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Preface

This is the harmonized CSA Group and ULSE standard for Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools And Lawn And Garden Machinery – Safety – Part 2-5: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Circular Saws. It is the First edition of CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-2-5 and the First edition of UL 62841-2-5. This harmonized standard has been jointly revised on September 27, 2024. For this purpose, CSA Group and UL are issuing revision pages dated September 27, 2024.

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This standard is considered suitable for use for conformity assessment within the stated scope of the standard.

This standard was reviewed by the CSA Subcommittee on Safety of Hand-Held Motor-Operated Electric Tools, under the jurisdiction of the CSA Technical Committee on Consumer and Commercial Products and the CSA Strategic Steering Committee on Requirements for Electrical Safety, and has been formally approved by the CSA Technical Committee. This standard has been developed in compliance with Standards Council of Canada requirements for National Standards of Canada. It has been published as a National Standard of Canada by CSA Group.

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UL 62841-2-5 Standard for Safety for Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools And Lawn And Garden Machinery – Safety – Part 2-5: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Circular Saws, is to be used in conjunction with the First edition of UL 62841-1. The requirements for hand-held circular saws are contained in this Part 2 Standard and UL 62841-1. Requirements of this Part 2 Standard, where stated, amend the requirements of UL 62841-1. Where a particular subclause of UL 62841-1 is not mentioned in UL 62841-2-5, the UL 62841-1 subclause applies.

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FOREWORD

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ELECTRIC MOTOR-OPERATED HAND-HELD TOOLS, TRANSPORTABLE TOOLS AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY – SAFETY – PART 2-5: PARTICULAR REQUIREMENTS FOR HAND-HELD CIRCULAR SAWS

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

This Part 2-5 is to be used in conjunction with the first edition of IEC 62841-1:2014.

This Part 2-5 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 62841-1, so as to convert it into the IEC Standard: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Circular Saws.

Where a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 2-5, that subclause applies as far as reasonable. 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 smaller roman type

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

Subclauses, notes and figures which are additional to those in Part 1 are numbered starting from 101.

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.

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101DV DE Modification: Add the following to the IEC Foreword:

The numbering system in the standard uses a space instead of a comma to indicate thousands and uses a comma instead of a period to indicate a decimal point. For example, 1 000 means 1,000 and 1,01 means 1.01.

102DV Modification: *Add the following to the IEC Foreword:*

For this Standard, all references to "Part 1" refer to CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 62841-1 and UL 62841-1.

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ELECTRIC MOTOR-OPERATED HAND-HELD TOOLS, TRANSPORTABLE TOOLS AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY – SAFETY – PART 2-5: PARTICULAR REQUIREMENTS FOR HAND-HELD CIRCULAR SAWS

1 Scope

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

Addition:

This part of IEC 62841 applies to hand-held **circular saws**, which hereinafter will be referred to as saws.

This standard does not apply to saws designed for use with abrasive wheels.

NOTE Saws designed for use with abrasive wheels as cut-off machines are covered by IEC 62841-2-22.

2 Normative references

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

Addition:

NOTE In Europe (EN 62841-2-5), the following normative reference applies:

EN 847-1, *Tools for woodworking – Safety requirements – Part 1: Milling tools, circular saw blade*

3 Terms and definitions

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

Addition:

3.53DV D1 Modification: Replace Clause 3.53 of the Part 1 with the following:

supply cord: flexible cord which can be detachable or fixed to the tool

3.101 **base plate:** part supporting the saw on the material being cut (see [Figure 113](#))

3.102 angular displacement of the saw blade plane with respect to the **base plate** plane, the position of the saw blade plane that is perpendicular to the **base plate** being the 0° bevel position

3.103 **circular saw:** tool intended for cutting various materials with a rotating toothed blade

3.104 **cutting edge zone:** outer 20 % of the blade's radius

3.105 **D** maximum specified diameter of the saw blade

3.106 **guarding system:** combination of some or all of the following elements as applicable for the type of saw: **upper guard**, **lower guard**, **base plate** and the mechanism to facilitate the performance of these elements

3.107 **kickback:** sudden reaction to a pinched, jammed or misaligned saw blade, causing an uncontrolled saw to lift up and out of the workpiece

3.108 **lower guard:** movable blade-covering device which, in the closed or rest position, is mainly situated below the **base plate**

3.109 **maximum depth of cut:** maximum thickness of the workpiece that can be cut through when the saw is set to 0° bevel position, at the maximum protrusion of the largest specified saw blade through the plane of the **base plate**

3.110 **plunge type saw:** saw having only an **upper guard** into which the saw blade retracts when not in use (see [Figure 104](#))

3.111 **riving knife:** metal part placed in the plane of the saw blade with the intent of preventing the kerf in the workpiece from closing on the rear part of the saw blade

3.112 **saw with outer pendulum guard:** saw having a **lower guard** which swings outside the **upper guard** (see [Figure 101](#))

3.113 **saw with inner pendulum guard:** saw having a **lower guard** which swings inside the **upper guard** (see [Figure 102](#))

3.114 **saw with tow guard:** saw having a **lower guard** which slides along the **upper guard** (see [Figure 103](#))

3.115 **upper guard:** fixed and/or movable cover of the blade situated above the **base plate**

3.116DV D1 Addition: Add the following definition to Clause [3](#) of the Part 2:

detachable cord: flexible cord provided with an appliance inlet connector and intended to be connected to a tool through an appliance inlet.

