

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

NORME INTERNATIONALE

**Electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery – Safety –
Part 4-2: Particular requirements for hedge trimmers**

**Outils électroportatifs à moteur, outils portables et machines pour jardins et pelouses – Sécurité –
Partie 4-2: Exigences particulières pour les taille-haies**



THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED

Copyright © 2017 IEC, Geneva, Switzerland

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from either IEC or IEC's member National Committee in the country of the requester. If you have any questions about IEC copyright or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication, please contact the address below or your local IEC member National Committee for further information.

Droits de reproduction réservés. Sauf indication contraire, aucune partie de cette publication ne peut être reproduite ni utilisée sous quelque forme que ce soit et par aucun procédé, électronique ou mécanique, y compris la photocopie et les microfilms, sans l'accord écrit de l'IEC ou du Comité national de l'IEC du pays du demandeur. Si vous avez des questions sur le copyright de l'IEC ou si vous désirez obtenir des droits supplémentaires sur cette publication, utilisez les coordonnées ci-après ou contactez le Comité national de l'IEC de votre pays de résidence.

IEC Central Office
3, rue de Varembe
CH-1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11
Fax: +41 22 919 03 00
info@iec.ch
www.iec.ch

About the IEC

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

About IEC publications

The technical content of IEC publications is kept under constant review by the IEC. Please make sure that you have the latest edition, a corrigenda or an amendment might have been published.

IEC Catalogue - webstore.iec.ch/catalogue

The stand-alone application for consulting the entire bibliographical information on IEC International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports and other documents. Available for PC, Mac OS, Android Tablets and iPad.

IEC publications search - www.iec.ch/searchpub

The advanced search enables to find IEC publications by a variety of criteria (reference number, text, technical committee,...). It also gives information on projects, replaced and withdrawn publications.

IEC Just Published - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished

Stay up to date on all new IEC publications. Just Published details all new publications released. Available online and also once a month by email.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org

The world's leading online dictionary of electronic and electrical terms containing 20 000 terms and definitions in English and French, with equivalent terms in 16 additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) online.

IEC Glossary - std.iec.ch/glossary

65 000 electrotechnical terminology entries in English and French extracted from the Terms and Definitions clause of IEC publications issued since 2002. Some entries have been collected from earlier publications of IEC TC 37, 77, 86 and CISPR.

IEC Customer Service Centre - webstore.iec.ch/csc

If you wish to give us your feedback on this publication or need further assistance, please contact the Customer Service Centre: csc@iec.ch.

A propos de l'IEC

La Commission Electrotechnique Internationale (IEC) est la première organisation mondiale qui élabore et publie des Normes internationales pour tout ce qui a trait à l'électricité, à l'électronique et aux technologies apparentées.

A propos des publications IEC

Le contenu technique des publications IEC est constamment revu. Veuillez vous assurer que vous possédez l'édition la plus récente, un corrigendum ou amendement peut avoir été publié.

Catalogue IEC - webstore.iec.ch/catalogue

Application autonome pour consulter tous les renseignements bibliographiques sur les Normes internationales, Spécifications techniques, Rapports techniques et autres documents de l'IEC. Disponible pour PC, Mac OS, tablettes Android et iPad.

Recherche de publications IEC - www.iec.ch/searchpub

La recherche avancée permet de trouver des publications IEC en utilisant différents critères (numéro de référence, texte, comité d'études,...). Elle donne aussi des informations sur les projets et les publications remplacées ou retirées.

IEC Just Published - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished

Restez informé sur les nouvelles publications IEC. Just Published détaille les nouvelles publications parues. Disponible en ligne et aussi une fois par mois par email.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org

Le premier dictionnaire en ligne de termes électroniques et électriques. Il contient 20 000 termes et définitions en anglais et en français, ainsi que les termes équivalents dans 16 langues additionnelles. Egalement appelé Vocabulaire Electrotechnique International (IEV) en ligne.

Glossaire IEC - std.iec.ch/glossary

65 000 entrées terminologiques électrotechniques, en anglais et en français, extraites des articles Termes et Définitions des publications IEC parues depuis 2002. Plus certaines entrées antérieures extraites des publications des CE 37, 77, 86 et CISPR de l'IEC.

