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SAFETY –****Part 4-8: Particular requirements for shredders/chippers****FOREWORD**

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The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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This document is to be used in conjunction with IEC 62841-1:2014.

This document supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 62841-1, so as to convert it into the IEC Standard: Particular requirements for shredders/chippers.

Where a particular subclause of IEC 62841-1 is not mentioned in this document, that subclause applies as far as reasonable. Where this document states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text in IEC 62841-1 is to be adapted accordingly.

The following print types are used:

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Subclauses, notes, tables and figures which are additional to those in IEC 62841-1 are numbered starting from 101.

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INTRODUCTION

Individual countries may wish to consider the application of this Part 1 of IEC 62841, so far as is reasonable, to tools not mentioned in an individual part of IEC 62841-2, IEC 62841-3 or IEC 62841-4 and to tools designed on new principles.

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ELECTRIC MOTOR-OPERATED HAND-HELD TOOLS, TRANSPORTABLE TOOLS AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY – SAFETY –

Part 4-8: Particular requirements for shredders/chippers

1 Scope

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric motor-operated or magnetically driven:

- **hand-held tools** (IEC 62841-2);
- **transportable tools** (IEC 62841-3);
- **lawn and garden machinery** (IEC 62841-4).

The above listed categories are hereinafter referred to as “tools” or “machines”.

The **rated voltage** is not more than 250 V for single-phase a.c. or d.c. machines, and 480 V for three-phase a.c. machines.

The limits for the applicability of this standard for battery tools are given in K.1 and L.1.

This standard deals with the hazards presented by tools which are encountered by all persons in the **normal use** and reasonably foreseeable misuse of the tools.

Tools with electric heating elements are within the scope of this standard.

Requirements for motors not isolated from the supply, and having **basic insulation** not designed for the **rated voltage** of the tools, are given in Annex B. Requirements for rechargeable battery-powered motor-operated or magnetically driven tools and the battery packs for such tools are given in Annex K. Requirements for such tools that are also operated and/or charged directly from the mains or a non-isolated source are given in Annex L.

Hand-held electric tools, which can be mounted on a support or working stand for use as fixed tools without any alteration of the tool itself, are within the scope of this standard and such combination of a **hand-held tool** and a support is considered to be a **transportable tool** and thus covered by the relevant Part 3.

This standard does not apply to:

- tools intended to be used in the presence of explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
- tools used for preparing and processing food;
- tools for medical purposes;

NOTE 1 IEC 60601 series covers a variety of tools for medical purposes.

- tools intended to be used with cosmetics or pharmaceutical products;
- heating tools;

NOTE 2 IEC 60335-2-45 covers a variety of heating tools.

- electric motor-operated household and similar electrical appliances;

NOTE 3 IEC 60335 series covers a variety of electric motor-operated household and similar electrical appliances.

- electrical equipment for industrial machine-tools;

NOTE 4 IEC 60204 series deals with electrical safety of machinery.

- small low voltage transformer operated bench tools intended for model making, e.g. the making of radio controlled model aircraft or cars, etc.

NOTE 5 In the United States of America, the following conditions apply:

This standard deals with tools used in non-hazardous locations in accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70.

NOTE 6 In Canada, the following conditions apply:

This standard deals with tools used in non-hazardous locations in accordance with the Canadian Electric Code, Part 1, CSA C22.1, and General Requirements – Canadian Electrical Code, Part II, CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 0.

This document specifies safety requirements and their verification for the design and construction of hand fed, **shredders/chippers** with an integral electric motor, with or without vacuum assisted collection, which are designed to reduce organic material to smaller pieces and are used in a stationary position by an operator standing on the ground. This document applies to **shredders/chippers** with **feed intake openings** or **feed safety openings** that in total will fit into a square of 250 mm × 250 mm.

NOTE 101 The requirements for the measurement of the square of 250 mm × 250 mm are specified in 19.101.1.

In this document, **shredders/chippers** are referred to collectively as machine(s).

