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mounted powered pruners —**

**Part 1:  
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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11680-1:2011), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- [Clause 1](#), the scope has been broadened to include extended and telescopic machines;
- [Clause 3](#), definitions for “cutting attachment”, “dry weight”, “extendable”, “hand-held” and “telescopic” have been added;
- [Figure 1](#) has been amended to show different types of pole mounted powered pruners;
- [Clause 4](#):
  - a new subclause, [4.2](#) “Protection against contact with power driven components”, has been added;
  - in [4.4](#), harness requirements have been reworded and amended;
  - in [4.5.2](#), the requirements for circular saw blade securing have been clarified;
  - in [4.7](#), the distance to the cutting attachment have been clarified;
  - in [4.10.2](#), the requirement to test the throttle trigger lockout function has been added;
  - in [4.12](#), the verification method for fuel tank ventilation system has been added;
  - in [4.14](#), the requirements for protection against hot surfaces have been reworded and amended;

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- in [4.19](#), fuel feed line strength and accessibility requirements have been added;
- in [4.20](#), fuel tank structural integrity requirements have been added;
- [Clause 5](#):
  - in [5.1](#), the requirements for instructions have been revised;
  - in [5.2](#), the marking and warning requirements have been rearranged.

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## Introduction

This document is a type-C standard as stated in ISO 12100:2010.

This document is of relevance, in particular, for the following stakeholder groups representing the market players with regard to machinery safety:

- machine manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organisations, market surveillance, etc.).

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved with the means of the document by the above-mentioned stakeholder groups:

- machine users/employers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- machine users/employees (e.g. trade unions, organizations for people with special needs);
- service providers, e. g. for maintenance (small, medium and large enterprises);
- consumers (in case of machinery intended for use by consumers).

The above-mentioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate at the drafting process of this document.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events are covered are indicated in the scope of this document.

When requirements of this type-C standard are different from those which are stated in type A or type B standards, the requirements of this type-C standard take precedence over the requirements of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built according to the requirements of this type C standard.

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# Machinery for forestry — Safety requirements and testing for pole-mounted powered pruners —

## Part 1: Machines fitted with an integral combustion engine

### 1 Scope

This document specifies safety requirements and measures for their verification for the design and construction of portable, hand-held, pole-mounted powered pruners (hereafter named “machine”), including extendable and telescopic machines, having an integral combustion engine as their power source. These machines use a power transmission shaft to transmit power to a cutting attachment consisting of a saw-chain and guide bar, a reciprocating saw blade or a single-piece circular saw blade with a 205 mm maximum outside diameter. Methods for the elimination or reduction of hazards arising from the use of these machines and the type of information on safe working practices to be provided by the manufacturer are specified.

This document deals with all significant hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events with the exception of electric shock from contact with overhead electric lines (apart from warnings and advice for inclusion in the instructions), relevant to these machines when they are used as intended and under conditions of misuse which are reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer (see [Annex A](#)).

This document is applicable to portable, hand-held, pole-mounted powered pruners manufactured after its date of publication.

Brush cutters with a circular saw blade are not included in the scope of this document.

NOTE Brush cutter requirements are outlined in ISO 11806-1:2021.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6531:2017, *Machinery for forestry — Portable chain-saws — Vocabulary*

ISO 7112:2018, *Machinery for forestry — Portable brush-cutters and grass-trimmers — Vocabulary*

ISO 7113:1999, *Portable hand-held forestry machines — Cutting attachments for brush cutters — Single-piece metal blades*

ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 13857:2019, *Safety of machinery — Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs*

ISO 14982:1998, *Agricultural and forestry machinery — Electromagnetic compatibility — Test methods and acceptance criteria*

ISO 22867:2021, *Forestry and gardening machinery — Vibration test code for portable hand-held machines with internal combustion engine — Vibration at the handles*

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ISO 22868:2021, *Forestry and gardening machinery — Noise test code for portable hand-held machines with internal combustion engine — Engineering method (Grade 2 accuracy)*

IEC 61032:1997, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures — Probes for verification*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6531:2017, ISO 7112:2018, ISO 12100:2010 and the following apply.

