
**Forestry machinery — Portable
chain-saw hand-guards — Mechanical
strength**

*Matériel forestier — Protections des mains des scies à chaîne
portatives — Résistance mécanique*



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The main changes are as follows:

- chain-saws for tree service have been included in the scope;
- requirement on breakage or cracks on hand-guards has been clarified;
- instructions on chain-saw conditioning before testing have been added;
- impact point on front and rear hand-guard has been clarified.

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Forestry machinery — Portable chain-saw hand-guards — Mechanical strength

1 Scope

This document specifies the mechanical strength requirements relating to the front and rear hand-guards of portable hand-held chain-saws for use primarily in forestry and for tree service. It also gives the corresponding test methods.

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 6531:2017, *Machinery for forestry — Portable chain-saws — Vocabulary*

ISO 6533:2020, *Forestry machinery — Portable chain-saw front hand-guard — Dimensions and clearances*

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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Requirements

The front and rear hand-guards shall not break or crack when tested in accordance with [Clause 5](#). The front hand-guard shall not deflect far enough to allow the pendulum to swing past. Secondary impacts shall be avoided.

Before and after the test, the dimensions of the front hand-guard shall comply with the specifications of ISO 6533.

A reinforcing rib broken out at the impact point on the rear hand-guard is not regarded as break or crack, as long as the surface of the guard facing the operator's hand shows no breakage or cracks. If the fuel tank is integrated in the rear hand-guard design, any fuel leakage resulting from the test shall be considered as failure when inspected in accordance to [5.4](#).

5 Test procedure

5.1 General

The test shall be carried out with a new production chain-saw, rigidly held by the handles or the guide bar mount: It shall be mounted in an upright position for the front hand-guard test, and mounted upside down, rigidly held by the guide bar mount, for the rear hand-guard test (see [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 3](#)).

If the front hand-guard also serves as the activating device for the chain brake, the brake shall be engaged.