
**Harvesting equipment —
Requirements for cutting elements —
Part 2:
Blades used on large rotary mowers**

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The main changes are as follows:

- in [Clause 1](#), additional information has been added to the Scope regarding applicability;
- in [Clause 2](#), the normative references has been updated;
- in [Clause 3](#):
 - some terms and definitions have been modified, added or removed;
 - former Figure 1 has been removed;
 - former Figure 2 has been removed;
- in [Clause 4](#):
 - the test procedure requirements have been modified to address large rotary mowers;
 - an alternate test fixture and procedure for the blade test has been added;
 - all former figures has been removed and/or replaced to address large rotary mowers;
- Bibliography has been added.

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Introduction

There are a variety of cutting elements that can be used on large rotary mowers. This document provides specific requirements for blades.

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Part 2: Blades used on large rotary mowers

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for blades used as cutting elements on large rotary mowers (as defined in ISO 4254-13) for shredding crop residue, grass and small brush by impact.

It specifies requirements for testing and marking of such blades.

This document is not applicable to blades used on:

- rotary disc mowers, rotary drum mowers, and flail mowers designed for forage crop harvesting as covered by ISO 4254-12;
- arm-type large rotary mowers;
- pedestrian-controlled motor mowers;
- lawn mowers covered by the ISO 5395 series.

NOTE 1 The main purpose of this document is to set material characteristics. Blades on large rotary mowers are exposed to considerable centripetal forces and impacts with foreign objects. A bend test and Charpy impact test to check the brittleness and toughness of the material are therefore included in this document.

NOTE 2 This document does not specify dimensional requirements.

2 Normative reference(s)

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 cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the references document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 3785, *Metallic materials — Designation of test specimen axes in relation to product texture*

ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — Part 1: Test method (scales A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, N, T)*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

3.1 blade
pivoting element, which may be flat, twisted, wrenched or otherwise formed, that performs the shredding of the crop residue, grass and small brush

3.2 blade lot
quantity of *blades* (3.1), as determined by the blade manufacturer, which is traceable to a single *heat of steel* (3.3) and *manufacturing process* (3.4)

3.3 heat of steel mill heat
metal produced by a single cycle of a batch-melting process

Note 1 to entry: The heat analysis is obtained from a small sample of molten metal from the ladle or furnace. The sample is allowed to solidify, then, a spectrochemical analysis is performed. If the chemical analysis is within specification, the balance of molten metal can be cast as one heat treat number. Typically, heats are over 50 t with many mills running heats about 300 t.

3.4 manufacturing process
series of thermal operations applied to the steel material to transform it into a finished *blade* (3.1)

Note 1 to entry: Examples include: heating the material for forming purposes, heat treatment operation.

3.5 permanent set angle
angle formed by the back of the cutting element or *test coupon* (3.7) in the area of the bend after removal from the cutting-element bend-test fixture

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

3.6 total deflection angle
sum of the permanent set angle and the estimated spring back

Note 1 to entry: This angle is for ease of fixture design and not acceptance criteria. (See [Table 1](#).)

3.7 test coupon
flat specimen with the same cross-section and of the same *blade lot* (3.2) as the *blade* (3.1) it represents

3.8 visible crack
linear discontinuity in the material that is visible by the naked eye

4 Requirements

4.1 Material requirements

Blades shall be made of steel chosen by the manufacturer. The values of Rockwell hardness shall be at least 38 HRC, in accordance with ISO 6508-1. The degree of brittleness shall meet the requirements of [4.2](#).

4.2 Test procedures

4.2.1 Charpy impact strength test

4.2.1.1 Test procedure

The following test procedures shall be followed.

- a) Determine the Charpy impact strength for the lot after heat treatment.
- b) Conduct the Charpy impact testing in accordance with ISO 148-1 methods.
- c) Test three specimens from one blade or test coupon for each heat of steel.
- d) Arrange specimens using the X-Y orientation as defined in ISO 3785.

NOTE The test can be performed on the sample blade or test coupon after the bend test.

4.2.1.2 Acceptance criteria

If any test blade or test coupon from a heat of steel does not have an average Charpy value of 20,3 joules or greater, the entire lot shall be totally rejected and blades from that lot cannot be used without corrective measures.

4.2.1.3 Corrective measures

If a corrective measure such as annealing or reheat treating is performed on the blade lot, the blade lot shall then be retested. If all sample blades pass the retest, then the lot is accepted.

4.2.2 Bend test

4.2.2.1 Sampling

Random samples shall be selected from each blade lot at a minimum rate of one blade for each 200 blades, but not less than two blades from any one blade lot.

4.2.2.2 Test fixture

The test fixture:

- a) shall be constructed according to the fixture specified in [Figure 2](#) (except as noted in [4.2.2.4](#)) using the ram diameter selected from [Table 1](#) based on the thickness of the blade in the area to be bent;
- b) may use stops on the ram which will stop against the roller area of the bottom die, but not make contact in the area of the bend in the blade, and if used, shall be positioned to provide the minimum permanent set angle per [Table 1](#).

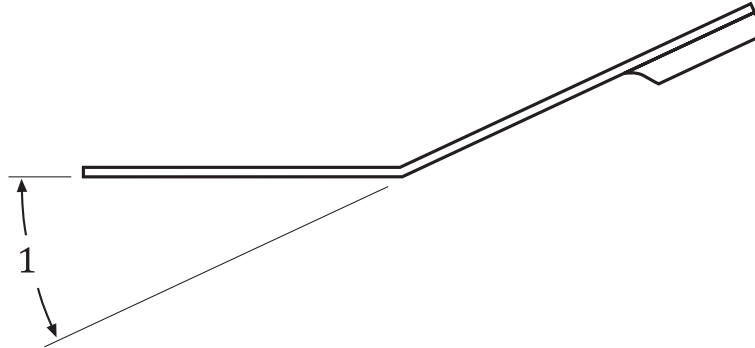
NOTE Suggested stop angles (total deflection angles) are specified in [Table 1](#).

4.2.2.3 Blade bend test procedure

The following test procedure shall be followed.

- a) All parts are to be placed flat on the bend test die and bent at least enough to give the permanent set, total included angle over a time period not to exceed 15 s and at a maximum temperature of 49 °C (120 °F).

- b) The blade area placed between the support points in the die shall not be in a fin area, near a mounting hole or in an area of other bends or distortions. If this is not possible due to blade geometry, use test coupon.
- c) When the beginning of a crack or break is indicated, stop the test and remove the blade.



Key

- 1 permanent set angle

Figure 1 — Permanent set angle of blade after test

4.2.2.4 Alternate procedure

The following alternate procedure may be utilized.

- a) The objective of this test fixture and procedure is to produce 14,5 % permanent elongation in the surface of the metal all the way across the blade.
- b) This is based on the assumption that the neutral axis of the blade is located in from the inside bend surface a distance equal to 40 % of the thickness.
- c) Any other form of blade bend test fixture and procedure may be substituted as long as this objective is achieved.

4.2.2.5 Acceptance criteria

If any blade or test coupon from a blade lot breaks or incurs a visible crack before reaching the permanent set angle specified in [Table 1](#), that entire blade lot shall be rejected, and blades from that blade lot shall not be used without corrective measures.

Table 1 — Blade bend angles

Blade material thickness (mm)	Ram diameter ±1(mm)	Minimum permanent set angle (degrees)	Approximate total deflection angle (degrees)
≤ 5,73	38	25	36
5,74 to - 8,52	50	25	36
8,53 to - 10,68	70	25	36
10,69 to - 14,49	89	25	36
≥ 14,50	108	15	23