4 General requirements

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

5 General conditions for the tests

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

5.17 *Addition:*

The weight of the tool includes the dust extraction adapter and the auxiliary handle, if any.

6 Radiation, toxicity and similar hazards

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

7 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

8 Marking and instructions

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

8.1 Addition:

Saws shall be marked with:

– rated no-load speed of the output spindle.

8.2DV D1 Modification: Add the following to Clause 8.2 of the Part 1:

Tools shall be marked with the following additional safety warnings:

- a) "DANGER – Keep hands and body away from and to the side of the blade. Contact with blade will result in serious injury."
- b) "WARNING – Check guarding system. It must cover the blade instantly!"
- c) For saws with a blade diameter greater than 140 mm the following warning shall be used: "WARNING – Hold saw with both hands."
- d) "WARNING – Support and clamp work."

8.3 Addition:

– specified blade diameter or specified blade diameter range.

The direction of rotation of the spindle shall be indicated on the tool by an arrow, raised or recessed or by any other means no less visible and indelible.

8.14.1.101 Additional safety instructions for circular saws

8.14.1.101.1 General

The additional safety instructions as specified in [8.14.1.101.2](#) to [8.14.1.101.6](#) shall be given. If in English they shall be verbatim and in the following order as applicable and equivalent in any other language. This part may be printed separately from the "General Power Tool Safety Warnings".

All notes are not to be printed; they are information for the designer of the manual.

8.14.1.101.2 Safety instructions for all saws

Cutting procedures

- a)  **DANGER: Keep hands away from cutting area and the blade. Keep your second hand on auxiliary handle, or motor housing. If both hands are holding the saw, they cannot be cut by the blade.**

NOTE For **circular saws** with a maximum blade diameter of 140 mm or smaller, the words "Keep your second hand on auxiliary handle, or motor housing" do not apply.

- b) **Do not reach underneath the workpiece.** *The guard cannot protect you from the blade below the workpiece.*
- c) **Adjust the cutting depth to the thickness of the workpiece.** *Less than a full tooth of the blade teeth should be visible below the workpiece.*
- d) **Never hold the workpiece in your hands or across your leg while cutting. Secure the workpiece to a stable platform.** *It is important to support the work properly to minimise body exposure, blade binding, or loss of control.*
- e) **Hold the power tool by insulated gripping surfaces, when performing an operation where the cutting tool may contact hidden wiring or its own cord.** *Contact with a "live" wire will also make exposed metal parts of the power tool "live" and could give the operator an electric shock.*
- f) **When ripping, always use a rip fence or straight edge guide.** *This improves the accuracy of cut and reduces the chance of blade binding.*
- g) **Always use blades with correct size and shape (diamond versus round) of arbour holes.** *Blades that do not match the mounting hardware of the saw will run off-centre, causing loss of control.*
- h) **Never use damaged or incorrect blade washers or bolt.** *The blade washers and bolt were specially designed for your saw, for optimum performance and safety of operation.*

8.14.1.101.3 Further safety instructions for all saws

Kickback causes and related warnings

- kickback is a sudden reaction to a pinched, jammed or misaligned saw blade, causing an uncontrolled saw to lift up and out of the workpiece toward the operator;
- when the blade is pinched or jammed tightly by the kerf closing down, the blade stalls and the motor reaction drives the unit rapidly back toward the operator;
- if the blade becomes twisted or misaligned in the cut, the teeth at the back edge of the blade can dig into the top surface of the wood causing the blade to climb out of the kerf and jump back toward the operator.

Kickback is the result of saw misuse and/or incorrect operating procedures or conditions and can be avoided by taking proper precautions as given below.

- a) **Maintain a firm grip with both hands on the saw and position your arms to resist kickback forces. Position your body to either side of the blade, but not in line with the blade.** *Kickback could cause the saw to jump backwards, but kickback forces can be controlled by the operator, if proper precautions are taken.*

NOTE For **circular saws** with a maximum blade diameter of 140 mm or smaller, the words "with both hands" do not apply.

- b) **When blade is binding, or when interrupting a cut for any reason, release the trigger and hold the saw motionless in the material until the blade comes to a complete stop. Never attempt to remove the saw from the work or pull the saw backward while the blade is in motion or kickback may occur.** *Investigate and take corrective actions to eliminate the cause of blade binding.*