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front hand-guard — Dimensions and  
clearances**

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# Forestry machinery — Portable chain-saw front hand-guard — Dimensions and clearances

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the dimensions and clearances for front hand-guards on portable hand-held chain-saws. These dimensions and clearances ensure the necessary safety provided by the hand-guard, which serves as both a shield between the operator's hand and the saw chain and as an actuator for manually operated chain brakes. This International Standard is not applicable to chain-saws with wraparound handles.

## 2 Normative reference

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ISO 6531, *Machinery for forestry — Portable hand-held chain-saws — Vocabulary*

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## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6531 apply.

## 4 General

The dimensions of the front hand-guard and the clearances shall be in relation to the intended position of the left hand on the front handle during vertical cutting (bucking), determined using defined gauges (see clause 5).

Unless otherwise specified, the following is applicable when determining the dimensions and clearances:

- a) the chain-saw shall be kept in the upright position;
- b) forces applied to the gauges shall not exceed 10 N;
- c) if the front hand-guard also activates the chain brake, the measurements shall be made
  - with the front hand-guard in the non-activated position, and
  - with a maximum force of 10 N applied, at 45° in a forward and downward direction relative to the guidebar centreline and 50 mm to the left of the reference point  $X_0$  (see clause 6), when viewed from the rear, and projected on the top edge of the guard.

## 5 Gauge dimensions

Rigid gauges of the types and sizes specified in Table 1 shall be used to determine the dimensions and clearances.

Table 1 — Gauge dimensions

Dimensions in millimetres

Gauge type	Diameter ± 0,5	Length ± 0,5	Corner radius max.
A	35	100	5
B	70	100	0,5
C	56	82	0,5

## 6 Determination of reference point $X_0$

### 6.1 Normal case

The reference point  $X_0$  shall be determined, when viewed from the rear, using a type A gauge kept furthest to the right side of the front handle, parallel to and directly below the centreline of the front handle, and in contact with both the handle and the top of the housing. See Figure 1, a) and b).

### 6.2 Special case

When the machine design is such that a type A gauge of 100 mm length cannot be inserted between the handle and the housing, and  $X_0$  cannot be determined using such a gauge, the gauge length may be shortened (though by no more than is necessary). Using this modified gauge,  $X_0$  shall be determined according to all other requirements of 6.1. See Figure 1, c).

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## 7 Front hand-guard dimensions

### 7.1 Front hand-guard width, $W_1$

The front hand-guard width,  $W_1$ , is the distance from  $X_0$  to the point at which the requirement for the front hand-guard height over the front handle,  $H_1$  (see 7.2), is not fulfilled.

When the machine is viewed from the rear,  $W_1$  shall cover the front handle from  $X_0$  to a minimum of 100 mm to the left of  $X_0$  (see Figure 2).

Any part of the area defined by the outer contour of the front hand-guard and the housing shall be intersected by the line from  $X_0$  to the rearmost, upper unprotected part of the saw chain on the guide bar (see Figure 3).

