
Protective clothing for users of hand-held chainsaws —

**Part 5:
Performance requirements and test
methods for protective gaiters**

Vêtements de protection pour utilisateurs de scies à chaîne tenues à la main —

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 11393-5:2001), which has been technically revised. The whole document and the Scope have been revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- in the Introduction, the term “hand-held chainsaws primarily constructed for cutting wood” has been added;
- the normative references have been updated;
- terms and definitions have been added;
- a conjunction of the gaiter to a defined boot for test purposes has become mandatory;
- requirements and test methods for ergonomic properties, twisting resistance, the strength of the attachment system and innocuousness have been added;
- requirements for protective coverage have been changed;
- class 0 has been deleted from the requirements to cut resistance;
- the pre-treatment procedure has been revised.

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Introduction

This document forms part of a series concerned with personal protective equipment (PPE) designed to protect against the risks arising from the use of hand-held chainsaws primarily constructed for cutting wood.

No PPE can ensure a 100 % protection against cutting from a hand-held chainsaw. Nevertheless, experience has shown that it is possible to design PPE that offers a certain degree of protection.

Different functional principles may be applied in order to give protection. These include:

- a) chain slipping: on contact the chain does not cut the material;
- b) clogging: fibres are drawn by the chain into the drive sprocket and block chain movement;
- c) chain braking: fibres have a high resistance to cutting and absorb rotational energy, thereby reducing the chain speed.

Often more than one principle is applied.

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