
**Forestry machinery — Portable chain-
saw front hand-guard — Dimensions
and clearances**

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des scies à chaîne portatives — Dimensions et dégagements*

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- to reflect worst case conditions, it has been clarified, that handle clearance between front handle and front hand-guard, measured with gauge A, shall be fulfilled without pre-load on the front hand-guard as described in [Clause 4 b\) 2\)](#);
- to reflect worst case conditions, it has been clarified that height H_1 shall be passed with pre-load on the front hand-guard as described in [Clause 4 b\) 2\)](#) and H_{1A} without pre-load on the front hand-guard;
- to proscribe direct contact by the fingers (≤ 120 mm), a safety radius > 120 mm around the closest unprotected part of the saw-chain was defined.

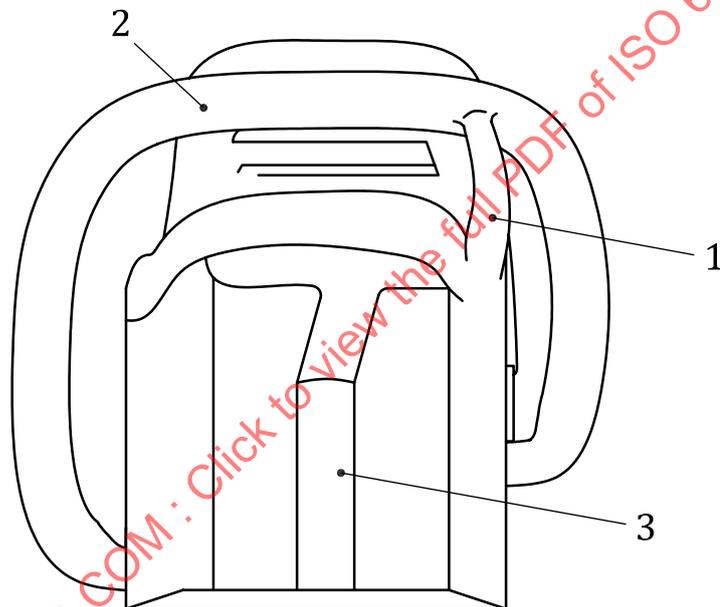
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Forestry machinery — Portable chain-saw front hand-guard — Dimensions and clearances

1 Scope

This document specifies the dimensions and clearances for front hand-guards and their openings on portable hand-held chain-saws. These dimensions and clearances ensure the necessary safety provided by the hand-guard, which serves as both a shield between the operator's hand and the saw-chain and as an actuator for manually operated chain brakes.

For chain-saws with wrap around handles (see [Figure 1](#)), this document is not applicable to the portion of the front handle to the right (when viewed from the rear) of the top brace.



Key

- 1 top brace
- 2 front handle
- 3 rear handle

Figure 1 — Example of a chain-saw with a wrap around the handle — Rear view

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6531, *Machinery for forestry — Portable chain-saws — Vocabulary*

IEC 61032, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures — Probes for verification*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6531 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 General

The dimensions of the front hand-guard and the clearances shall be in relation to the intended position of the left hand on the front handle during vertical cutting (bucking), determined using defined gauges (see [Clause 5](#)).

Unless otherwise specified, the following is applicable when determining the dimensions and clearances.

- a) The chain-saw shall be kept in the upright position with guide bar centreline horizontal; and the total forces when applying the gauges (force on gauge plus gauge gravity force in probing direction) shall be $10\text{ N }_{-1}^0\text{ N}$.
- b) If the front hand-guard also activates the chain brake, the measurements shall be made
 - 1) with the front hand-guard in the position for non-activated chain brake, and
 - 2) with a force of $10\text{ N }_{-1}^0\text{ N}$ applied at the top edge of the guard, at 45° in a forward and downward direction relative to the guide bar centreline and 50 mm to the left of the reference point X_0 (see [Clause 6](#) and [Figure 5](#)), when viewed from the rear (to eliminate any free play in the hand-guard mounting).

5 Gauge dimensions

Rigid gauges of the types and sizes specified in [Table 1](#) shall be used to determine the dimensions and clearances.

