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- [3.7.2](#) handgrip: The reference to the backpack power unit has been corrected from [3.5.6](#) to [3.9.2](#).

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Machinery for forestry — Portable brush-cutters and grass-trimmers — Vocabulary

1 Scope

This document defines terms relating to portable hand-held brush-cutters and grass-trimmers, their cutting attachments and power sources.

The brush-cutter position is 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.

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 Work functions

3.1.1 felling

separation of a standing tree from its root system

3.1.2 shredding

reduction of bushes, small trees and other growing organic materials to smaller pieces

3.1.3 trimming

cutting of weeds, grass and other similar soft vegetation

3.1.4 cutting means thrust

sudden and uncontrolled motion towards the operator's side or rear that can occur when the rotating *cutting means* ([3.3.1.1](#)) comes in contact with a solid object

3.2 Machine types

3.2.1 brush-cutter

unit using a rotating *cutting means* ([3.3.1.1](#)) made of metal or plastics, intended to cut weed, scrub, brush-wood, and similar vegetation

3.2.2 brush saw

brush-cutter ([3.2.1](#)) fitted with a circular *saw blade* ([3.3.1.2](#)) intended to cut small trees and saplings

3.2.3

grass-trimmer

unit using flexible non-metallic line(s) string(s) or similar non-metallic flexible cutting elements, such as pivoting cutters, intended to cut weed, grass or similar soft vegetation

3.2.4

lawn-trimmer

electric powered grass-cutting machine with a non-metallic, non-rigid *cutting attachment* (3.3.1), of a cutting capacity (kinetic energy) of not more than 10 J, operating in a plane parallel to the ground

3.2.5

lawn edge-trimmer

powered grass-trimming machine where the *cutting attachment* (3.3.1) operates in a plane approximately perpendicular to the ground

3.3 Cutting equipment

3.3.1

cutting attachment

cutting device such as a cutting means, saw blade or a flexible cutting means

3.3.1.1

cutting means

rotating device with cutting edges, designed to cut weed, brush, scrub and similar vegetation

3.3.1.2

saw blade

rotating circular metal blade with peripheral cutting teeth, designed to cut wood, such as small trees and saplings, by continuously removing material

3.3.1.3

flexible cutting means

non-metallic rotating *cutting means* (3.3.1.1) using flexible line(s), string(s) or pivoting cutting elements

3.4 Safety devices

3.4.1

cutting means retainer

saw blade retainer

retainer

mechanism which holds the *cutting means* (3.3.1.1) or *saw blade* (3.3.1.2) to the driving member

3.4.2

cutting attachment guard

device intended to protect the operator from unintentional contact with the *cutting attachment* (3.3.1) and from thrown objects

3.4.3

cutting means cover

transport cover

manually removable device covering the cutting edges of the *cutting means* (3.3.1.1) or *saw blade* (3.3.1.2) during transportation or storage

3.4.4

quick-release mechanism

device enabling the operator to free himself quickly from the unit in case of emergency