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AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY –
SAFETY –****Part 4.4: Particular requirements for lawn trimmers, lawn edge trimmers, grass trimmers, brush cutters and brush 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 60335.2.91:2008 three years from the date of publication of this Standard. During this period AS/NZS 60335.2.91:2008 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 62841-4-4 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 62841-4-4 *Electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery – Safety – Part 4-4 Particular requirements for lawn trimmers, lawn edge trimmers, grass trimmers, brush cutters and brush saws*. It has been varied as indicated to take account of Australian and New Zealand conditions.

This part of AS/NZS 62841 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 of AS/NZS 62841 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses of Part 1 of AS/NZS 62841 so as to convert it into the Australian/New Zealand Standard: Safety requirements for lawn trimmers, lawn edge trimmers, grass trimmers, brush cutters and brush saws.

When a particular subclause of Part 1 of AS/NZS 62841 is not mentioned in this part of AS/NZS 62841, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. When this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text of Part 1 of AS/NZS 62841 is to be adapted accordingly.

NOTE 1 The following numbering system is used:

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The essential safety requirements in AS/NZS 3820¹ that could be applicable to requirements for lawn trimmers, lawn edge trimmers, grass trimmers, brush cutters and brush saws are covered by this standard.

The national variations to IEC 62841-4-4 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).

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

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There are no national variations to this part of AS/NZS 62841 other than those listed in the national variations in AS/NZS 62841.1:2015.

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(normative)**
**Normative references to international publications with their corresponding joint
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The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

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>
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IEC 60664-4		<i>Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 4: Consideration of high-frequency voltage stress</i>		
ISO 354	2003	<i>Acoustics – Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room</i>		
ISO 683-4	2016	<i>Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels – Part 4: Free-cutting steels</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 7918	1995	<i>Forestry machinery – Portable brush-cutters and grass-trimmers – Cutting attachment guard dimensions</i>		
ISO 11201	2010	<i>Acoustics – Noise emitted by machinery and equipment – Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane with negligible environmental corrections</i>		
ISO 22868	2011	<i>Forestry and gardening machinery – Noise test code for portable hand-held machines with internal combustion engine – Engineering method (Grade 2 accuracy)</i>		

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

This Part 4-4 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 62841-1, so as to convert it into the IEC Standard: Particular requirements for lawn trimmers, lawn edge trimmers, grass trimmers, brush cutters and brush saws.

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INTRODUCTION

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1 Scope

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

Addition:

This document applies to hand-held and **walk-behind lawn trimmers** and **lawn edge trimmers**, used by a standing operator for cutting grass, weeds or similar soft vegetation, and **grass trimmers**, **brush cutters** and **brush saws** used by a standing operator for cutting grass, weeds, brush, bushes, saplings and similar vegetation.

This document does not apply to

- hand-held machines having a mass of 18 kg or greater;
- self-propelled **lawn trimmers** or **lawn edge trimmers**;
- scissors type **lawn trimmers** and **lawn edge trimmers**;
- machines equipped with metallic **cutting accessories** consisting of more than one piece, e.g. pivoting chains or flail blades;
- edgers with rigid and/or metallic cutting devices.

NOTE 101 Freely pivoting non-metallic **cutting elements** are considered not to be rigid cutting devices.

NOTE 102 Edgers with rigid or metal cutting devices will be covered by a future part of IEC 62841-4.

NOTE 103 Annex EE provides an informative summary of characteristics for **lawn trimmers**, **lawn edge trimmers**, **grass trimmers**, **brush cutters** and **brush saws**.

Brush cutters and **brush saws** covered by this document are designed only to be operated with the machine to the right of the operator.

2 Normative references

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

Replacement of undated normative reference for ISO 3744:

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*

Addition:

IEC 60664-3, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution*

IEC 60664-4, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 4: Consideration of high-frequency voltage stress*