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Foreword (This Foreword is not part of the requirements of American National Standard B11.2 – 2013 R2020).

The primary objective of this standard is to eliminate, control or reduce hazards to individuals associated with hydraulic / pneumatic power presses by establishing safety requirements for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of these machines. To accomplish this objective, responsibilities have been assigned to the supplier (e.g., manufacturer, modifier, rebuilder and integrator), the user, and individuals in the working environment. This standard should be used with ANSI B11.0 and ANSI B11.19. The requirements of both standards must be met as applicable to a particular machine.

The words "safe" and "safety" are not absolutes. An element of safety is attitude. While the objective of this standard is to eliminate, control, or reduce risks associated with hazards, this standard recognizes that risk cannot be practically reduced to zero in any human activity. This standard is not intended to replace good judgment, proper training, and personal responsibility. Operator skill, job monotony, fatigue, and experience are safety factors that should be considered by the user.

Hydraulic / pneumatic power press technology is continuously evolving. This standard reflects the most commonly used and time-tested customs and practices in the industry at the time of its approval. The inclusion or omission of language relative to any evolving technology, either in the requirements or explanatory area of this standard, in no way infers acceptance or rejection of such technologies. Inquiries with respect to the application of the substantive requirements of this standard and suggestions for its improvement are welcomed and are to be sent to the B11 Standards, Inc., PO Box 100955, Houston, TX 77269. Attention: B11 Secretariat.

HISTORY

The original ANSI B11.2 American National Standard was approved in 1982, was substantively revised in 1995, and was reaffirmed in 2005. This current standard was authorized by the B11 ASC in January 2008 for revision by its B11.2 Subcommittee. After consideration of both EN and CSA standards on hydraulic presses, it was agreed to include pneumatic presses in the scope of B11.2. Some of the other significant changes from the 1995 version of B11.2 include requirements for slide locks, load holding and moving bolster. This standard has been used to impact/influence the development of the ISO standard (ISO 16092-3, in draft form at the time of this B11.2 approval).

The B11 series of standards for machines began with safety requirements for power presses in 1922. Since that time, safety requirements for a variety of machines have been developed and continually updated and revised to become a series of some 30 B11 standards and technical reports. Maintaining these documents with consistent language proved a significant challenge. In 2008 ANSI B11 (GSR) was published with the long term objective to reorganize the B11 family of standards by gathering the requirements common to many or most of the B11 standards into a single document while retaining the machine tool specific requirements in the machine-specific standards. That standard was revised and approved in 2010 as ANSI B11.0 and deals primarily with risk assessment/risk reduction and general safety requirements. The current edition of this Type-C B11.2 has been revised to integrate with the Type-A B11.0 standard and the Type-B B11.19 standard on safeguarding.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The following information on effective dates is informative guidance only, and not a normative part of this standard. This subcommittee recognizes that some period of time after the approval date on the title page of this document is necessary for suppliers and users to develop new designs, or modify existing designs or manufacturing processes in order to incorporate the new or revised requirements of this standard into their product development or production system.

This subcommittee recommends that suppliers complete and implement design changes for new machines and machinery systems within 30 months of the approval of this standard.

The subcommittee recommends that users evaluate whether existing machinery and machinery systems have acceptable risk within 30 months of the approval date of this standard using generally recognized risk assessment methods. If the risk assessment shows that modification(s) is necessary, refer to the requirements of this standard to implement risk reduction measures (risk reduction measures) for appropriate risk reduction.

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Introduction

The primary purpose of every machine tool is to process parts. This is accomplished by the machine imparting process energy onto the workpiece. Inadvertent interference with, or accidental misdirection of the released energy during production, maintenance, commissioning and de-commissioning may result in injury. This standard recognizes that zero risk does not exist and cannot be attained. However, a good faith approach to risk assessment and risk reduction should achieve an acceptable risk level.

The primary purpose of the ANSI B11 series of machine tool safety standards is to devise and propose ways to minimize risks of the potential hazards. This can be accomplished either by an appropriate machine design or by restricting personnel or other individuals' access to hazard zones, and by devising work procedures to minimize personnel exposure to hazardous situations. This is the essence of the ANSI B11 series of safety standards.

Organization and Application of B11 Series of Documents

The B11 series of documents can be associated with the ISO "Type A-B-C" structure as described below:

- **Type-A standards** (basis standards) give basic concepts, principles for design, and general aspects that can be applied to machinery;
- **Type-B standards** (generic safety standards) deal with one or more safety aspects or one or more types of safeguards that can be used across a wide range of machinery;
- **Type-C standards** (machinery safety standards) deal with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

This ANSI B11.2 standard on hydraulic / pneumatic power presses is a "Type-C" standard. The ANSI B11.0 standard on general safety requirements common to ANSI B11 machines is primarily a "Type-A" standard in that it applies to a broad array of machines and contains very general requirements. However, in many areas it also contains very specific requirements. B11.19, B11.20 and the B11 series Technical Reports are all typical "Type-B" documents addressing general safety elements that can be applied across a wide range of machinery (B11.19) or as a standard when combining machines (B11.20). The B11 series of Technical Reports are informative documents that may be generally applied to many machine tools, and as such would fall into the "Type-B" group. The machine-specific (Type-C) B11 standards contain detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines (such as in the case of this standard). The B11.0 and the machine-specific B11 standards are intended to be used concurrently by the supplier and user of machines. When a Type-C standard deviates from one or more provisions dealt with by this standard or by a Type-B standard, the Type-C standard requirement generally takes precedence. Any deviation in conforming to a requirement of any standard should be carefully evaluated and based on a documented risk assessment.

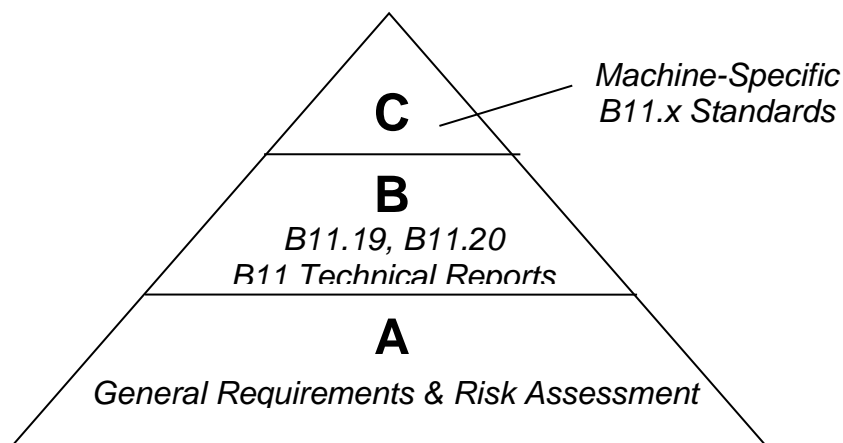


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