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**Part 2.15: Particular requirements for
hedge trimmers**



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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 in part AS/NZS 3160:2001, *Approval and test specification – Hand-held portable tools*, 3 years from publication. During this period it is anticipated that regulatory authorities will approve hedge trimmers to either standard.

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 tool 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 second edition of IEC 60745-2-15, *Hand-held motor-operated electric tools – Safety – Part 2-15: Particular requirements for hedge trimmers* and has been varied as indicated to take account of Australian and New Zealand conditions.

This part is to be used in conjunction with AS/NZS 60745.1:2003 and its amendments. The Parts 2 contain clauses to supplement or modify the corresponding clauses in this part to provide the relevant requirements for each type of tool.

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

The numbering of clauses, subclauses, notes, tables, figures and annexes follows that of IEC 60745-2-15 Ed 2.0. 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. Additional annexes are lettered ZA, ZB and so on.

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The essential safety requirements in AS/NZS 3820 that could be applicable to hedge trimmers are covered by this standard.

HAND-HELD MOTOR-OPERATED ELECTRIC TOOLS – SAFETY –

Part 2.15: Particular requirements for hedge trimmers

1 Scope

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

1.1 Addition:

This standard applies to hedge trimmers which are designed for use by one operator for trimming hedges and bushes, utilizing one or more linear reciprocating cutter blades.

This standard is not applicable to hedge trimmers with a rotating blade.

2 Normative references

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

Addition:

ISO 3864-3¹ *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 3: Design criteria for graphical symbols used in safety signs*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.101

blade tooth

part of the cutter blade which is sharpened or has sharp edges to perform the shearing action (see Figures 101 and 102)

3.102

cutter blade

part of the cutting device having blade teeth which cut by shearing action either against other blade teeth or against a shear plate (see Figures 101 and 102)

3.103

cutting device

part of the assembly of cutter blade and shear plate or of two cutter blades together with any supporting part which performs the cutting action. This may be either single or double sided (see Figures 101 and 102)

¹ ISO 3864-3 is currently in DIS state.