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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 7918:1985), which has been extended to include guards for types of blades other than circular saw-blades, as well as cutting attachment guards for other brush-cutters and grass-trimmers.

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## Introduction

This International Standard was developed in response to a worldwide demand for guidance for proper dimensioning of guards to the cutting attachment of portable brush-cutters and grass-trimmers.

The purpose is to establish the design criteria to ensure a measure of safety for the operator being protected from unintentional contacts with the cutting attachment.

The required dimensions are based on a normal operating situation during forestry work.

Another aspect when designing a cutting attachment guard is its strength. The required strength is given, together with the test method, in ISO 8380<sup>[1]</sup>.

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# Forestry machinery — Portable brush-cutters and grass-trimmers — Cutting attachment guard dimensions

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies minimum dimensions for cutting attachment guards of portable hand-held combustion engine, brush-cutters (including brush-saws) and grass-trimmers, for use primarily in forestry.

Lawn-trimmers as defined in ISO 10518<sup>[2]</sup> are excluded.

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this international standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 7113:1991, *Forestry Machinery — Portable brush-saws — Saw blades*.

ISO 11806: — <sup>1)</sup>, *Manually portable forestry machinery — Brush cutters and grass trimmers — Safety requirements and testing*.

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO 11806 apply.

## 4 Requirements and minimum dimensions

The cutting attachment guard shall cover a sector, at the back of the cutting attachment, as given in

- figure 1 for brush-saws,
- figure 2 for brush-cutters other than brush-saws, and
- figure 3 for grass-trimmers.

The lower back edge of the guard shall be rounded to avoid hooking when the unit is moving over stumps or other obstacles and shall cover the cutting attachment as given in figures 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

The required guard dimensions will also depend on the thrown object test and the requirements given in ISO 11806.

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