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

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

#### 3.1

##### **pole-mounted powered pruner**

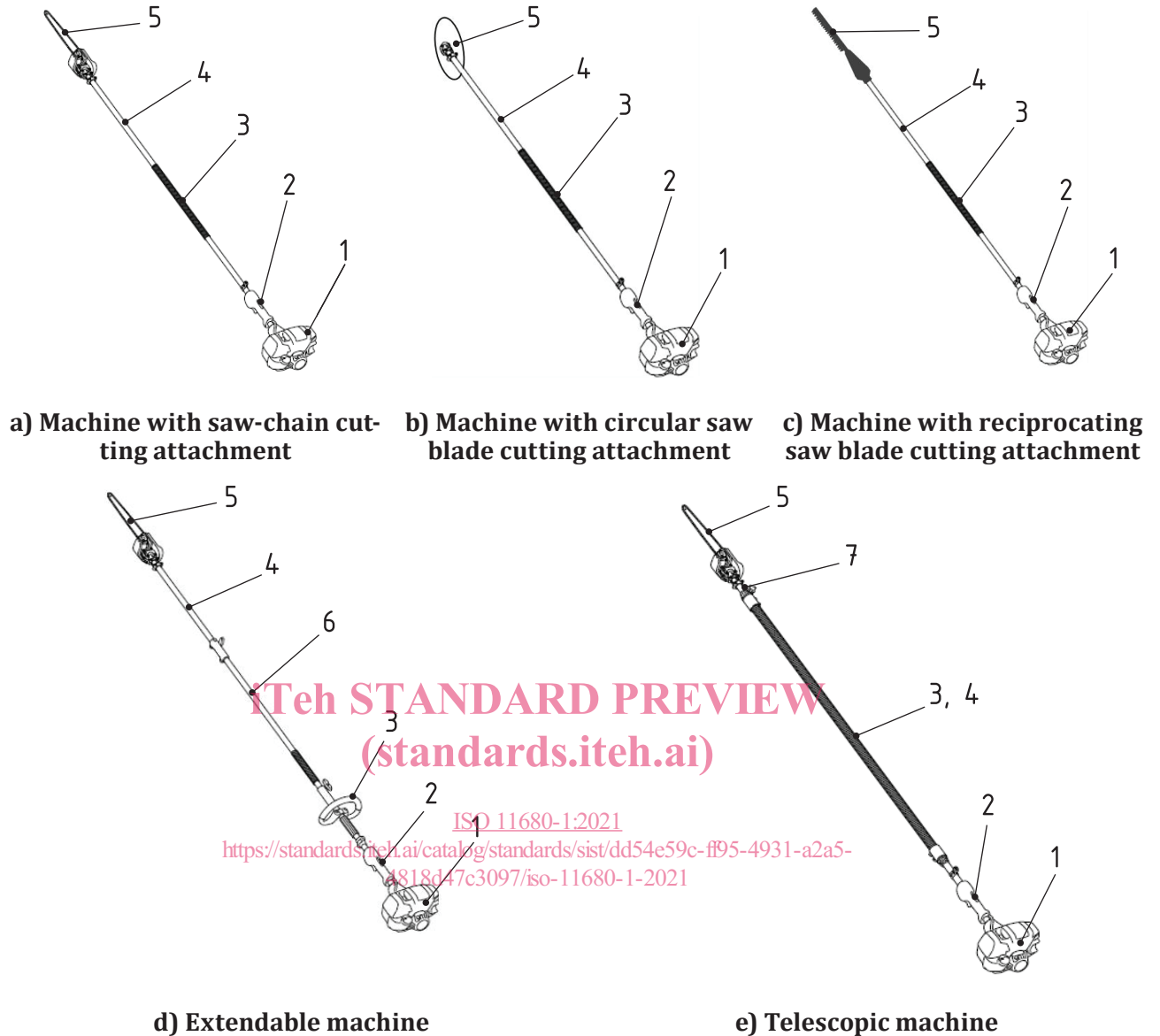
machine whose power source is attached via a long shaft tube (pole) to a cutting attachment, designed to enable an operator to cut branches from a distance

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#) for examples of pole-mounted powered pruners with integral combustion engine within the scope of this document.

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**Key**

- 1 power unit
- 2 rear handle
- 3 front handle
- 4 shaft tube
- 5 cutting attachment
- 6 extension
- 7 telescopic shaft tube

**Figure 1 — Examples of pole-mounted powered pruners with integral combustion engine**

**3.2**

**cutting attachment**

combination of a saw-chain and guide bar, a reciprocating saw blade or a single-piece circular saw blade, used to cut branches from a standing tree

**3.3**

**dry weight**

weight of the machine with empty fuel/oil tank(s) and without *cutting attachment* (3.2)

**3.4 extendable**

able to extend operational length of the machine by adding shaft extensions

**3.5 hand-held**

supported and controlled by the operator

Note 1 to entry: A harness can aid in providing support.

**3.6 telescopic**

able to extend operational length of the machine by means of a sliding inner shaft and outer shaft

## 4 Safety requirements and/or protective measures

### 4.1 General

Machines shall comply with the safety requirements and/or protective measures of this clause. In addition, the machine shall be designed according to the principles of ISO 12100:2010 for relevant but not significant hazards which are not dealt with by this document.

The safe operation of a pole-mounted powered pruner also depends on the safe environment associated with the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves, slip-resistant footwear, and eye, hearing and head protective equipment, as well as safe working procedures (see [5.1](#)).

### 4.2 Protection against contact with power driven components

#### 4.2.1 Requirements

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All power driven components with the exception of the cutting attachment, shall be located or guarded so that the operator will not inadvertently contact them when starting or during normal operation of the machine as described in the instructions.

#### 4.2.2 Verification

The location and accessibility of power driven components shall be verified by inspection. For straight line access, the safety distances specified in ISO 13857:2019, 4.2.4.1 and 4.2.4.3 shall be met. For other access points, use probe B of IEC 61032:1997, shown in [Figure 2](#). The probe shall be applied to any opening protecting a power-driven part using a force of  $(10 \pm 2)$  N. Contact with any power driven component is not allowed.