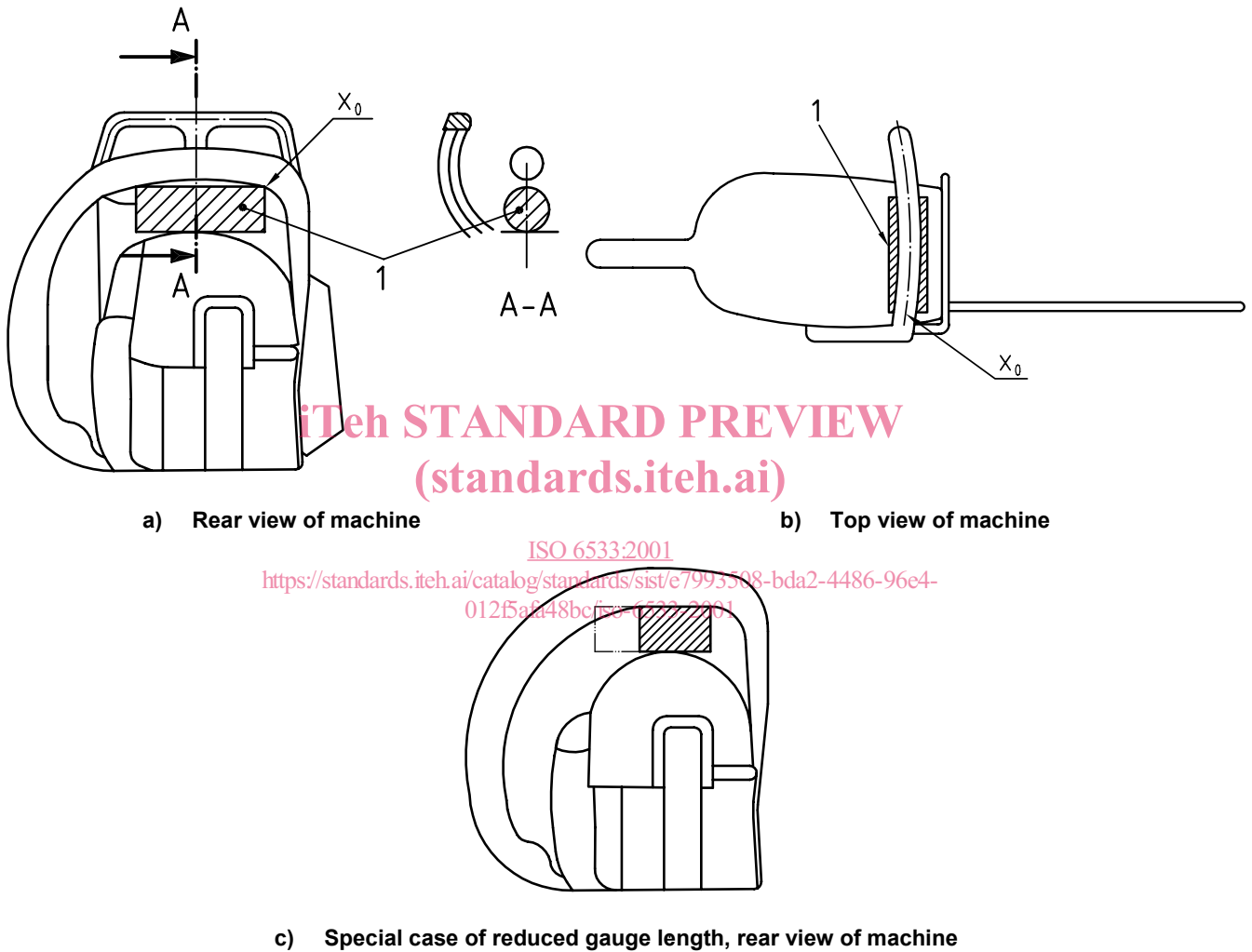
### 7.2 Front hand-guard height over front handle, $H_1$

The measurement of the vertical height  $H_1$  shall be made in a plane parallel to the guide bar plane and perpendicular to the guide bar centreline (see Figure 4).

Any free play in the guide bar fixing shall be taken up by tightening the guide bar to the saw body in its uppermost position.

$H_1$  shall be at least 20 mm above the upper surface at each point on the front handle over the length of  $W_1$  as specified in 7.1.

When the front hand-guard activates the chain brake, the minimum height shall be 0 mm, with the front hand-guard in the released position (see  $H_{1A}$  in Figure 4).



