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HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

Part 2.91: Particular requirements for walk-behind and hand-held lawn trimmers and lawn edge trimmers

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 60335.2.91:2002 including its amendments 1 and 2, two years from the date of publication. During this period it is anticipated that regulatory authorities will approve walk-behind and hand-held lawn trimmers and lawn edge trimmers to either standard.

Main changes in this edition include the revised endurance test in Clause 18; Annex B, which allows for battery-powered trimmers; and addition of informative Annexes BB, CC and EE on vibration, noise and safety instructions.

A1 | This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (October 2009). The changes introduced by Amendments are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, figure or part thereof affected amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected. Where an application date other than immediate is applicable to an amendment the date of application (DOA) is indicated by the marginal bar against the part affected.

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

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications and contains the full text of the third edition of IEC 60335-2-91, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety - Part 2-91: Particular requirements for walk-behind and hand-held lawn trimmers and lawn edge trimmers* and has been varied as indicated to take account of Australian and New Zealand conditions. It is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of AS/NZS 60335.1, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety - Part 1: General requirements* and its Amendments. It was established on the basis of AS/NZS 60335.1:2002.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses of AS/NZS 60335.1 (referred to as part 1 in this part 2) so as to convert it into the Australian/New Zealand Standard: Safety of walk-behind and hand-held lawn trimmers and lawn edge trimmers.

NOTE 1 When "Part 1" is mentioned in this standard, it refers to AS/NZS 60335.1.

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 in Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

NOTE 2 The following numbering system is used:

- subclauses, tables and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in Part 1;

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- unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause;
- additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.

NOTE 3 The following print types are used:

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

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in clause 3. When a definition concerns an adjective, the adjective and the associated noun are also in bold.

The numbering of clauses, subclauses, notes, tables, figures and annexes follows that of IEC 60335-2-91 Ed 3. To allow for the introduction of additional material by the IEC, the numbers 101 to 200 have been reserved. To allow for additional material to be introduced by Australia and New Zealand, the numbers 201 to 300 are used to number further clauses, subclauses, notes, tables and figures in part 1. The numbers 301 to 400 are used to number further clauses, subclauses, notes, tables and figures in this part 2. Additional annexes are lettered ZA, ZB and so on.

This scheme has been introduced to reduce the likelihood of the IEC and Australia and New Zealand using the same identifier for different purposes.

The use of the word VOID indicates that the IEC text is not used in Australia or New Zealand. The use of this word also avoids the need to renumber, clauses, notes, tables and figure if an earlier clause, note, table or figure is not used.

Where relevant the normative references and the bibliography are reformatted to indicate the Australia/New Zealand standard that is equivalent to the IEC standard or ISO standard to which reference is made.

As this Standard is reproduced from an International Standard, the following applies:

- (a) Its number does not appear on each page of text and its identity is shown on the cover and title page only.
- (b) In the source text "this International Standard" should read "this Australian/New Zealand Standard".

A full point substitutes for a comma when referring to a decimal marker.

Variations to IEC 60335-2-91 Ed 3 are indicated at the appropriate places throughout this standard. Strikethrough (~~example~~) identifies IEC tables, figures and passages of text which, for the purposes of this Australian/New Zealand standard are deleted. Where Australian/New Zealand tables, figures or passages of text are added, each is set in its proper place and identified by shading (**example**). Added figures are not themselves shaded, but are identified by a shaded border.

Variations made to IEC 60335-2-91 Ed 3 form the Australian and New Zealand variations for the purposes of the IECEE scheme for recognition of testing to standards for safety of electrical equipment (the CB scheme). These variations have been incorporated in the body of the standard. They are listed in Annex ZZ for easy reference.

INTRODUCTION

It has been assumed in the drafting of this international standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced persons.

This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of appliances when operated as in normal use taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

This standard takes into account the requirements of AS/NZS 3000 as far as possible so that there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the appliance is connected to the supply mains. However, national wiring rules may differ.

If an appliance within the scope of this standard also incorporates functions that are covered by another part 2 of AS/NZS 60335, the relevant part 2 is applied to each function separately, as far as is reasonable. If applicable, the influence of one function on the other is taken into account.

This standard is a product family standard dealing with the safety of appliances and takes precedence over horizontal and generic standards covering the same subject.

An appliance that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be considered to comply with the safety principles of the standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features that impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

An appliance employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in the requirements of this standard may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be considered to comply with the standard.

The essential safety requirements in AS/NZS 3820 that could be applicable to walk-behind and hand-held lawn trimmers and lawn edge trimmers are covered by this Standard.

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1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric powered **walk-behind** and **hand-held lawn trimmers** and **lawn edge trimmers**, with **cutting element(s)** of non-metallic filament line or freely pivoting non-metallic cutter(s), with a kinetic energy of not more than 10 J each, used by a standing operator for cutting grass, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for a.c. or 50 V d.c..

In this standard, **hand-held** and **walk-behind lawn trimmers** and **lawn edge trimmers** are referred to collectively as trimmer(s).

This standard also deals with the safety of **lawn edge trimmers** with rigid cutting means. Additional requirements for these appliances are given in Annex YY.

So far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by trimmers which are encountered by all persons in the normal use and reasonably foreseeable misuse of the trimmers.

NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities.

This standard does not apply to

- scissor type or **lawn trimmers** and **lawn edge trimmers** with **cutting means** other than those described above;
- self-propelled **lawn trimmers** or **lawn edge trimmers**;
- **lawn trimmers** or **lawn edge trimmers** which do not have a distance of at least 600 mm between the **cutting means control** and the **cutting head**;
- battery-powered trimmers fitted with batteries that have to be removed for charging.

NOTE 102 Requirements for tools with this type of battery can be found in Annexes K and L of IEC 60745-1.

EMC and environmental aspects, except noise, have not been considered in this standard.

NOTE 103 The method of calculating the kinetic energy for the purposes of this standard is given in 22.103.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

Addition: