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machinery—Safety**

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AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY –  
SAFETY –****Part 4.1: Particular requirements for chain saws****Foreword**

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-002 - Safety of Household and Similar Electrical Appliances and Small Power Transformers to supersede AS/NZS 60745.2.13:2010 three years from the date of publication. During this period AS/NZS 60745.2.13:2010 will also remain current. Regulatory authorities that reference this Standard in regulation may apply these requirements at a different time. Users of this Standard should consult with these authorities to confirm their requirements.

The objective of this Standard is to provide manufacturers, designers, regulatory authorities, testing laboratories and similar organizations with safety requirements designed to give the user protection against hazards that might occur during normal operation and abnormal operation of the appliance and which may be used as the basis for approval for sale or for connection to the electricity supply mains in Australia and New Zealand.

The text of IEC 62841-4-1 Ed 1, prepared by IEC Technical Committee TC 116, was submitted to the Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Combined Procedure (dual public comment and committee vote) for adoption of the IEC standard as a Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand joint standard.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications of the first edition of IEC 62841-4-1 *Electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery – Safety – Part 4-1 Particular requirements for chain saws*. It has been varied as indicated to take account of Australian and New Zealand conditions.

This part 2 has to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of AS/NZS 62841.1 Electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery – Safety – Part 1: General requirements and its Amendments. It was established on the basis of AS/NZS 62841.1:2015.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses of AS/NZS 62841.1 so as to convert it into the Australian/New Zealand Standard: Safety requirements for electric motor-operated chain saws.

When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this part 2, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. When this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text of Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

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The essential safety requirements in AS/NZS 3820<sup>1</sup> that could be applicable to requirements for electric motor-operated chain saws are covered by this standard.

The national variations to IEC 62841-4-1 Ed 1 form the Australian and New Zealand national variations for purposes of the IECEE scheme for recognition of results of testing to standards for safety of electrical equipment (the CB scheme).

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<sup>1</sup> AS/NZS 3820 *Essential safety requirements for electrical equipment*

The text of the International Standard IEC 62841-4-1 Ed 1 was approved as a joint Australia/New Zealand Standard with the agreed national variations as given below.

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There are no national variations to this Part 2 other than those listed in the national variations in AS/NZS 62841.1:2015.

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NOTE When an international publication has been modified by national variations the relevant joint Australia/New Zealand publications applies if the national variations are needed to ensure the safety of the appliance for Australia/New Zealand conditions. These international publications are indicated by (mod). If an international publication is not so indicated, then either it or the listed Australia/New Zealand publication may be used.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>AS/NZS</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 61672-1		<i>Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 1: Specifications</i>		
ISO 354	2003	<i>Acoustics – Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room</i>		
ISO 3744	2010	<i>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</i>		
ISO 6533	2012	<i>Forestry machinery – Portable chain-saw front hand-guard – Dimensions and clearances</i>		
ISO 6534	2007	<i>Forestry machinery – Portable chain-saw hand-guards – Mechanical strength</i>		
ISO 7914	2002	<i>Forestry machinery – Portable chain-saws – Minimum handle clearance and sizes</i>		
ISO 7915	1991	<i>Forestry machinery – Portable chain-saws – Determination of handle strength</i>		
ISO 9518		<i>Forestry machinery – Portable chain-saws – Kickback test</i>		
ISO 10726	1992	<i>Portable chain-saws – Chain catcher – Dimensions and mechanical strength</i>		
ISO 11681-2	2011	<i>Machinery for forestry – Portable chain-saw safety requirements and testing – Part 2: Chain-saws for tree service</i>		
ISO 13772	2009	<i>Forestry machinery – Portable chain saws – Non-manually actuated chain brake performance</i>		
ISO 17080	2005	<i>Manually portable agricultural and forestry machines and powered lawn and garden equipment – Design</i>		

*principles for single-panel product safety labels*

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

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

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

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

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

## Part 4-1: Particular requirements for chain saws

### 1 Scope

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

*Addition:*

This standard applies to **chain saws** for cutting wood and designed for use by one person. This standard does not cover **chain saws** designed for use in conjunction with a guide-plate and riving knife or in any other way such as with a support or as a stationary or transportable machine.

This standard does not apply to

- **chain saws** for tree service as defined in ISO 11681-2; or
- pole-mounted pruners.

NOTE 101 Pole-mounted pruners will be covered by a future part of IEC 62841.

The **chain saws** covered by this standard are designed only to be operated with the right hand on the **rear handle** and the left hand on the **front handle**.

### 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 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*

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