**Key**

- 1 Type A gauge

**Figure 1 — Definition of reference point  $X_0$**

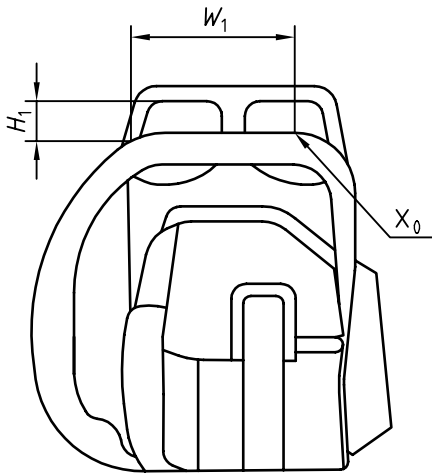


Figure 2 — Front hand-guard width,  $W_1$ , rear view of machine

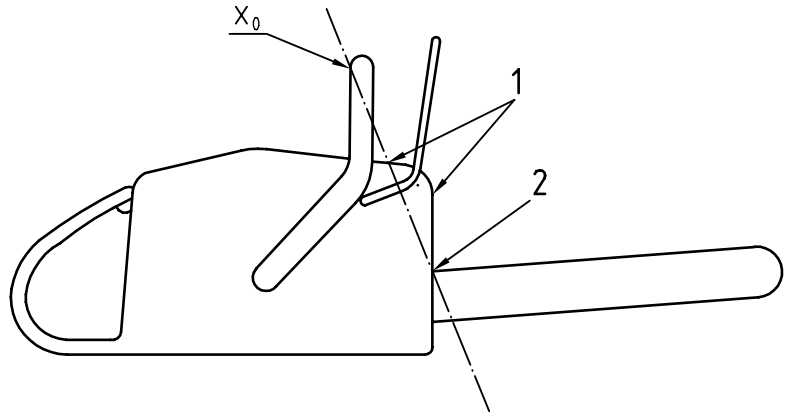
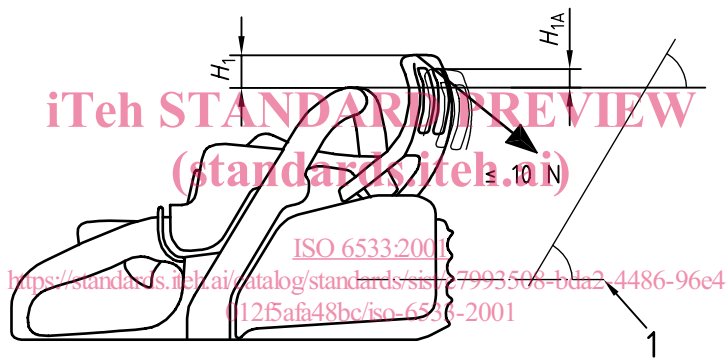


Figure 3 — Line between  $X_0$  and rearmost part of unprotected saw chain

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- 1 Intersection point
- 2 Intersection with unprotected part of chain saw



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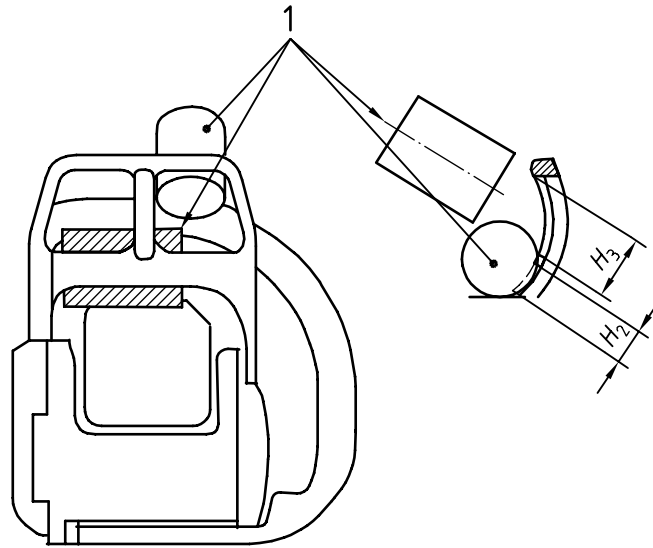
- 1 Centreline of guide bar

Figure 4 — Front hand-guard height over front handle ( $H_1$  and  $H_{1A}$ ) — Machine viewed from right side

7.3 Height of front hand-guard openings,  $H_3$

The front hand-guard may have openings. Such openings shall be limited in height ( $H_3$ ) so that a type C gauge, applied in any direction and from either front or rear, cannot pass through when pushed forward perpendicularly to the face of the opening. See Figure 5.



**Key**

- 1 Type C gauge

**Figure 5 — Front hand-guard openings,  $H_3$ , and clearance,  $H_2$ , between hand-guard and saw body — Machine front view**

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### 8 Clearance between hand-guard and saw body, $H_2$

The clearance,  $H_2$ , between the lower edge of the front hand-guard and any component of the saw body shall be limited so that a type C gauge, held parallel to the front hand-guard, cannot pass through (see Figure 5). This limitation of the clearance applies to the entire width  $W_1$  (see 7.1).

If necessary, the gauge may be applied from the front, in which case additional means could be necessary for holding the hand-guard fixed in position.

### 9 Clearances between hand-guard and front handle, $R_1$ and $R_2$

There shall be a clearance between any part of the front hand-guard and the front handle, starting from  $X_0$  to the left when viewed from behind, such that

- a type A gauge can pass the clearance without coming into contact with the hand-guard ( $R_1$ ), and
- a type B gauge cannot pass the clearance and any part of the gauge centreline will come lower than any part of the centreline of the front handle ( $R_2$ ).

See Figure 6.