This document does not cover requirements for

- machines powered by combustion engines; or
- machines driven by an external power source; or
- machines with powered discharge intended to broadcast material or load vehicles; or
- machines with mechanically powered feed intake or **attachments**; or
- wood chippers for forestry, agriculture, horticulture and landscaping.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60061, *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety*, available at <http://std.iec.ch/iec60061>

IEC 60065:2001, *Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus – Safety requirements*¹
Amendment 2:2010
Amendment 1:2005

IEC 60068-2-75:1997, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC/TR 60083, *Plugs and socket-outlets for domestic and similar general use standardized in member countries of IEC*

IEC 60085:2007, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation*

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

¹ There exists a consolidated version (Edition 7.2:2011) which includes IEC 60065:2001 and its Amendment 1 (2005) and Amendment 2 (2010).

IEC 60227 (all parts), *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60238, *Edison screw lampholders*

IEC 60245 (all parts), *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60252-1, *AC motor capacitors – Part 1: General – Performance, testing and rating – Safety requirements – Guidance for installation and operation*

IEC 60320 (all parts), *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes*

IEC 60320-1, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60335-1:2010, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60384-14, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 14: Sectional specification – Fixed capacitors for electromagnetic interference suppression and connection to the supply mains*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*, available at [http://www.graphical-symbols.info/graphical-symbols/equipment/db1.nsf/\\$enHome?OpenForm](http://www.graphical-symbols.info/graphical-symbols/equipment/db1.nsf/$enHome?OpenForm)

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*²

Amendment 1:1999

Amendment 2:2013

IEC 60664-1, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60664-3:2016, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution*

IEC 60664-4:2005, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 4: Consideration of high-frequency voltage stress*

IEC 60695-2-11:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products*

IEC 60695-2-13:2010, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-13: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire ignition temperature (GWIT) test method for materials*

IEC 60695-10-2:2003, *Fire hazard testing – Part 10-2: Abnormal heat – Ball pressure test*

IEC 60695-11-10:2013, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 60730-1:2010, *Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use – Part 1: General requirements*

² There exists a consolidated version (Edition 2.2:2013) which includes IEC 60529:1989 and its Amendment 1 (1999) and Amendment 2 (2013).

IEC 60825-1:2007, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 60884 (all parts), *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes*

IEC 60906-1, *IEC system of plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 1: Plugs and socket-outlets 16 A 250 V a.c.*

IEC 60990:1999, *Methods of measurement of touch current and protective conductor current*

IEC 60998-2-1, *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-1: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with screw-type clamping units*

IEC 60998-2-2, *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with screwless-type clamping units*

IEC 60999-1:1999, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm² up to 35 mm² (included)*

IEC 61000-4-2:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3:2006, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test*³
Amendment 1:2007
Amendment 2:2010

IEC 61000-4-4:2012, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-5:2005, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-6:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques – Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields*

IEC 61000-4-11:2004, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests*

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

IEC 61056-1, *General purpose lead-acid batteries (valve-regulated types) – Part 1: General requirements, functional characteristics – Methods of test*

IEC 61058-1:2016, *Switches for appliances – Part 1: General requirements*

³ There exists a consolidated version (Edition 3.2:2010) which includes IEC 61000-4-3:2006 and its Amendment 1 (2007) and Amendment 2 (2010).

IEC 61058-1-1:2016, *Switches for appliances – Part 1-1: Requirements for mechanical switches*

IEC 61058-1-2:2016, *Switches for appliances – Part 1-2: Requirements for electronic switches*

IEC 61058-2-6:2018, *Switches for appliances – Part 2-6: Particular requirements for switches used in electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery*

IEC 61210, *Connecting devices – Flat quick-connect terminations for electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements*

IEC 61540:1997, *Electrical accessories – Portable residual current devices without integral overcurrent protection for household and similar use (PRCDs)*⁴
Amendment 1:1998

IEC 61558-1, *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 61558-2-4, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-4: Particular requirements and tests for isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating isolating transformers*

IEC 61558-2-6, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers*

IEC 61558-2-16, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-16: Particular requirements and tests for switch mode power supply units and transformers for switch mode power supply units*

IEC 61672-1:2013, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 1: Specifications*

IEC 61951-1, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Portable sealed rechargeable single cells – Part 1: Nickel-cadmium*

IEC 61951-2, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Portable sealed rechargeable single cells – Part 2: Nickel-metal hydride*

IEC 61960, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Secondary lithium cells and batteries for portable applications*

IEC 61984, *Connectors – Safety requirements and tests*

IEC 62133, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary cells, and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications*

IEC 62233, *Measurement methods for electromagnetic fields of household appliances and similar apparatus with regard to human exposure*

IEC 62471, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems*

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