain cleaners are covered by IEC 62841-2-21.

This standard does not apply to high pressure cleaners to clean drains.

NOTE 103 High pressure cleaners are covered by IEC 60335-2-79.

This standard does not apply to machines that use a solid rod to clean drains.

#### 2 Normative references

### This clause of Part 1 is applicable. IEC 62841-3-14:2017

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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

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

Additional definitions:

#### 3.101

cutter

accessory that is attached to the end of the drain cleaner cable or is a specially formed section of the drain cleaner cable

#### 3.102

#### drain cleaner

tool designed to clean out drains and pipes using a **drain cleaner cable** and that rests on the ground, floor or a counter top during operation

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#### 3.103

#### drain cleaner cable

rotating flexible accessory of a drain cleaner that is inserted into the pipe or drain

#### 3.104

#### drum

cylindrical container that rotates and houses the drain cleaner cable

#### 3.105

#### drum machine

drain cleaner that uses a drain cleaner cable contained in a rotating drum

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 101.

#### 3.106

#### guide tube

rotating tube that guides the drain cleaner cable from the drum to the front exit of a drum machine

#### 3.107

#### rear guide hose

device connected to the rear of a **sectional machine** and which encloses a portion of the **drain cleaner cable** that extends out of the rear of the tool

#### 3.108

#### sectional machine

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drain cleaner that uses individual sections of the drain cleaner cable which are connected together to extend the overall length of the drain cleaner cable

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 102. Document Preview

#### 4 General requirements

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tps://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/iec/c98a1035-e97c-45b5-a808-d288d0189bcb/iec-62841-3-14-2017 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:

A drain cleaner cable is considered to be an accessory and is not included in the mass of the tool.

#### 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 **drain cleaners**, 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".

#### **8.14.1.1** Addition:

Item 2) b) is not applicable.

#### 8.14.1.101 Safety instructions for drain cleaners

NOTE 1 In the below instructions, on discretion of the manufacturer the term "drain" is replaced with the term "pipe".

a) Before using the tool, test the residual current device (RCD) provided with the supply cord to insure it is operating correctly. A properly operating RCD reduces the risk of electrical shock.

NOTE 2 It is possible to replace the term "residual current device (RCD)" with the term "ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI)" or "earth leakage circuit breaker (ELCB)".

b) **Only use extension cords that are protected by an RCD.** The RCD on the machine power cord will not prevent electrical shock from the extension cords.

NOTE 3 It is possible to replace the term "residual current device (RCD)" with the term "ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI)" or "earth leakage circuit breaker (ELCB)".

- c) Only grasp the rotating cable with gloves recommended by the manufacturer. Latex or loose fitting gloves or rags can become wrapped around the cable and may result in serious personal injury.
- d) **Do not allow the cutter to stop turning while the cable is turning.** This can overstress the cable and may cause twisting, kinking or breaking of the cable and may result in serious personal injury.
- e) One person must control both the cable and the switch. If the cutter stops rotating, the operator must be able to turn the tool off to prevent the cable from twisting, kinking and breaking.
- f) Use latex or rubber gloves inside the gloves recommended by the manufacturer, 4-2017 goggles, face shields, protective clothing, and respirator when chemicals, bacteria or other toxic or infectious substances are suspected to be in a drain line. Drains may contain chemicals, bacteria and other substances that may cause burns, be toxic or infectious or may result in other serious personal injury.
  - g) Practice good hygiene. Do not eat or smoke while handling or operating the tool. After handling or operating drain cleaning equipment, use hot, soapy water to wash hands and other body parts exposed to drain contents. This will help reduce the risk of health hazards due to exposure to toxic or infectious material.
  - h) **Only use the drain cleaner for the recommended drain sizes.** Using the wrong size drain cleaner can lead to twisting, kinking or breaking of the cable and may result in personal injury.
  - i) Always use the rear guide hose while operating the tool and ensure the cable does not extend beyond the rear guide hose. This prevents the cable from whipping which may result in entanglement and personal injury.

NOTE 4 The above warning only applies for **sectional machines**.

- 8.14.2 a) Additional items:
- 101) Information on the permitted length(s) and diameter(s) of the **drain cleaner cable** or **drain cleaner cable** sections;
- 102) Instruction on how to install the drain cleaner cable;
- 103) For sectional machines: instruction on how to install the rear guide hose;
- 104) Information on recommended **drain cleaner cable** diameters for different pipe diameters.

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#### **8.14.2** b) Additional items:

- 101) Information on the correct gloves to wear during operation;
- 102) Information on the distance the **drain cleaner** is to be placed from the drain or pipe opening.
- 103) Instruction on drain cleaner cable feed and rotation.

#### 8.14.2 c) Additional items:

101) Instruction on how to inspect and maintain the drain cleaner cable.

#### 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

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#### **14 Moisture resistance**

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

#### **14.5** *Replacement:*

A **residual current device** used to provide protection from shock in the case of moisture shall comply with IEC 61540:1999 and shall meet the following requirements a) to c):

1) The **RCD** shall disconnect both mains conductors, but not the earth conductor if provided, when the leakage exceeds 10 mA and with a maximum response of 300 ms.

Compliance is checked by inspection and the test of 9.9.2 of IEC 61540:1999. In addition, during the test, the earthing conductor shall not become disconnected.

2) The **RCD** shall be reliable for its intended use.

Compliance is checked at **rated voltage** by operating the **residual current device** under conditions of simulated leakage as in a) above during conditions of locked rotor of the tool for 50 cycles. The **residual current device** shall operate correctly for all cycles.

3) The **RCD** shall be installed such that it is unlikely to be removed during use or normal maintenance.

This requirement is considered fulfilled if the **residual current device** is fixed to the tool or the **supply cord** connected to the tool.

Where fitted in the **supply cord**, the **residual current device** shall be provided with **type Y attachment** or **type Z attachment** for connection with the **supply cord** and **interconnection cord**.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

#### **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

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

**17.101** The device for **sectional machines** as required in 21.18.2.1 shall have sufficient endurance for safe operation.

Compliance is checked by the following test.

The sectional machine is fitted with the longest drain cleaner cable section of the largest diameter permitted in accordance with 8.14.2 a) 101). The tool is switched on.

For the endurance test, the device is actuated with the minimum required force to rotate the **drain cleaner cable** section and then released until the **drain cleaner cable** section rotation has completely stopped. This actuation and release is repeated for 10 000 cycles or until the device fails to rotate the **drain cleaner cable** section, whichever occurs first. During the test, any **user maintenance** to ensure the correct operation of the device is allowed.

During the test, the **drain cleaner cable** section shall always stop rotating when the device is released.

IEC 62841-1:2014, Clause 17 is applicable.

#### 18 Abnormal operation

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

**18.8** Replacement of Table 4:

Type and purpose of SCF	Minimum performance level (PL)
<b>Power switch</b> – prevent unwanted switch-on for <b>drain</b> <b>cleaners</b> with a clutch that disengages the output from the motor	Not an <b>SCF</b>
Power switch – prevent unwanted switch-on for other drain cleaners	а
Power switch – provide desired switch-off	а
Provide desired direction of rotation	Not an SCF

#### Table 4 – Required performance levels