Table 1 — Gauge dimensions

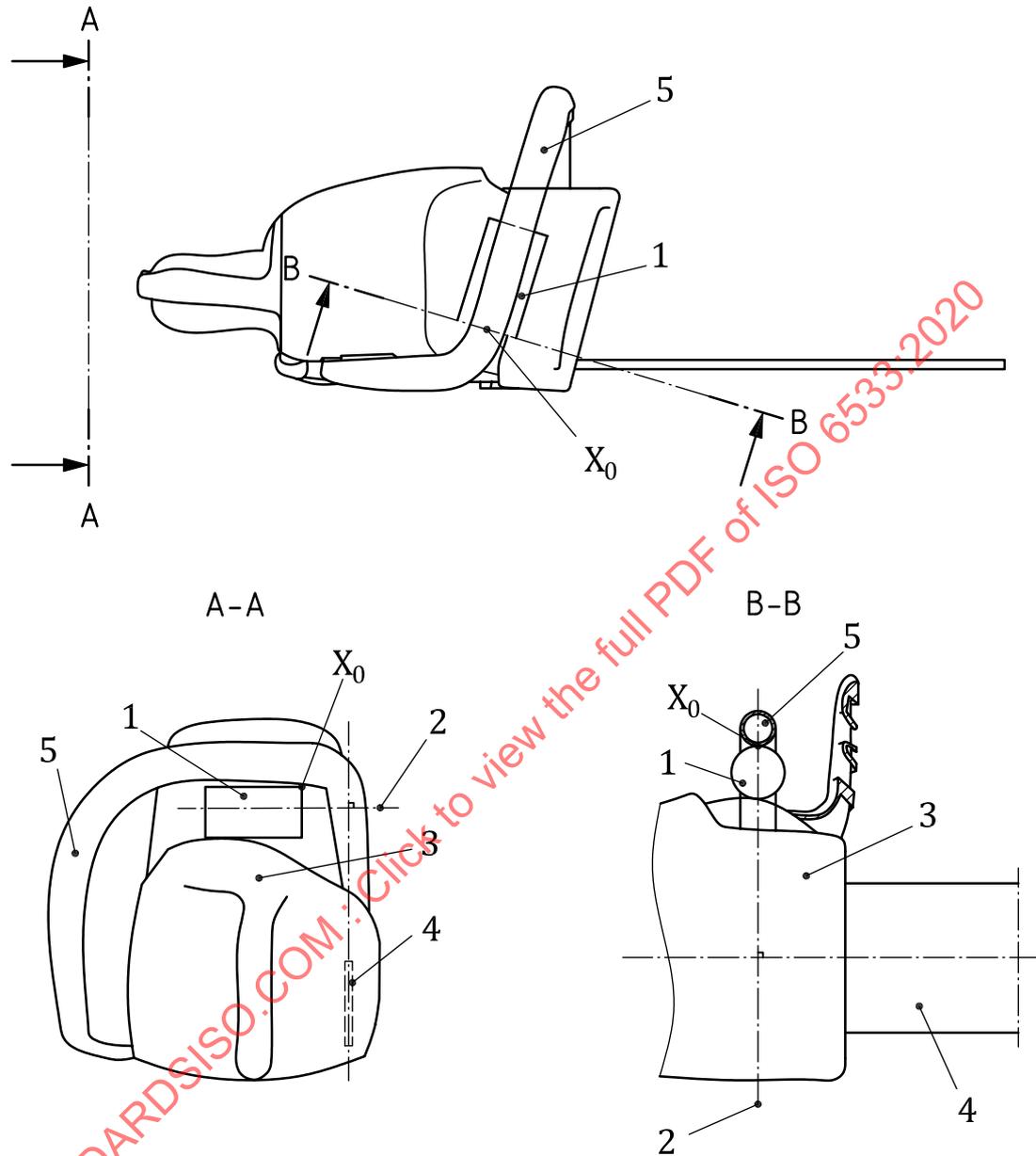
Dimensions in millimetres

Gauge type	Diameter $D \pm 0,1$	Length $L \pm 0,1$	Corner radius $r_{-0,2}^0$
A	35	100	5
B	70	100	0,5
C	56	82	0,5

6 Determination of reference point X_0

6.1 The reference point X_0 shall be determined, when viewed from the rear, using a type A gauge kept furthest to the right side of the front handle, directly below and in line with the centreline of the front

handle and held horizontally, so that the gauge contacts the housing and the front handle (see Figure 2). X_0 is the contact point of the upper right edge of the gauge with the front handle.



