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This Part 2-21 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 62841-1, so as to convert it into the IEC standard: Particular requirements for hand-held drain cleaners.

Where a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 2-21, that subclause applies as far as relevant. Where this standard states “addition”, “modification” or “replacement”, the relevant text in Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

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1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

Addition:

This part of IEC 62841 applies to hand-held **drain cleaners**.

NOTE 101 **Drain cleaners** are also known as pipe cleaners.

This standard does not apply to transportable **drain cleaners**.

NOTE 102 Transportable **drain cleaners** will be covered by a future part of IEC 62841-3.

This standard does not apply to machines that use a solid rod to clean drains.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

Additional definitions:

3.101

cutter

accessory that is attached to the end of the **drain cleaner cable** or is a specially formed section of the **drain cleaner cable**

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 101.

3.102

drain cleaner

tool designed to clean out drains and pipes with a rotating **drain cleaner cable** that is either fed manually or with an automatic feed mechanism

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 101.

3.103

drain cleaner cable

flexible **accessory** of a **drain cleaner** that is inserted into the pipe or drain

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 101.

3.104

drum

cylindrical container that rotates and houses the **drain cleaner cable**