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hand-guards — Mechanical strength**

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## Introduction

Some chain-saw designs will have the rear handle so offset from the guide-bar centreline that the impact point for the blow will only partly hit the guard. A minimum distance from the guard edge has therefore been added.

The point of hit for the durability test has also been clarified.

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

## 1 Scope

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

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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, *Machinery for forestry — Portable chain-saws — Vocabulary*

ISO 6533:2001, *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.

## 4 Requirements

The front and rear hand-guards shall not break or crack when tested in accordance with Clause 5. The guards shall not deflect far enough to allow the pendulum to swing past.

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

## 5 Test procedure

### 5.1 General

The test shall be carried out with the chain-saw rigidly held in the 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 Figures 2 and 3).

If the front hand-guard also serves as the activating device for the chain-brake, it shall be in the activated position.

The impact on the guard shall be generated by a blow from a pendulum with a steel hammer in accordance with Figure 1, and an arm with a length giving  $700 \text{ mm} \pm 5 \text{ mm}$  distance between the swivel point and the centre of the head. The arm shall be as light as possible. The pendulum system shall cause an impact corresponding to  $10 \text{ J} \pm 0,3 \text{ J}$  from a drop height,  $a$ , of 400 mm, and of  $5 \text{ J} \pm 0,2 \text{ J}$  from a drop height,  $a$  of 200 mm.