Service Clients - webstore.iec.ch/csc

Si vous désirez nous donner des commentaires sur cette publication ou si vous avez des questions contactez-nous: csc@iec.ch.

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

NORME INTERNATIONALE

**Electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery – Safety –
Part 4-2: Particular requirements for hedge trimmers**

**Outils électroportatifs à moteur, outils portables et machines pour jardins et pelouses – Sécurité –
Partie 4-2: Exigences particulières pour les taille-haies**

INTERNATIONAL
ELECTROTECHNICAL
COMMISSION

COMMISSION
ELECTROTECHNIQUE
INTERNATIONALE

ICS 25.140.20

ISBN 978-2-8322-4988-8

**Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor.
Attention! Veuillez vous assurer que vous avez obtenu cette publication via un distributeur agréé.**

CONTENTS

FOREWORD.....	5
1 Scope.....	7
2 Normative references.....	7
3 Terms and definitions.....	7
4 General requirements.....	9
5 General conditions for the tests.....	9
6 Radiation, toxicity and similar hazards.....	9
7 Classification.....	10
8 Marking and instructions.....	10
9 Protection against access to live parts.....	12
10 Starting.....	12
11 Input and current.....	12
12 Heating.....	12
13 Resistance to heat and fire.....	12
14 Moisture resistance.....	13
15 Resistance to rusting.....	13
16 Overload protection of transformers and associated circuits.....	13
17 Endurance.....	13
18 Abnormal operation.....	13
19 Mechanical hazards.....	14
20 Mechanical strength.....	27
21 Construction.....	30
22 Internal wiring.....	33
23 Components.....	33
24 Supply connection and external flexible cords.....	35
25 Terminals for external conductors.....	36
26 Provision for earthing.....	36
27 Screws and connections.....	36
28 Creepage distances, clearances and distances through insulation.....	36
Annexes.....	56
Annex I (informative) Measurement of noise and vibration emissions.....	57
Annex K (normative) Battery tools and battery packs.....	63
Annex L (normative) Battery tools and battery packs provided with mains connection for non-isolated sources.....	71
Annex AA (normative) Safety signs for safety instructions and warnings.....	77
Annex BB (informative) Example of a material and construction for fulfilling the requirements for an artificial surface.....	80
Bibliography.....	82
Figure 101 – Pictorial representation of some definitions.....	37
Figure 102 – Pictorial representation of some definitions.....	37
Figure 103 – Measurement of cutting length.....	38

Figure 104 – Handles positioning	39
Figure 105 – Measurement of handle gripping length	41
Figure 106 – Adjustable front handle limits for side to side handle rotation	41
Figure 107 – Adjustable rear handle limits for side to side handle rotation	42
Figure 108 – Measurement of reach distance	42
Figure 109 – Front hand barrier dimensions	43
Figure 110 – Front hand barrier width for category 3a with adjustable cutting device	43
Figure 111 – Examples of compliant/non-compliant handle distances and handle attachments for category 1	44
Figure 112 – Measurement of distance from the cutter blade to handles and grasping surfaces	45
Figure 113 – Measurement method for minimum length of blunt extensions along the axis of the cutting device	46
Figure 114 – Cutting device configuration examples for categories 1 and 2 (see Table 101 and Table 102)	47
Figure 115 – Cutting device configuration example for categories 3a and 3b (see Table 101 and Table 102)	47
Figure 116 – Cutting device configuration example for category 4 (see Table 101 and Table 102)	48
Figure 117 – Adjustable cutting device side to side limits	49
Figure 118 – Lower barrier	49
Figure 119 – Measurement of the force necessary to maintain an extended-reach hedge trimmer in a horizontal orientation	50
Figure 120 – Hedge trimmer positions for drop test of 20.3.1	52
Figure 121 – Additional drop test of 20.3.1 for extended-reach hedge trimmers	53
Figure 122 – Impact test apparatus for handle insulation	54
Figure 123 – Mounting and application of force for the test of 20.101.3.3	54
Figure 124 – Example of an operator presence sensor	55
Figure 125 – Test assembly for accessibility of attachment plug blades	55
Figure I.101 – Microphone positions on the hemisphere (see Table I.101)	61
Figure I.102 – Positions of transducers for hedge trimmers	62
Figure AA.1 – Safety sign illustrating – "DANGER – Keep hands away from blade"	77
Figure AA.2 – Alternative safety sign illustrating – "DANGER – Keep hands away from blade"	77
Figure AA.3 – Safety sign illustrating – "Do not expose to rain"	78
Figure AA.4 – Safety sign illustrating – "Remove plug from the mains immediately if the cable is damaged or cut"	78
Figure AA.5 – Safety signs illustrating – "Wear eye protection"	79
Figure AA.6 – Optional safety sign illustrating – "Wear eye and head protection"	79
Figure BB.1 – Sketch of the measurement surface covered with an artificial surface (not to scale)	81
Table 4 – Required performance levels	14
Table 101 – Hedge trimmer categories (excluding extended-reach hedge trimmers)	21
Table 102 – Extended-reach hedge trimmer categories	21
Table 103 – Test cycle for two-handed blade controls with non-sequential operation	35