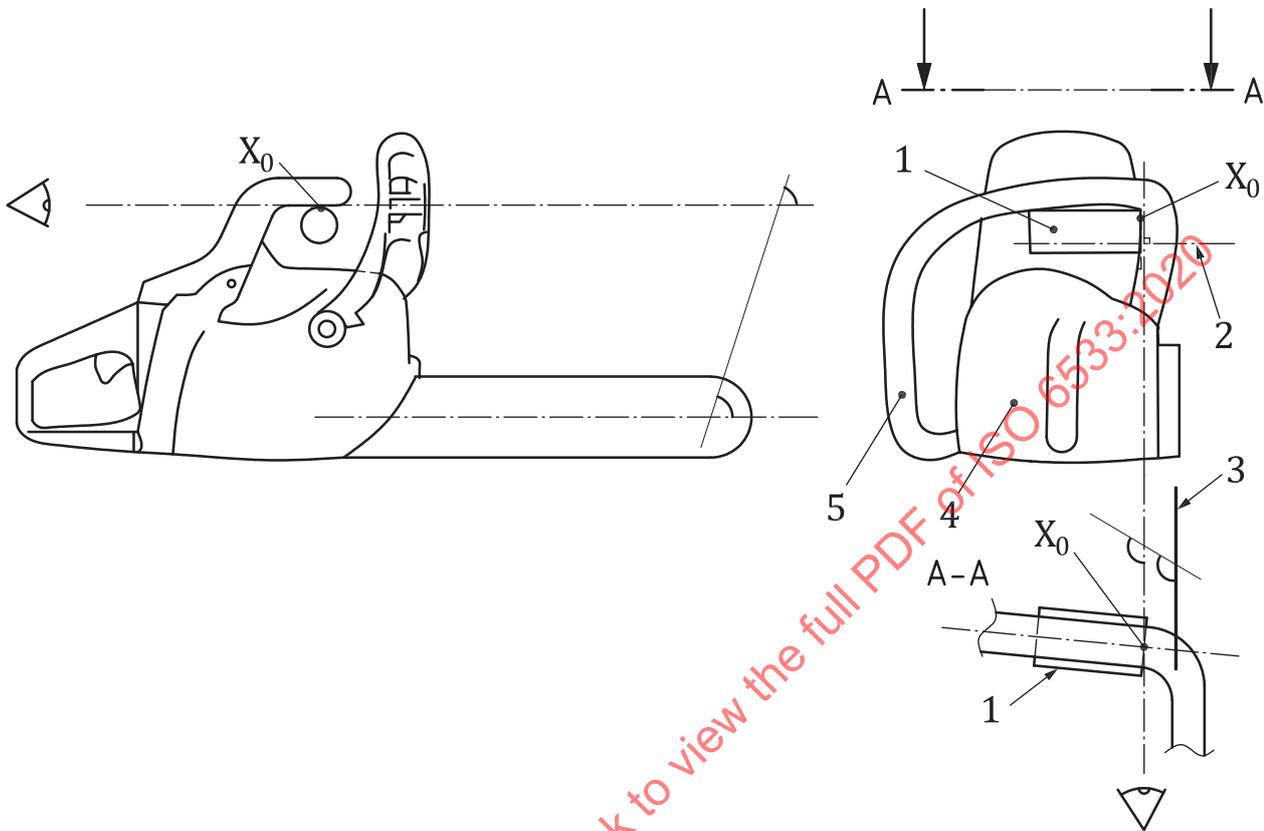
Key

- 1 type A gauge
- 2 type A gauge centreline
- 3 chain-saw body
- 4 guide bar
- 5 front handle

Figure 2 — Definition of reference point X_0 when there is gauge contact between the housing and the front handle

6.2 When the chain-saw is designed in such a way that a type A gauge of 100 mm length cannot be inserted between the handle and the housing, and X_0 cannot be determined using such a gauge, the gauge length can be shortened (though no more than necessary). Using this modified gauge, X_0 shall be determined according to all other requirements of 6.1.

6.3 If no contact between the gauge, the housing and the front handle can be achieved, then X_0 shall be determined as the intersection point, transposed to the front handle along the line of sight, between the upper right edge of the type A gauge and a virtual surface that is created by a line of sight, parallel to the guide bar centre line, following the right inner surface contour of the front handle (see Figure 3).



Key

- 1 type A gauge
- 2 type A gauge centreline
- 3 guide bar
- 4 chain-saw body
- 5 front handle

Figure 3 — Definition of reference point X_0 when there is no contact between the gauge, the housing and the front handle

7 Front hand-guard dimensions

7.1 Front hand-guard width, W_1

The requirement for the front hand-guard height over the front handle, H_1 and H_{1A} , respectively (see 7.2), shall be fulfilled within a width W_1 of at least 100 mm. W_1 shall be fulfilled from X_0 (± 3 mm) to the left. See Figure 4.

