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- terms and definitions [3.1.7](#), [3.3.1](#), [3.4.1.1](#), [3.5.7](#), [3.9.10](#), [3.9.10.1](#), [3.9.10.2](#), [3.9.10.3](#) and [3.9.11](#) have been added.

# Machinery for forestry — Portable chain-saws — Vocabulary

## 1 Scope

This document defines terms relating to the mechanical aspects of portable chain-saws, saw-chain and guide bars.

The chain-saw positions are shown in [Annex A](#).

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1 Work functions

**3.1.1 felling**  
separation of a standing tree from its root system

**3.1.2 delimiting**  
removal of branches from trees or parts of trees

**3.1.3 bucking  
slashing**  
cutting of felled or uprooted trees, or parts of trees, into lengths

**3.1.4 splitting**  
dividing of trees or parts of trees longitudinally into pieces

**3.1.5 boring**  
process of cutting with the *saw-chain* ([3.3.1](#)) at the nose (tip) of the *guide bar* ([3.3.5](#)) in order to make a hole

**3.1.6 kickback**  
rapid upward and backward motion of the saw which can occur when the moving *saw-chain* ([3.3.1](#)) near the upper portion of the tip of the *guide bar* ([3.3.5](#)) contacts an object such as a log or branch

3.1.7

**pinch kickback**

rapid pushback of the chain saw that can occur when the wood closes in and pinches the moving *saw-chain* (3.3.1) in the cut along the top of the *guide bar* (3.3.5)

3.1.8

**pruning**

removal of live or dead branches, or of multiple leaders or shoots, from standing trees

3.2 Types of chain-saws

3.2.1

**chain-saw**

power-driven tool designed to cut wood with a *saw-chain* (3.3.1) and consisting of an integrated compact unit of handles, power source, *guide bar* (3.3.5) and saw-chain, designed to be supported with two hands

3.2.1.1

**chain-saw for forest service**

chain-saw designed for forest work such as *falling* (3.1.1), *delimiting* (3.1.2) and *bucking* (3.1.3)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

3.2.1.2

**chain-saw for tree service**

specialized chain-saw of limited mass, designed for use by a trained operator for *pruning* (3.1.8) and dismantling standing tree crowns

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).

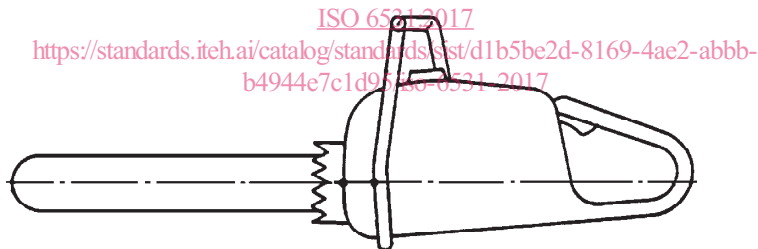


Figure 1 — Chain-saw for forest service

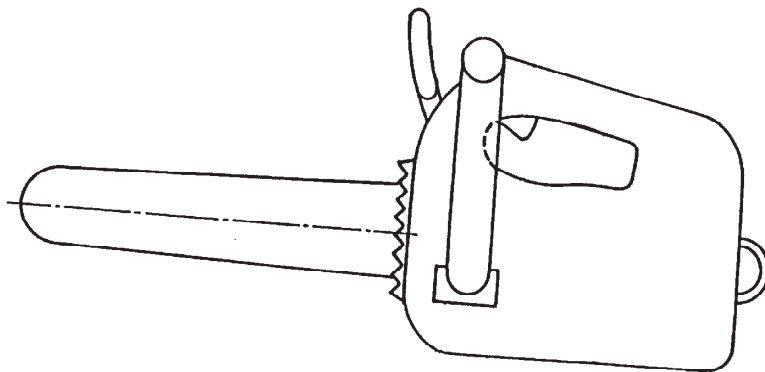


Figure 2 — Chain-saw for tree service

### 3.3 Cutting equipment

#### 3.3.1

##### saw-chain

chain serving as a cutting tool, consisting of drive links, cutters and side links held together by rivets

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#).

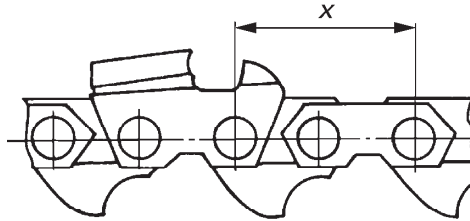
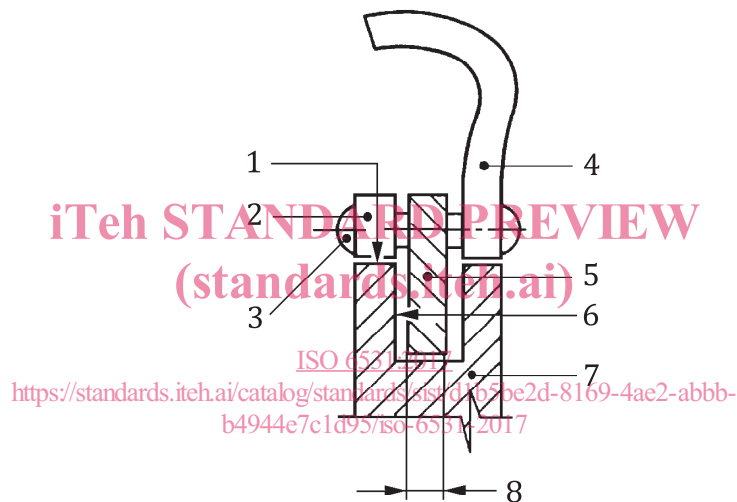


