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

- to reflect worst case conditions, it has been clarified, that handle clearance between front handle and front hand-guard, measured with gauge A, shall be fulfilled without pre-load on the front hand-guard as described in [Clause 4](#) b) 2);
- to reflect worst case conditions, it has been clarified that height H_1 shall be passed with pre-load on the front hand-guard as described in [Clause 4](#) b) 2) and H_{1A} without pre-load on the front hand-guard;
- to proscribe direct contact by the fingers (≤ 120 mm), a safety radius > 120 mm around the closest unprotected part of the saw-chain was defined.

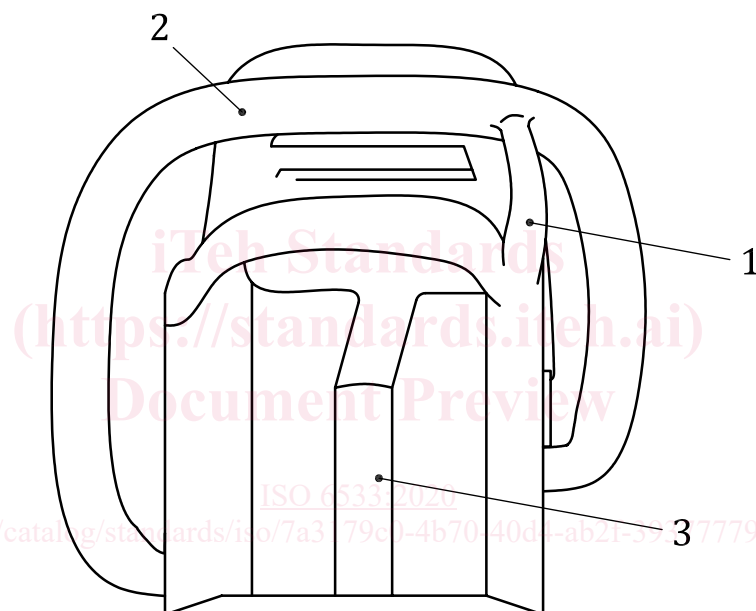
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Forestry machinery — Portable chain-saw front hand-guard — Dimensions and clearances

1 Scope

This document specifies the dimensions and clearances for front hand-guards and their openings 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.

For chain-saws with wrap around handles (see [Figure 1](#)), this document is not applicable to the portion of the front handle to the right (when viewed from the rear) of the top brace.



Key

- 1 top brace
- 2 front handle
- 3 rear handle

Figure 1 — Example of a chain-saw with a wrap around the handle — Rear view

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, *Machinery for forestry — Portable chain-saws — Vocabulary*

IEC 61032, *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 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/>

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 with guide bar centreline horizontal; and the total forces when applying the gauges (force on gauge plus gauge gravity force in probing direction) shall be $10 \text{ N} \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{smallmatrix}$ N.
- b) If the front hand-guard also activates the chain brake, the measurements shall be made
 - 1) with the front hand-guard in the position for non-activated chain brake, and
 - 2) with a force of $10 \text{ N} \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{smallmatrix}$ N applied at the top edge of the guard, at 45° in a forward and downward direction relative to the guide bar centreline and 50 mm to the left of the reference point X_0 (see [Clause 6](#) and [Figure 5](#)), when viewed from the rear (to eliminate any free play in the hand-guard mounting).

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 $D \pm 0,1$	Length $L \pm 0,1$	Corner radius $r \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ -0,2 \end{smallmatrix}$
A	35	100	5
B	70	100	0,5
C	56	82	0,5

6 Determination of reference point X_0

6.1 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, directly below and in line with the centreline of the front