Dimensions in millimetres

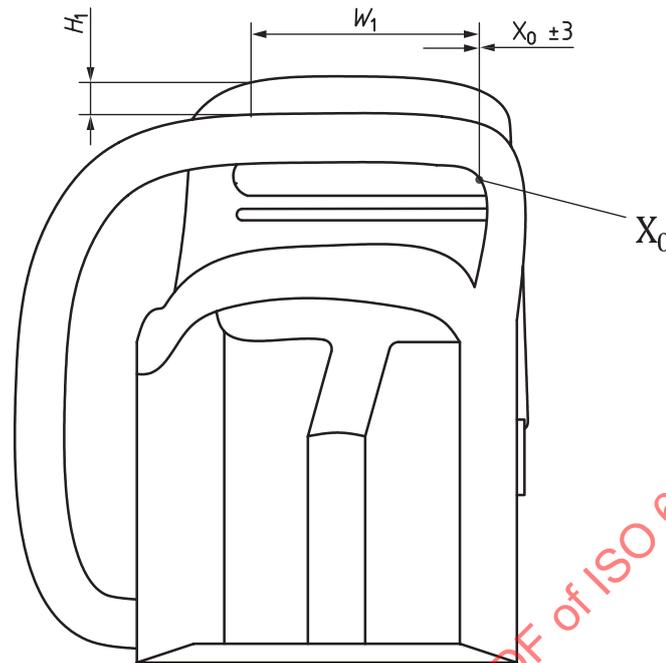


Figure 4 — Front hand-guard width, W_1 , from the rear view of the chain-saw

7.2 Front hand-guard height over front handle, H_1 and H_{1A}

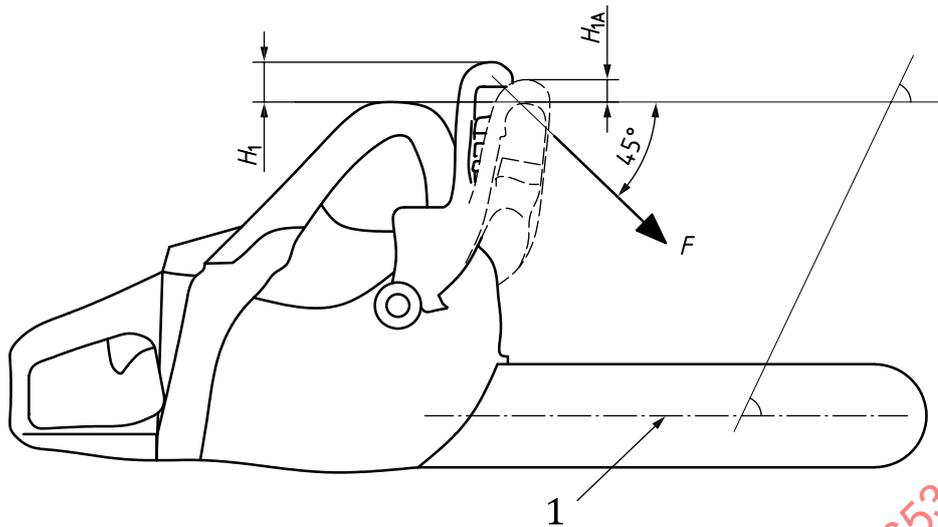
The measurement of the vertical height H_1 and H_{1A} shall be made in a plane parallel to the guide bar plane and perpendicular to the guide bar centreline (see Figure 5).

Any free play in the guide bar fixing shall be taken up by tightening the guide bar to the saw body in its uppermost position.

The height, H_1 , above the top contour of the front handle shall be at least 20 mm.

When the front hand-guard also activates the chain brake, this height shall be at least

- 20 mm with disengaged chain brake (H_1), with a pre-load according to Clause 4 b) 2) applied to the guard, and
- 0 mm for engaged chain brake (H_{1A}) without pre-load.



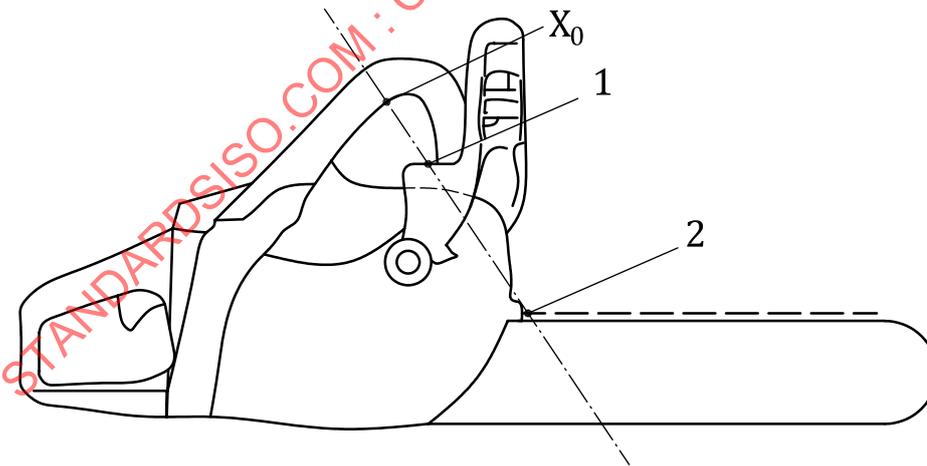
Key

- 1 centreline of guide bar

Figure 5 — Front hand-guard height over front handle (H_1 and H_{1A}) — Chain-saw viewed from the right side