Figure 3 — Part of saw-chain



#### Key

- 1 guide bar rail
- 2 side-link
- 3 rivet
- 4 cutter
- 5 drive link
- 6 guide bar groove
- 7 guide bar
- 8 chain gauge

Figure 4 — Saw-chain and guide bar details

#### 3.3.2

##### chain guides

plates or guides fitted on one or both sides of the *guide bar* (3.3.5) where the *saw-chain* (3.3.1) enters the groove, for assisting in guiding the saw-chain between the *drive sprocket* (3.3.3) and the guide bar

#### 3.3.3

##### drive sprocket

part that transmits rotational motion from the *chain-saw* (3.2.1) power source to the *saw-chain* (3.3.1)

3.3.3.1

**rim sprocket**

*drive sprocket* (3.3.3) with rims on which the side and cutter links run

3.3.3.2

**spur sprocket**

*drive sprocket* (3.3.3) in which the drive links run and the side and cutter links are supported

3.3.4

**nose sprocket**

rotating part at the tip of the *guide bar* (3.3.5) which supports the *saw-chain* (3.3.1) around the tip

3.3.5

**guide bar**

part that supports and guides the *saw-chain* (3.3.1)

3.3.6

**chain pitch**

arithmetic mean of the distances between three adjacent rivets

Note 1 to entry: See x in [Figure 3](#).

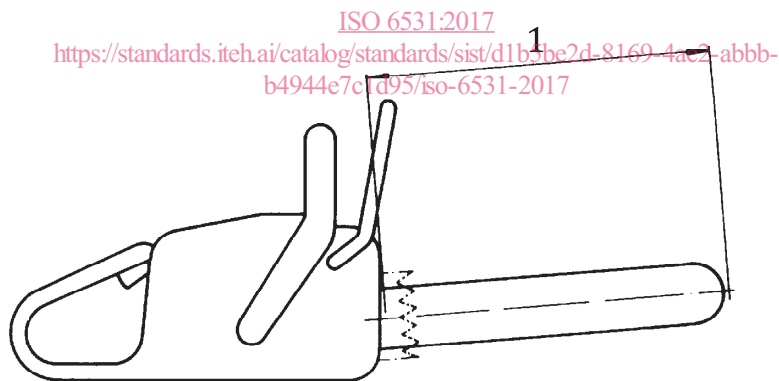
3.3.7

**cutting length**

<chain-saw without fixed spiked bumper> approximate length of cut a chain-saw will make with the *chain tension adjuster* (3.5.1) set at mid-position.

Note 1 to entry: The length is generally expressed in terms of the nearest whole unit of measure.

Note 2 to entry: See [Figure 5](#).



**Key**

1 cutting length

**Figure 5 — Cutting length — Saw with removable or no spiked bumper**

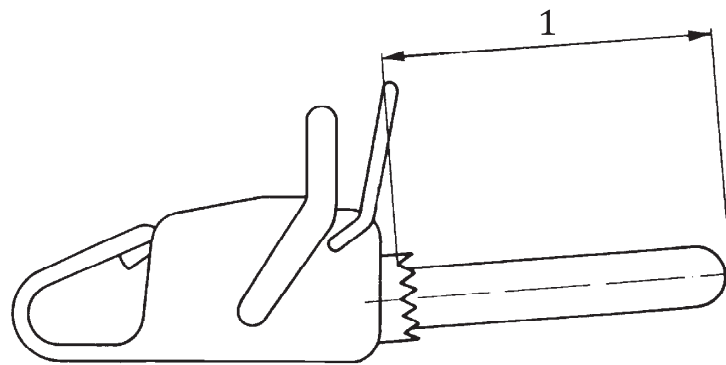
3.3.8

**cutting length**

<chain-saw with permanently fixed spiked bumper> distance from the root (base) of the spiked bumper, along the guide bar axis, to the outside edge of the cutter, or on, if applicable, the inside part of the *bar tip guard* (3.4.3) with the *chain tension adjuster* (3.5.1) set at mid-position

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 6](#).



**Key**

1 cutting length

**Figure 6 — Cutting length — Saw with fixed spiked bumper****3.4 Safety devices****3.4.1****chain brake**

device for stopping or locking the *saw-chain* (3.3.1), activated manually or non-manually when *kickback* (3.1.6) occurs

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**3.4.1.1****manually activated chain brake**

brake which is intended to be actuated by the hand of the operator

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**non-manually activated chain brake**

brake which is actuated irrespective of operator intervention when a *kickback* (3.1.6) occurs

**3.4.2****chain brake lever**

device, usually the front hand-guard used to activate the *chain brake* (3.4.1)

**3.4.2.1****front hand-guard**

structural barrier between the *front handle* (3.7.1) of the *chain-saw* (3.2.1) and the *saw-chain* (3.3.1) for protecting the hand from injury if the hand slips off the handle, and may also be the device used to activate the *chain brake* (3.4.1)

**3.4.3****bar tip guard**

shield that prevents contact with the *saw-chain* (3.3.1) at the tip of the *guide bar* (3.3.5), which may be removable and replaceable, for reducing the incidence of rotational *kickback* (3.1.6)

**3.4.4****chain catcher**

device for restraining the *saw-chain* (3.3.1) if it breaks or comes off the *guide bar* (3.3.5)

**3.4.5****clutch cover**

protective cover for the *clutch* (3.9.1) and/or the *drive sprocket* (3.3.3)