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acoustique pour machines portatives tenues à la main à moteur à  
combustion interne — Méthode d'expertise (classe de précision 2)*



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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 22868:2011), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- inclusion of edgers and knapsack mist blowers in the scope;
- correction of the calculation of microphone positions for the hemisphere ([Figure 1](#)) according to ISO 3744:2010;
- alignment of the operation conditions for the determination of the sound power level with those for the determination of the emission sound pressure level;
- lateral width of the test timber for chain-saw testing reduced to 150 mm to account for small machines with short guide bars;
- inclusion of edgers in the specific conditions described in [Annex B](#);
- amendments in [Annex E](#) to include knapsack mist blowers and better describe the set-up of the machines with different blower tubes;
- editorial corrections and update of all figures as well as addition of new figures for edgers and mist blowers;
- several text changes have been made for better understanding.

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## Introduction

This document is a type-C standard as stated in ISO 12100.

This document is of relevance, in particular, for the following stakeholder groups representing the market players with regard to machinery safety:

- machine manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organisations, market surveillance, etc.)

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved with the means of the document by the above-mentioned stakeholder groups:

- machine users/employers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- machine users/employees (e.g. trade unions, organizations for people with special needs);
- service providers, e.g. for maintenance (small, medium and large enterprises);
- consumers (in case of machinery intended for use by consumers).

The above-mentioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate at the drafting process of this document.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events are covered are indicated in the Scope of this document.

When requirements of this type-C standard are different from those which are stated in type-A or B standards, the requirements of this type-C standard take precedence over the requirements of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built according to the requirements of this type-C standard.

During the first steps in the preparation of this document, it became obvious that the repeatability of the test results could become better if the operator were to be replaced by a simulation process, representing the normal operating modes with chain-saws and grass-trimmers/brush-cutters. Furthermore, it was found that the cutting process performed with chain-saws causes considerable deviations, which are not related to the measured object but to the test procedure itself.

Based on these observations, it was concluded that the operators in both test procedures, i.e. for chain-saws and grass-trimmers/brush-cutters, ought to be replaced by a defined fixture and the cutting process with chain-saws by a brake simulating the load. In this manner, the operating conditions during measurement would simulate normal operating conditions.

The determination of noise emission characteristics is primarily intended for

- the manufacturers' declarations of noise emitted,
- comparing the noise emitted by machines in the family concerned, and
- purposes of noise control at source at the design stage.

The use of this noise test code will ensure reproducibility of the determination of the noise emission characteristics within specified limits determined by the grade of accuracy of the basic noise measurement method used. Noise measurement methods allowed by this document give results with Grade 2 accuracy.

The operating modes specified for the tests are consistent with those involved in the assessment of the exposure sound pressure levels, for example, over a typical working day.

**NOTE** Exposure sound pressure levels are the mean sound pressure levels experienced by the operator over a defined period of time.

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The work cycles chosen for this test code are based on the following considerations of application:

- a) chain-saws with an engine of  $< 80 \text{ cm}^3$  are used for various operations, including felling, bucking and delimiting;
- b) chain-saws with an engine of  $\geq 80 \text{ cm}^3$  are normally used for felling and bucking.

Delimiting will cause the chain-saw to run at racing speed; therefore, racing is included only for chain-saws with a  $< 80 \text{ cm}^3$  engine.

For brush-cutters, grass-trimmers, edgers, hedge-trimmers and pole-mounted powered pruners, the cutting mode (full load) is estimated to be valid only for short periods, while racing and idling are the two dominant modes. Moreover, it has also been found to be diverse and not able to be performed under repeatable conditions.

For grass-trimmers, the full load and the racing modes are integrated in one single mode due to the loading effect of the flexible line.

For brush-cutters, edgers, hedge-trimmers and pole-mounted powered pruners, it is not possible to simulate the full load mode in a feasible way since there are no constant load conditions comparable to chain-saws. Since the operating mode "racing" is anyhow the worst case, it is used as representative.

For garden blowers and knapsack mist blowers, full load and idling are the two dominant modes.

In either case, transport and other tasks between operations will cause the machine to run at idling. Experience has led to the conclusion that, except for hedge-trimmers and blowers/knapsack mist blowers, equal duration for the different working modes is a good estimation of daily exposure.

For hedge-trimmers, experience has shown that the machine is used  $1/5$  at idling and  $4/5$  at racing, while for garden blowers/knapsack mist blowers it is used  $1/7$  at idling and  $6/7$  at racing.

A summary of results from "round-robin" tests, carried out between 2007 and 2008 in up to eight test laboratories on a single chain-saw, brush-cutter and grass-trimmer, is given in [Annex G](#).