7.3 Line between X_0 and the rearmost part of the unprotected saw-chain

If the saw-chain is unprotected within a radius of 120 mm from X_0 , then any part of the chain saw shall prevent direct contact from X_0 to the chain, so that a chain measurement from X_0 to the closest unprotected part of the saw-chain around that part of the chain-saw is > 120 mm. If there is a direct access distance ≤ 120 mm through any opening, the chain shall not be contacted when applying test probe B of IEC 61032 to the opening towards the chain with a force of $10 \text{ N} \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{smallmatrix}$ N. See [Figure 5](#).



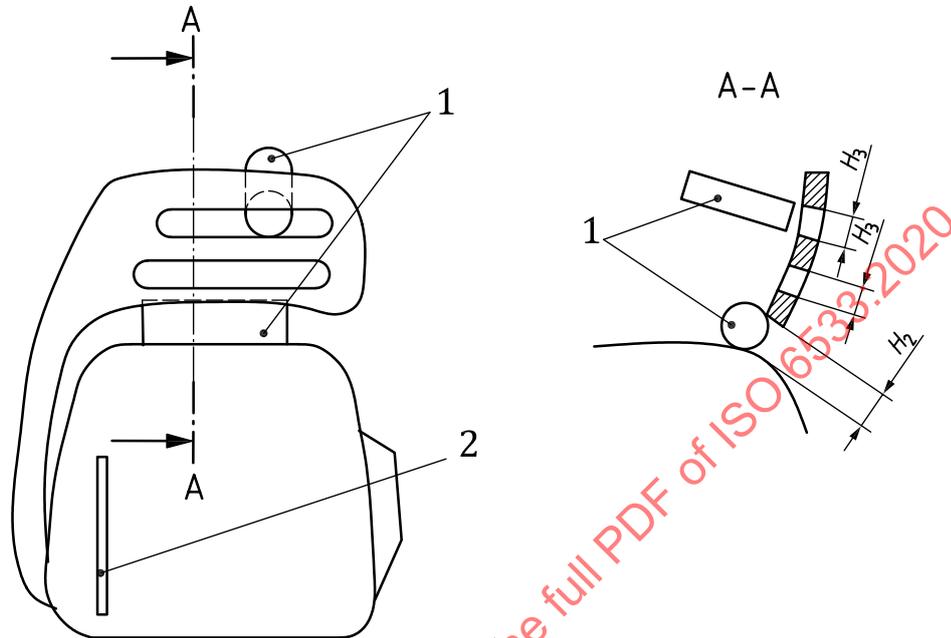
Key

- 1 intersection point
- 2 unprotected part of saw-chain

Figure 6 — Line between X_0 and rearmost part of the unprotected saw-chain

7.4 Front hand-guard openings, H_3

The front hand-guard may have openings. Such openings shall be limited so that a type C gauge, applied in any direction and from either front or rear, cannot pass through when pushed perpendicularly toward the opening. See [Figure 7](#).



Key

- 1 type C gauge
- 2 guide bar

Figure 7 — Front hand-guard openings, H_3 , and clearance, H_2 , between hand-guard and chain-saw body — Chain-saw front view

8 Clearance between the hand-guard and the chain-saw body, H_2

The clearance, H_2 , between the lower edge of the front hand-guard and any component of the chain-saw body shall be limited so that a type C gauge, held at point X_0 and held parallel to the front hand-guard, cannot pass through (see [Figure 7](#)). If the front hand-guard also activates the chain brake, the test shall be performed with the hand-guard in the position for non-activated chain brake, set with preload according to [Clause 4 b](#)).

If necessary, the gauge can be applied from the front, in which case additional means could be necessary for holding the hand-guard in position.

9 Clearances between the hand-guard and the front handle

There shall be a clearance between any part of the front hand-guard and the front handle, starting from X_0 to the left when viewed from behind, such that

- a type A gauge can pass the clearance without coming into contact with the hand-guard [see [Figure 8 a](#))], without pre-load on the front handguard, and
- a type B gauge cannot pass the clearance and any part of the gauge centreline will not come lower than any part of the centreline of the front handle [see [Figure 8 b](#))].