Table 104 – Test cycle for two-handed blade controls with sequential operation	35
Table I.101 – Co-ordinates of microphone positions	59
Table I.102 – Absorption coefficients	59

Currently in preview, click buy full version

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

**ELECTRIC MOTOR-OPERATED HAND-HELD TOOLS,
TRANSPORTABLE TOOLS AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY –
SAFETY –**

Part 4-2: Particular requirements for hedge trimmers

FOREWORD

- 1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as "IEC Publication(s)"). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with the conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
- 2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
- 3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
- 4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
- 5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, issue to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
- 6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
- 7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
- 8) Attention is drawn to the normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
- 9) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

International Standard IEC 62841-4-2 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 116: Safety of motor-operated electric tools.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
116/346/FDIS	116/352/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This Part 4-2 is to be used in conjunction with the first edition of IEC 62841-1 (2014).

This Part 4-2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 62841-1, so as to convert it into the IEC Standard: Particular requirements for hedge trimmers.

Where a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 4-2, 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.

The following print types are used:

- requirements: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- notes: in small roman type.

The terms defined in Clause 3 are printed in **bold typeface**.

Subclauses, notes, tables and figures which are additional to those in Part 1, except as described for Annex K and Annex L below, are numbered starting from 101.

Subclauses, notes, tables and figures in Annex K and Annex L which are additional to those in the main body of this Part 4-2 as well as Annex K and Annex L of Part 1 are numbered starting from 301.

A list of all parts of the IEC 62841 series, under the general title: *Electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery – Safety*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

NOTE The attention of National Committees is drawn to the fact that equipment manufacturers and testing organizations may need a transitional period following publication of a new, amended or revised IEC publication in which to make products in accordance with the new requirements and to equip themselves for conducting new or revised tests.

It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this publication be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 36 months from the date of publication.

ELECTRIC MOTOR-OPERATED HAND-HELD TOOLS, TRANSPORTABLE TOOLS AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY – SAFETY –

Part 4-2: Particular requirements for hedge trimmers

1 Scope

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

Addition:

This standard applies to hand-held **hedge trimmers** which are designed for use by one operator for trimming hedges and bushes, including **extended-reach hedge trimmers** with a maximum length of 3,5 m.

NOTE 101 The measurement of the length for **extended-reach hedge trimmers** is specified in 21.101.

This standard is not applicable to **hedge trimmers** with a rotating blade.

This standard is not applicable to scissors type grass shears.

NOTE 102 Scissors type grass shears are covered by IEC 60335-94.

2 Normative references

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

Addition:

IEC 61672-1, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 1: Specifications*

ISO 354:2003, *Acoustics – Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room*

ISO 11684, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry, powered lawn and garden equipment – Safety signs and hazard pictorials – General principles*

ISO 22868:2011, *Forestry and gardening machinery – Noise test code for portable hand-held machines with internal combustion engine – Engineering method (Grade 2 accuracy)*

Replacement:

ISO 3744:2010, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

3 Terms and definitions

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