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INTRODUCTION

This document contains a subset of requirements from IEC 62841-1:2014 that are applicable for **battery charging systems**. The **battery charging system** includes the **battery(ies)** and its related charging circuitry. In many cases, the same **battery charging system** is utilized for a wide variety of end products. Therefore, the purpose of this document is to provide a means for evaluating a **battery charging system** for electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery. This evaluation can then be utilized over a wide range of **products** covered by IEC 62841 (all parts), without having to re-evaluate the **battery charging system** for each case where the **battery charging system** is utilized in or with a **product**.

NOTE This document is structured in a way that other Technical Committees could reference this document in end **product** standards. For example, **products** outside of the scope of IEC 62841 (all parts) often use the same **battery charging systems** as in products covered by IEC 62841 (all parts).

This document has been structured so that the clause and subclause numbers are aligned, as far as practical, with both the main body and Annex K of IEC 62841-1:2014.

The following is a list of subclauses in IEC 62841-1:2014 that do not need to be repeated for **battery charging systems** evaluated to this document during **product** evaluations:

- 8.2, 8.6, 8.12, 8.14, 8.14.1, 20.2, 21.3, 21.22, 21.23, 21.24, 22.1, 22.2, 22.5, 23.1.4, 23.1.5, 23.1.7, 23.1.8, 23.4, 27.2;
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Subclause K.13.1 of IEC 62841-1:2014 may or may not need to be repeated for **battery charging systems** evaluated to this document, depending on the temperature used for the test of 13.1 of this document and the temperature required by K.13.1 of IEC 62841-1:2014.

LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES AND CHARGING SYSTEMS – SAFETY

1 Scope

This document applies to the safety of lithium-ion **batteries** and **charging systems** for use in rechargeable **battery**-powered motor-operated or magnetically driven

- hand-held tools (IEC 62841-2),
- transportable tools (IEC 62841-3), and
- lawn and garden machinery (IEC 62841-4).

The above listed categories are hereinafter referred to as "**products**".

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The maximum nominal voltage assigned by the manufacturer for **battery** packs is 75 V DC.

Electric shock hazard is considered to exist only between parts of opposite polarity, except for cases where **batteries** are charged by a non-isolated **charger**.

Battery packs covered under this document intended to be charged by a non-isolated **charger** are evaluated by this document and to the requirements for protection against electric shock specified in IEC 62841-1:2014. When evaluating a **battery** pack for protection against electric shock, **creepage distances**, **clearances** and distances through insulation, the **battery** pack is fitted to the intended **charger**.

Since **battery** packs covered under this document are submitted to different use patterns (such as rough use, high charging and discharging currents), their safety can be evaluated only by this document or by IEC 62841-1:2014 and not by using other standards for **battery** packs, such as IEC 62133-2:2017, unless otherwise indicated in this document. All relevant aspects related to the safety of **batteries** are addressed in this document, such that the requirements of IEC 62133-2:2017 need not be separately applied.

For **integral batteries**, this document only applies to the **integral battery** when in combination with the **product**.

When evaluating the risk of **fire** associated with **batteries**, consideration has been given to the fact that these **batteries** are unattended energy sources and have been evaluated as such in this document. Requirements in other documents regarding the risk of **fire** due to the charging of these **batteries** are therefore considered to be fulfilled.

The following is considered within the context of these requirements.

- These requirements address the risk of **fire** or **explosion** of these **batteries** and not any possible hazards associated with toxicity nor potential hazards associated with transportation or disposal.

NOTE 2 IEC 62281:2019 covers the safety aspects of lithium-ion **batteries** during transport.

- **Batteries** and **charging systems** covered by these requirements are not intended to be serviced by the end user.
- This document is intended to provide an evaluation of the combination of a **battery(ies)** and its corresponding **charging system(s)**.